



December 1, 2016

Santa will be making an appearance at the Avalon amenities center on Saturday, December 10th, 2016 from 11:00am until 1:00pm. You are free to take as many photos as you like with your own camera. Refreshments and hot cocoa will be available. This will be the 8th straight year that Santa has taken time out of his busy schedule to visit Avalon! Weather permitting, the event will take place at the gazebo in the parking lot.



For the 9th consecutive year in Avalon, our neighborhood will be sponsoring 2 children through the Fostering Hope program. We will have a Fostering Hope drop-off point at the Avalon amenities center while Santa is visiting. Alex Best and daughter Emilee are coordinating with the people at Fostering Hope and will be delivering the items that Avalon collects to them. This year the children are two sisters, Kassidy (10 years old) and Makenzie (8 years old). These kids have very little and what Avalon provides them might be all they get for Christmas this year.....we won't let them down! Please don't worry about duplicating gifts; if two homeowners buy the same gift there are literally hundreds of other children in need that will be grateful for your gift. Fostering Hope is trying to assist many, many children in Horry County that will not be receiving anything for Christmas this year. Last year Avalon did not receive nearly the participation in years past so let's try to do better this year.

Please see the attached letter from Fostering Hope with the children's information and wish lists.

This year, the December Yard of the Quarter judging will take place on Sunday, December 18th, 2016 between the hours of 7:00pm and 9:00pm. Your holiday lights must be turned on during this time period to be considered. The contest is based solely on holiday decorations. However, just because your home can be seen from the moon doesn't mean you will automatically win; the lights must be tastefully done. Also, homeowners that have won previously for holiday decorations are still eligible to win again!

The winners receive:

1st Place - Free Dues for One Quarter (\$174 Value)

2nd Place - \$100 Off Next Dues

3rd Place - \$50 Off Next Dues



2015 1st Place Yard of the Quarter Winner

On Wednesday, October 12th, 2016 the Avalon annual meeting was held at the HTC building at the corner of Carolina Forest Blvd & River Oaks Blvd. At the annual meeting votes were counted by neutral volunteer homeowners and the election was certified for two (2) positions on the Avalon Board of Directors.

The results were as follows:

Alex Best	157 (Won Re-Election)
Mike McGinnis	147 (Won Re-Election)
Dave Potts	70

The Avalon 11th annual barbecue took place on Saturday, October 1st, 2016 and was catered by the Carolina Roadhouse. The Avalon Advisory Committee had suggested that the barbecue be held a couple weeks early this year and thank God we moved the date. Had the barbecue been held on the second Saturday in October like the previous 10 years the event would have been ruined by Hurricane Matthew! There was a big turnout for the barbecue and the food was fantastic. The kids had a great time at the petting zoo and pony rides. The petting zoo was provided again by Paige Trimbath from Aynor. Pony rides were provided by Christy Jordan of Conway for the 6th year.



Every year Ed Stapleton takes lots of photos of the annual barbecue for the Avalon website. Unfortunately this year his cellphone got damaged before he was able to upload the pictures and they were lost forever. If anyone took pictures that day of anything (your kids, the ponies, the food....etc.) and you wish to share your pictures please email them to Ed at stapey@scoast.net for the website. Some residents have already contributed photos and they can be found at www.avalonatcarolinaforest.com.

The Avalon Board of Directors would like to comment about homeowners that notice issues in the neighborhood that they post on social media thinking that something will be done. The board does not monitor Facebook so posting a problem there will probably accomplish nothing. If there is a maintenance issue call or email Wright Management. If there is a security issue then call Phoenix Security. You can also call or email board members about anything. Last week a resident commented somewhere on Facebook *"Does anyone have any idea on when the tattered American flag at the front of our (Avalon) entrance is going to be replaced that's disgraceful"* which resulted in a whole discussion about homeowners going to the store to buy a flag themselves to replace it. The HOA replaces the entrance flag regularly and HOA President Ed Stapleton usually keeps 4-5 flags at his house in stock for whenever they are needed. There is also a former United States Marine Corp soldier (Brent Freeman) that volunteered last year to place the flag at half-mast during times of mourning in addition to replacing flags and properly disposing of old ones. Had the person that put the post on Facebook made a call or sent an email then things would have gone much smoother. The board would have never found out about this posted comment except another resident noticed it and happened to mention it. If you see an issue that needs to be addressed then go through the proper channels so something can be done immediately about it. If your neighbor's house is on fire or being robbed are you going to post it on Facebook or are you going to contact the appropriate authority? Posting problems on Facebook will bring about no resolution or a slow resolution at best. In fact, when residents post negative things or provide misinformation about Avalon on Facebook there is always the potential for prospective home buyers finding the post during an internet search and drawing conclusions that could send them looking elsewhere for a home.

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The New Avalon entrance sign is in and the board has received many positive comments. It was created and installed by Seaboard Signs in Carolina Forest on Hwy 501.



Hurricane Matthew's effect on Avalon was shocking to say the least. When the storm came ashore just south of Myrtle Beach it was a Category 1 storm with 75mph winds. We have had MUCH stronger storms that did not cause near the damage that Matthew did. Avalon lost 19 of our oak trees that line Stoney Falls throughout the community that have taken 16 years to grow to their current height. To lose 19 of them in one storm is heartbreaking. There were also many homes that sustained siding or shingle damage and had yard flooding. The Avalon Board of Directors wanted to thank Hank Scheu with Wright Management who was removing downed trees blocking the roadway during the height of the storm and spent the days afterward clearing debris. We also wanted to thank Phoenix Security Lieutenant Dwayne LaPage who drove his personal vehicle (SUV) during the storm because the patrol vehicle could not make it through the water on all the streets. Lt LaPage also waded through knee-deep water to clear debris from the street drains in addition to helping Hank Scheu clear the roadways of trees.

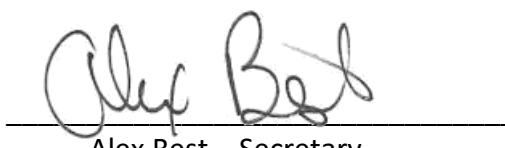


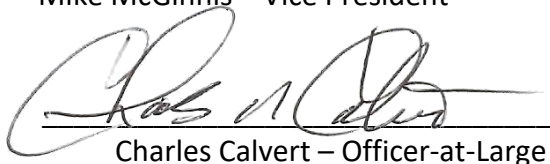
The yearly brush/fuel reduction effort around Avalon has been completed. Hurricane Matthew did not make the job any easier. What should have been a simple brush cutting turned into a major headache maneuvering around downed trees and limbs. The board would like to acknowledge the hard work done by Meadow Wood Services of SC owned by Heath Cox of Conway. This is the second year that we have used Heath and he has worked closely with the board to make sure we are satisfied with the work he has done. These services were paid for by a grant from the South Carolina Forestry Commission.

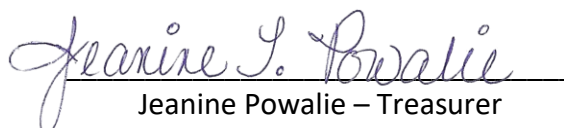



Your Avalon Board of Directors wants to wish you a very joyful holiday season filled with peace and good health.


Mike McGinnis – Vice President


Alex Best – Secretary


Charles Calvert – Officer-at-Large


Jeanine Powalie – Treasurer


Ed Stapleton – President