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McCullough Quarterly Newsletter
March 2024



Committee News...

Social Committee



Easter Extravaganza

Date: March 24, 2024

Time: 10 AM - 2 PM

Where: McCullough Clubhouse

Hop into spring with our Easter Egg Hunt Extravaganza! Join us for a day filled with fun, frolic, and fabulous photo ops with the Easter Bunny! 📷

🐰 The hunt will begin at 12:30 PM.



RSVP for Pictures with the Easter Bunny

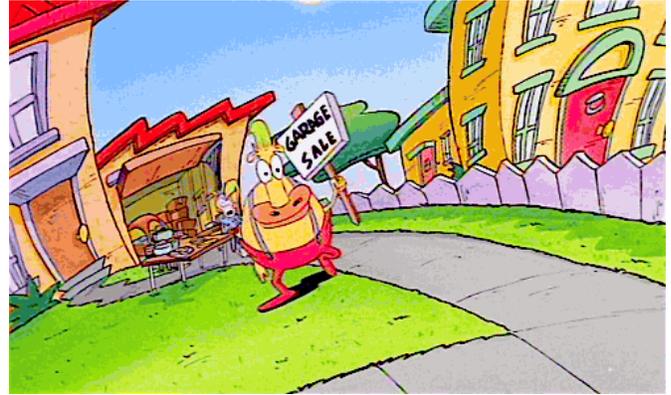


McCullough Yard Sale

Date: April 20, 2024

Time: 8 AM - 12 PM

Sign up using the button below to be included in the google map no later than 3/28. We will generate a map for buyers to easily find you.



Please let the social committee know if you have any questions about the yard sale. If you cannot add your address directly to the google sheet, send an email to social@mcculloughhoa.com and we'll happily add you to the list.

[Sign Up Here!](#)

Memorial Day Blast

Date: May 25, 2024

Time: 12 PM - 4 PM

Where: Clubhouse/ NC Pool

Mark your Calendars for another family fun event! Be on the lookout for more details soon!



Safety & Security Committee

Check Out Our New Lighting!

We recently installed additional landscape light fixtures at both the Marfield and Cedar Park entrances to improve the visibility of our islands at night.



Reminders:

- Passing a stopped school bus is both dangerous and illegal. Let's show respect to our local bus drivers and fellow neighbors by waiting patiently for the bus to pass. Thank you for your cooperation.
- The Pineville Police have noticed that many homeowners have not altered their Wi-Fi router's SSID from the default settings, potentially leaving them vulnerable to attacks from hackers. Many routers come with standard SSIDs (Wi-Fi names) and corresponding default passwords, which can easily be found online. It is recommended to change both the SSID and network password to something more difficult to guess for enhanced security.

- Keep in mind that wearing light-colored or reflective clothing while walking or running at night contributes to a safer environment for both yourself and your fellow neighbors who are driving.

Landscape Committee

A few housekeeping tips...

Neighbors have been removing the Crepe Myrtles provided by Pulte due to a widespread issue with black sooty mold.

While the trees themselves are not dead, they are heavily covered with this mold, which not only affects their appearance but also spreads onto porch railings. This problem is particularly severe in younger trees.

We are addressing this issue in common areas and parks, but want to share ways to alleviate the problem for your individual homes.



We recommend spraying the trees with a solution of dish soap to remove excess mold before applying an appropriate fungicide.

As a preventive measure, it's advisable to apply horticultural oil or NEEM oil before the mold becomes extensive. This helps smother the insects responsible for causing the mold.



[Steps for Mildew Removal](#)

[Sooty Mold: Learn More](#)

Landscape Updates

Permanent LED Installation

In September 2022, the board and standards committee initiated the approval process for the implementation of permanently installed LED lighting on roof lines. After consulting with vendors and gathering input on its usage in other communities, a set of conditions was established for all Architectural Review Committee (ARC) approvals of this "new tech." However, these conditions have not yet been detailed in the Neighborhood Living Standards (NLS).

This technology differs from light strings, which are prohibited outside of holidays according to NLS standard #2. The LED lighting system is installed on tracks, concealed along the roofline, and typically not visible from the sidewalk when not in use.

The visual appeal that persuaded the board and standards committee, who initially had concerns about its non-holiday usage, resembles traditional accent lighting. This type of lighting is used to highlight specific architectural features and landscape elements on the front of homes. Thoughtful use of the programmable features can simulate this but does take some effort and is somewhat subjective to avoid the holiday decorative look.

