

## *March 2015 Shepherds Pond Newsletter*

We would like to invite you to get involved in a Committee and have a hand in guiding the upkeep and livability of our neighborhood. Committees you can help with and be involved in are the *Pool & Tennis, Neighborhood Watch, Welcome New Neighbors, Maintenance and Social* Committees. Please let us know how **you** can help out.

**Mail Boxes** need your help. Please take the time to straighten yours up so it is not leaning, give it a fresh coat of paint and make sure your address is located on the front of the post.

With the warm weather just around the corner, now is the time to treat your yard for **weeds**, if you see green in your grass right now it is a weed, have it treated or pull it. Trim those trees and shrubs, both front and back yards. There are many landscape crews working in our neighborhood, I am sure references can be had if you need one.

General Home Exterior Maintenance is also something to consider doing now the weather is warming up. Clean any **mold** and mildew from walls and fences, replace **rotten wood** trim and take a good look at anything needing a fresh coat of paint. We all want to be proud of where we live. Trash and recycle cans should not be visible from street. Please be considerate of our neighbors and move your trash cans from the street view.

Please be considerate of your fellow neighbors, control excessive **barking** of dogs, (Forsyth County does have an ordinance to address this) please pick up after your animal (dogs or cats) and know that there is a Forsyth County **leash law** that states 'any animal must be secured by a leash or lead, or enclosed by way of fence or other enclosure' **pick up** after your pet as they are walked thru the neighborhood. Please contact the Forsyth County Animal Control office at 770.781.2138 if you have any concerns or to report a problem.

The maximum speed limit in our neighborhood surface streets is **25 MPH**. Please travel slow and at a safe speed in our neighborhood, recognizing there could be children playing on or near the roads. We have had multiple complaints from neighbors of autos going too fast and jeopardizing the safety of others. **SLOW DOWN**. The Forsyth County Sheriff's Department can be reached at 770.781.2222 to report unsafe and speeding drivers. They will want the specifics on the auto type and if possible the license tag number and or address of the unsafe driver.

Contacts for things in and around our neighborhood, that may be helpful to everyone can be found on our website: [www.shepherdspond.org](http://www.shepherdspond.org) the specific page is: <http://shepherdspond.org/contact.html>

The area behind the fence on Union Hill is maintained by SPHOA. Neighbors who back up to the Union Hill Road fence please do not use this area as a dumping ground for your lawn debris. The contract with our lawn care company allows them to charge for additional cleanup, this **cost** will be passed along to the offending neighbor.

**Tennis Court and Pool Deck Coating:** The BOD is working to get both of these areas freshly maintained by the time we open the pool.

**Pool Opening** is scheduled for: Friday May 22, 2015, just in time for the kids Summer Break.

**Neighborhood Party** information will be posted on FaceBook, volunteers who can assist is helping organize and run this are welcome.

**Neighborhood Yard Sale** is scheduled for: Saturday May 16, 2015. Nicole is looking for volunteers to help get this set up. Please contact her if you can help out.

**Round About Update** from Deputy County Manager Tim Merritt: *The engineering company have been working on the plans – we expect to receive preliminary plans within the next couple of weeks for our initial review. We will also be checking to be sure the design has a sidewalk connection from your subdivision to the Big Creek Greenway trail.*

**Mullinax/Union Hill Update** from Deputy County Manager Tim Merritt: *The Board awarded the bid for construction on 2/19/15 to CMES, Inc. in the amount of \$13,239,455.00. There were 6 companies that bid the work with prices ranging from a low price of \$13, 239,455.00 up to \$16,201,133.35. This project is 2.54 miles in length from McFarland Parkway to just north of SR9 and includes 3 culverts, 1 traffic signal, relocation of the water lines and sidewalks. The Procurement Department is now working on completing the signing of the contract, affidavits, certifications, bond coverages, etc. When we are advised that the contract signing is complete a preconstruction meeting will be scheduled. During the preconstruction meeting we will find out from the contractor when he intends to begin construction which will likely be toward the end of this month or the first of April. The contract completion date is 10/30/16.*

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