

Southgate at carolina forest

May 2024, Monthly Newsletter

Dear Residents,

Warm greetings from your Southgate Homeowners Association Board! We're excited to share the latest happenings and updates with you in our monthly newsletter, a cornerstone for fostering informed, engaged, and connected community ties.

Your active participation is the heartbeat of our neighborhood, and we're grateful for every contribution, whether you're a newcomer or a seasoned resident. Community events, adherence to HOA guidelines, and your valuable feedback not only enrich our collective experience but also cement the thriving spirit of our shared environment.



A heartfelt thank you for being the core of our community's vibrancy. We eagerly anticipate continuing our collaborative journey towards making Southgate an exceptional place to live.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming HOA monthly meeting:

- Date: Wednesday, June 12th, 2024
- Time: 6:00 PM
- Location: Southgate Pool House

If you have any specific topics or questions you would like to address during the meeting, please feel free to contact us in advance.

What has the board been working on:

- As of right now, our Picnic Pavilion is still temporarily closed until further notice. The county ordered its closure last November due to the absence of necessary permits and architectural plans. The board has since acquired the required architectural drawings and obtained an engineering firm for a forensic evaluation of the pavilion. Our efforts are now focused on arranging inspections for the concrete footings and awaiting the forensic report from the engineers. Following these steps, a general contractor may need to be contracted to address any potential issues. Once any required corrections are made, the contractor will apply for the necessary permits to reopen the pavilion. You may be wondering what is taking so long, and that is scheduling. When you drive around Carolina Forest it doesn't take long to find construction being done, in fact, it's everywhere. Architects, engineers, general contractors, and other vendors are all overbooked right now, so it takes time to get people scheduled to come out. The engineering firm we're working with had a waiting period of 8-12 weeks just to begin their inspection. Rest assured, the board is committed to reopening the pavilion as swiftly as possible, but these processes are time intensive.

- A professional electrician was hired by the board to install a new wire for the non-functional interior pool light. This repair has been completed, restoring the light to full functionality, which means the pool can now maintain its regular hours and stay open until 10PM instead of closing at dusk as it had to last season.
- We've upgraded the pool deck lighting by replacing the old lightbulbs with energy-efficient 1500 Lumen LED bulbs. These brighter bulbs not only save energy but also ensure compliance with DHEC's lighting standards for pool decks.
- The community's landscaping is set to receive a spring enhancement, with new mulch to be spread across the flower beds by the end of May. Additionally, an inspection is currently underway for the non-operational front entrance irrigation system, and we anticipate restoring it to full functionality soon.
- The playground is slated for an upgrade, including the installation of new playground mulch by the end of May. Purchases of two commercial-grade belt swings, a bucket swing, and a tire swing have been made for installation, providing new amenities for our younger residents.
- For the enjoyment of the residents, two new 334 square-inch standalone charcoal grills have been ordered and will be installed near the pool entrance, offering convenient access for community gatherings.
- Repairs are scheduled for two pond fountains within the community to restore their operation, and the board is in the process of obtaining quotes to replace a missing fountain at the Darby and Hidden Creek Pond.

Resident Spotlight:

In this edition's Resident Spotlight, we're overjoyed to celebrate Theresa Matarese, whose embodiment of kindness, generosity, and community involvement is nothing short of inspiring.

Theresa's leadership in our community Christmas decorating initiative injects a festive spirit that resonates throughout our neighborhood. Her efforts to create a joyous and magical holiday setting are truly remarkable.

Theresa's contributions extend beyond seasonal festivities; her readiness to support her neighbors showcases the solidarity and warmth that make Southgate a remarkable place to live. We extend our deepest gratitude to Theresa for her remarkable dedication and for exemplifying the essence of community spirit.



Message From the Board:

As a friendly reminder to all residents, we kindly ask for your cooperation in keeping our community looking its best. A well-maintained neighborhood not only enhances the aesthetic appeal of our surroundings but also fosters a sense of pride and unity among residents. Keeping your lawn mowed and trash cans out of sight of the street/ neighbor's, are two simple ways to keep your property looking nice.

Contact Information:

For specific inquiries, please utilize the appropriate channels:

For pool-related matters or inquiries about pool cards:	Southgate.pool@gmail.com
To contact the Architectural Review Board:	Southgatearb@gmail.com
For any other questions or to reach the board directly:	Southgateassociationcf@gmail.com
To reach the property management company directly:	SGCARFOR@CiraMail.com

Explore our new website at Southgatehoa.com for additional resources. For optimal navigation, we suggest using a desktop.

Your input is invaluable to us. Share your ideas, concerns, and potential contributions for future newsletters. Your engagement is crucial to our neighborhood's vibrancy and evolution. Reach out with feedback and suggestions—your voice makes a difference.

As we conclude this month's newsletter, our sincerest thanks go out to each of you for your support, involvement, and commitment to Southgate. We invite you to get involved in community events. It's your energy that creates our welcoming and dynamic atmosphere.

We thank you for your integral role in our community. Take care and let's keep the momentum of positivity and goodwill thriving in Southgate.

Thank You,
Southgate Board of Directors

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