The following are the criteria that the board will consider on LED lighting applications:

1. Bulb spacing is to be a minimum of 12” inches apart. Max wattage per bulb in a string to be 20 Lumens as measured at 18” distance or less as rated for maximum setting.
2. Outside of holidays (October 1 – January 15 and one week before/one week after other “minor” holidays), homeowners may use only white lights and non-blinking settings per the existing NLS rules.
3. Use of warm light selection is preferred and recommended for exterior accent lighting.
4. During non-holiday usage, run the sequence on every 5th bulb.
5. Only eaves and areas lit on the front of the home are permitted. Lighting on sides of homes facing neighbors is prohibited.

The board reserves the right to audit lighting schemes post-installation and require adjustments to lighting levels settings based on visual observations as it impacts the neighborhood including aesthetic considerations, outside of holiday periods.



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Beautification and Upkeep

The Pool Cabana Building has undergone a comprehensive makeover, including a full repaint from floor to ceiling and repairs to trim work and concrete edging. The total cost amounted to \$17,000, well within the budget allocated for this year as per the reserve study.

Moreover, we still have sufficient funds remaining in the reserves to proceed with repainting all the McCullough brick columns across the neighborhood, including those at the Miller entrance, Cedar entrance, and columns along CLD, Kennys, and the Pool perimeter.





Upcoming Projects

Landscaping will be replacing the dead trees in 3 Lakes Park, and the spreading of pine straw will begin in March.



Have a question?

[Email Landscape Committee](#)



Standards Committee

Reminders:

- The neighborhood is looking good and we appreciate everyone's hard work on home improvements. As we are soon able to plant outside, this is a reminder that only black and brown mulch or pine straw is approved for mulching.
- As the weather warms up, it's tempting to start home improvement projects. Take a look around the exterior of your home first and consider pressure washing, cleaning, or touching up paint if needed. Addressing any issues now can be preventative in the future.
- If starting a new project, please look through our NLS for guidelines on submitting new ARC requests.

McCullough Group News

McCullough Swim Team Updates

Registration for the 2024 McCullough Swim Team is now OPEN! Please visit our new team website to register and for program details.

[Learn More](#)



Summer is coming and that means the McCullough Manta Rays are back for a second season!

Come celebrate with us on Saturday, April 27th at the NC Clubhouse from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. as we host our 2nd annual neighborhood-wide FAMILY FUN NIGHT.

We'll have a food truck, ice cream, music, an inflatable obstacle course and loads more. You do not need to be a part of the team to get in on the action! Bring the whole family for an evening of fun.

Practice Dates

- May 14th - June 7th
Tue/Thu
5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- June 10th - July 19th
Mon/Wed/Fri
7:15 - 8:30 a.m.

Regular Season Meets

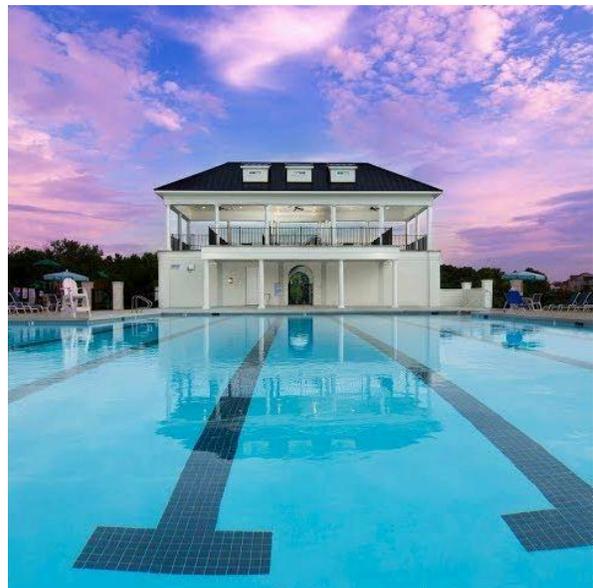
- June 1st - July 8th

Semi- Finals

- July 13th or July 14th

Championship Meet

- July 20th



We are excited to announce that the Manta Rays will be hosting the Invitational Meet for our league this year. Come out and cheer us on!

**Monday, July 8th from 5-9 p.m.
McCullough NC Pool**

**Join the Manta Rays
Facebook Group**

Interested in becoming a sponsor or donating to the McCullough Manta Rays?

Pop over to our website for more info or email us at mcculloughswimteam@gmail.com.

We look forward to another fantastic season with you!



**Interested in
Joining a
Committee?**

Volunteers are needed across several committees. Join us!



Get Involved!



Did We Miss Something? Tell Us!

We would love to share more McCullough club news. If you lead a group in the neighborhood and would like to be featured in a future newsletter, send us an email at communications@mcculloughhoa.com.