

REFLECTIONS NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

To All ROA Owners and Residents:

Recently I had the opportunity to see many of you, those who attended ROA's 4th of July



celebration. We had the usual turnout, only about fifty people. Considering that we have 243 homes that are invited, that is very few residents. However, those who attended enjoyed a great lunch, and at dusk we had some fireworks. Thanks to all of those who attended, and a special thanks to Maggie, Les, and Immanuel for preparing all of the food. I hope more of you join us next year.

Our Doggie Park will have some enhancements in the

form of items for the dogs to play on later this month. Check out our doggie park! If you want access you need to get the padlock code from the office. Be sure and lock when you leave.

We had an incident in which the front (Ulmer Road) gate was broken on July 9th. As a result, the Board has adopted a liability policy applicable going forward. If you or anyone who is coming to your home are responsible for breaking the gate, you, the ROA homeowner/renter, is responsible. If you believe someone other than you should pay, we will assist in that collection effort, but at the end of the day the resident that the person breaking the gate was coming to visit/work is responsible for paying for gate repair/replacement.

Our condolences go out to Families of Helga Jaehne and Fay Elmore, and our prayers are with Cece Newcomer who remains hospitalized following the automobile accident she was in. If you want to send her a get-well card you are welcome to drop it by the office and we will deliver it.

Rick Gray, ROA Board President

PLEASE READ A NOTE FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE.....

We are still having some issues with when to put trash out, so I am repeating this article. Monday is garbage day for Reflections. Some of us have become very inconsiderate about when we are placing our garbage to the curb for pick up and not putting our garbage cans back, leaving them out for several days.

Architectural Committee rule **5.3.9 Garbage Containers and Pickup** states:

In Original Reflections, all garbage and recycling containers must be maintained in the service areas. If service areas have been enclosed, bins must still be stored out of sight. Collectors retrieve the garbage from service areas, although homeowners have the option of placing their own garbage at the curb. **If the garbage is in a bag, rather than in a bin, it must be placed at the curb no sooner than 6 am on collection day.** Homeowners should place recycling bins at the curb on collection days or make collection arrangements with the manager. In New Reflections (Southbury and Twin Oaks, which do not have service areas), garbage and recycling bins should be placed at the curb. **In all cases, bins (garbage and recycling) must be placed at the curb no sooner than the evening before the collection day and retrieved from the curb and put out of sight no later than 7:30 pm on the collection day.**



In Original and New Reflections, yard waste is picked up on collection days. Yard waste (grass clippings, pine straw, leaves, and limbs) must be placed at curbside.

Bagging is suggested but not required. Anything larger than four inches in diameter or four feet in length will not be collected. For questions, check with Richland County Solid Waste.

Please also keep in mind in New Reflections your yard man must remove his own trash, Richland County or Reflections Landscapers will not pick it up.

DOG POOP...WHAT A LOVELY SUBJECT!

Reflections is a pet friendly PUD (planned urban development). We welcome our furry family members. With the pleasure of pets also comes responsibility. With the large number of dogs in our community, pet owners must become responsible for their defecation.

Did you know Dog feces are one of the most common carriers of the following diseases?

Whipworm,
Hookworm,
Roundworm,
Tapeworm,
Parvo,
Corona,
Giardiasis,
Salmonellosis,
Cryptosporidiosis, and
Campylobacteria.

Is this what you want to run into our lakes, onto our grass, and simply decompose in our yards? If you are not worried about the pollution of our local water ways, consider your home.

Pet dropping can contribute to diseases animals pass to humans, called **zoonoses**. When an infected dog deposits on your lawn, the eggs of certain roundworms and other parasites can linger in your soil for *years*. Anyone who comes in contact with that soil through gardening, playing sports, walking barefoot or any other way, runs the risk of coming in contact with those eggs...especially your dog.

Infections from these bugs often cause fever, muscle aches, headaches, vomiting, and diarrhea in humans. Children are more susceptible, since they often play in the dirt and put things in their mouths or eyes.

This is not something for which most people want to be held responsible. Please be considerate.

Please consider: one small dog in a private yard is one thing.... many dogs (some of them quite large) walking in common areas of Reflections is quite another. We have a *great deal* of dog poop.

We do have residents without dogs. Is it right to expect them to overlook what your pet has left behind? Being a considerate neighbor is ALWAYS appreciated.



We have installed "poop cans" throughout our development. There are baggies provided (I usually recycle the plastic grocery bags for this). For small dogs, a friend introduced me to food service gloves. The dropping can be gathered in the glove while on your hand then "bagged" as you remove the glove turning it inside out. You can then deposit the bag in one of our poop cans or place in your Herbie Curbie when you get home.

Please scoop your pet's poop.

THE SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF COLUMBIA

I have been a resident out here for over 30 years and still love it.

When I retired, I found that too much free time was not as relaxing as I had hoped. One activity to which I was introduced was The Shepherd's Center of Columbia. It is a continuing education program for senior adults. For a \$35 membership fee, you can take as many one-hour classes on Wednesday over a 9-week period. There are three, 9-week sessions a year: fall, winter, and spring. We meet in the Education Building of Trenholm Methodist.

In the past I have taken several history classes (on Europe, Asia, as well as our Columbia), learned to play the Dulcimer, taken Ukulele and guitar lessons, yoga, Tai Chi, studied French and Spanish, and had multiple art classes. If you think about the cost, 9 music lessons alone would cost more than the \$35!

Classes begin at 9 in the morning. There are three class periods then lunch (you can purchase a complete meal for \$9 or bring your own (like I do) then attend another class at 1:15.

Needless to say, I really enjoy The Shepherd's Center and would love to have more Reflections residents attend. I think what impresses me the most is the number of seniors (we're all over 50) who are still interested in the world and want to continue challenging their brains. Our fall session begins on 9/11. You can access the fall program in early August at the Web site: www.shepherdscentercolumbia.org . If you would like the bulletin mailed, you can call the office at 803-779-4449, request a bulletin, and leave your mailing address on the voice mail.



I hope to see you there.

Betsy Siemers
Southbury Lane

STAY INFORMED BOARD MEETINGS!

Board meetings are held in the Reflections' Clubhouse 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Please bring your suggestions and ideas. You will have an opportunity to be heard. Residents may address the Board in resident comments beginning at 7:00 pm.

OFFICE HOURS/CLOSURE

The office is open for residents/guest Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 8:00 to 4:00 and Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 to 4:00, Closed 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch. The office has extended hours the third Thursday of the month 1:00 to 6:30.

The office will close Wednesday July 17, 2019 at Noon and reopen Monday July 22, 2019 at 8:00 AM. I (Maggie) will be in Illinois for my daughter's surgery Thursday Morning. Your thoughts and prayer are welcomed.

Want to write for this newsletter? Please bring your articles to the office or email to maggie-reflections@sc.rr.com August 25, 2019. We cannot promise all will be published but we would appreciate articles.

Many Thanks to Michael Stephen for donating the "*Be a Good Neighbor signs*" and for all the great pictures he took for our website. *Be sure to take a look and give him a Great Big Thank you!*