

# AVALON

at Carolina Forest

June 1, 2015

Dear Avalon Homeowner,

Your Avalon board of directors is happy to announce that for the 7th straight year there will be no increase in dues for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Your current Board of Directors; Ed Stapleton, Mike McGinnis, Charlie Calvert, Jeanine Powalie, and Josh Chesner will continue making all decisions in the best interest of the community and making sure that the Avalon reserve account stays well-funded. We are proud of the fact that while other HOAs have struggled during tough economic times (and the recession of 2007-2009) the Avalon finances have stayed strong and solid. The excellent financial stability of the Avalon HOA did not happen by chance or luck, it stayed strong because of very conservative spending by the board and trying to stick close to the budget. Sometimes unforeseen things happen that aren't budgeted for (just like a home budget) and that is exactly why we keep a well-funded reserve because of those type situations.

Avalon HOA Vice-President Alex Best has stepped down for personal reasons from the Board of Directors after 7 years (2008-2015). Alex has served this community with dedication and selflessness for many years and deserves all of our thanks. When a vacancy comes open on the Avalon Board of Directors, the Avalon Covenants and Restrictions requires the remaining four members appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy. The board has asked former Avalon HOA Vice-President Mike McGinnis to take over Alex's duties. Mike had stepped down from the board last year after the passing of his father and at that time didn't feel he would have the time necessary to dedicate to the HOA or the board.



Mike was one of the “founding members” on the very first Avalon Board of Directors in 2006. For over 8 years Mike never missed an Advisory Committee meeting, a Board of Directors meeting, or an Avalon annual meeting. Mike spent countless hours over the years volunteering his personal time for the betterment of Avalon and we are grateful to have him back!

Some recent improvements in Avalon have taken place and we urge you to take a look for yourself. The pool re-plastering was completed and looks fantastic. During the re-plastering the blue tile around the pool at the water level had to be replaced and we were given the option to stay with solid cobalt blue or switch to a different color. The owner of the pool company said that there was no additional cost involved to switch colors but did recommend staying with something in blue because of the blue tint in the pool plaster. Bermuda Blue was chosen which has a marbled appearance rather than being a solid color. As a fun touch, about 30 matching accent dolphin tiles were chosen and spaced throughout the big pool and the two baby pools. There was a nominal additional charge to do that but it will be something neat that the kids might remember the rest of their lives. It could also be a fun family game while playing in the pool to find all the dolphins!



Aquarius Collection Bermuda Blue Tiles  
CSD-SE-101

**New Avalon Pool Accent Tile**

The other major improvement was the beautification of the entrance waterfall. The three new fountains are installed in at the top and the new LED lights are in throughout the waterfall itself. The rocks were pressure-washed and many were repositioned to improve the appearance. One of the palm trees was moved from the middle of the falls to the top because it was getting so large that it was starting to block the view of the Avalon sign. The palm weighed over 500lbs and had to be carried by 7 workers to the top of the hill to be replanted. All the palm trees now have LED accent lighting as well. Moving that big palm tree from the center of the waterfall left a large bare spot that we are in the process of filling with colorful flowers. The fountain that floats in the pond in front of the waterfall is getting matching LED lights and a good cleaning to improve the height of the spray. We hope you can find the time to drive by during the nighttime to take a look for yourself!



The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Avalon Ice Cream Social will be on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 3:00pm. It will take place at the amenities center in front of the pool. All Avalon residents with a valid 2015-2016 amenities pass are welcome to attend. The ice cream social began in 2009 and is one of the most popular Avalon events for children and adults that are still kids at heart...who doesn't love free ice cream! We always have a huge turnout and it is lots of fun. Jay Wright (stilt walking and balloon figures) will also be there for the kids! Nancy Connell (husband Gary) and Laura Liga (husband Tony) from the Avalon Entertainment Committee organize the events (Easter Bunny, Ice Cream Social, Halloween festivities, and Santa visits....etc.) and the board wants to give them a sincere and heartfelt thank you for all their hard work and perseverance to make this community a fun and family friendly place to live!



Finally, congratulations to Dedrick and Barbara Shelton at 2521 Sugar Creek Court (Lot# 422) for winning the June 2015 Avalon Yard of the Quarter! They only moved to Avalon last year but have worked very hard to make their yard one of the nicest in Avalon!



Your Avalon Board of Directors wishes you a fun, happy, and safe summer!

Mike McGinnis - Vice President

Joshua Chesner - Secretary

Charles Calvert - Officer at Large

Jeanine Powalie - Treasurer

Edward Stapleton – President