

# LAKE CASTLEBERRY NEWSLETTER

February 2023

## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

The new board met on January 10th to set up for the year.  
HOA meeting minutes and dates to be uploaded in the NABR.  
HOA Board Officers for 2023:

- President - Deepak Dhar
- Vice President - Abhijit Ghosh
- Treasurer - Tulip Shah
- Secretary - Amit Desai
- Member-at-Large - Sudheera Vemula

Finance Committee: Tulip Shah & Bryce Ruggieri  
Clubhouse Committee: Bryce Roberts & Amy Barto

Call for committee members for pool committee & social committee!

- **Volunteers Needed!** See the list below. Complete the Interest Form on NABR:  
[Main Menu > Resources > HOA Committee Interest]

In process:

- Clubhouse usage and rental guidelines
- Updated neighborhood rules and regulations

Mills Park Middle School

- Book Fair Family Night 2/9 @ 4pm-6:30pm with basketball game at home (\$6 entry fee & cash only concessions). Students who stay after school need a chaperone.
- Save the date: 3/17. Mills Madness event

## Reminders

If you still have any holiday decorations and lights up, they need to be removed this week.

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Disposing and storing items in wooded areas continues to be a problem. Please respect the environment and our neighborhood and remove all items, including landscaping material. Buffer areas cannot be used by residents for any purpose.

## Keeping our 'hood Clean

Please pick up after your pet. No one wants to come home after a long day of work to clean up poop. And not to mention it is unsanitary. The pet stations are checked and refilled weekly. Thank you for your efforts to keep our community looking its best!

## Calendar of Events

- HOA meeting 2/14 @ noon via Zoom.

## Fun & Volunteering

- 2023 events TBD by new Social Committee volunteers
- If you would like to organize a social or volunteer event, that would be fantastic! We'd love to have lots of people involved

## Pool & Clubhouse

- Updated guidelines for clubhouse usage are in development and should be published by the BOD soon.
- Approximately 115 days until pool season!

## Board of Directors (BOD) & Finance

Schedule of Public Meetings

- Dates to be announced
- Homeowners are encouraged to attend

Meeting Minutes on NABR

- <https://nabrnetwork.com/myhoadocuments.php>

## TASTY BITES: POTATO SOUP

Ingredients

- 6 slices bacon or 2 cups ham, cut into 1 inch pieces
- 3 carrots, diced
- 3 stalks celery, diced
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 6 small russet potatoes (3 lb), peeled, cut to ½ inch cubes
- ½ tsp Cajun or Mesquite spice mix, plus more if needed
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 8 cups low sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 cup milk
- 3 Tbsp all purpose flour
- ½ cup heavy cream
- 1 tsp minced fresh parsley
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese

Directions

- Optional: If you have a ham bone, simmer in broth for 1 hour.
- Add bacon pieces to a soup pot over medium heat and cook until crisp and the fat is rendered. Remove bacon from pot and set aside. Pour off most of the grease, but do not clean the pot.
- Return pot to medium-high heat, add carrots, celery, onions. Stir and cook for about 2 minutes.
- Add potatoes, Cajun/Mesquite spice, ½ tsp salt and some pepper. Cook 5 minutes.
- Pour in the broth and bring to a gentle boil.
- Cook until potatoes just start to get tender, about 10 minutes. Whisk together milk and flour in separate bowl, then pour the mixture into the soup and cook for another 5 minutes.
- Remove about half the soup and blend in blender or food processor until completely smooth. Pour it back into soup pot and stir to combine. Taste for seasoning.
- Stir in the cream, then parsley. Serve in bowls and garnish with grated cheddar and crisp bacon.
- Leftovers can be frozen.

## PET OF THE MONTH



Meet Honey-Nut-Cheerio, a Maltese mix from Siler City. Don't let the size fool you. This whopping 2-pounder is a feisty and fearless one! She loves to follow her owner, Evelyn, and howls in the night.

## ARCHITECTURAL & NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDELINES

Thinking about raised beds, new plantings, exterior lighting or a play house, perhaps a basketball hoop? We are an HOA neighborhood that requires exterior modifications on your property to be pre-approved by ACC. This includes any modifications to your house as well as your yard. Review turnaround time has been pretty fast once all information is submitted by the homeowner.

Please go to NABR to review our Architectural Guidelines and make submissions. Feel free to email the management company (Grandchester Meadows) or ACC team if you are unsure about your project. Projects without approval may be subjected to fines/violations.

**No garbage, building materials or other items are permitted on township buffer areas on Castleberry Road, Wimberly Road, and HOA common areas. Your property line is defined on your plot plan. No staging of materials is allowed on public roads and sidewalks. Please remove any concrete blocks, wood pallets on the buffer and submit an ARC request if they are on your property.**

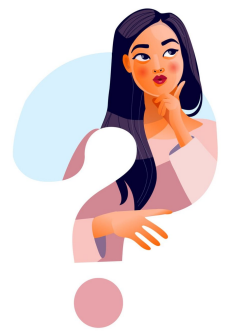
### Questions or concerns? Ask Grandchester Meadows

General inquiries: 919-757-1718, [manager@grandchestermeadows.com](mailto:manager@grandchestermeadows.com)

Work order requests or concerns:

<https://www.grandchestermeadows.com/lake-castleberry/>

As more construction takes place on Castleberry Rd, there will be more damages that affects us. Notify the Board right away - photos are helpful.



- Apex recreational [program guide](#)
- Apex Township Events at [apexnc.org](http://apexnc.org)
- Apex [volunteer opportunities](#)
- Garbage and recycling are picked up on Thursdays and yard waste is picked up on Fridays. If day falls on a holiday, then it will be next day.
- Report pick-up failures by calling Apex Utilities.
- Apex Utilities, 919-362-8676
- Dominion Energy, 877-776-2427
- Garbage, Recycling & Yard Waste, 919-362-8676

## AROUND THE TRIANGLE

- Calendar of events: <https://www.apexnc.org/calendar.aspx>
- [All in Apex community newsletter](#)
- Apex Farmers Market moved to Beaver Creek Crossing (near Dick's) on Saturdays 9am-12pm.
- [Explore the many community parks in Apex](#)
- [Celebrate Black History Month in Apex with movies and events](#)
- [Moorhead Planetarium & Science Center has amazing shows and programs](#)
- [Feb 10-13. Mystery Theater at Halle Cultural Arts Center](#)
- [Feb 17. Carolina Hurricanes Fan Fest— music, food trucks, street hockey, vendors & more](#)
- [Feb 17. Durham 3rd Friday Art Walk & Gallery Crawl](#)
- [Feb 17-Mar 5. Baby Goat Cuddles at 1870 Farm](#)
- [Feb 18-21. Mardi Gras events](#)
- [Saturdays. Pony rides at Sunrise Community Farm](#)

## Lake Castleberry Volunteers

Board of Directors

Social Committee

Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

Finance Committee

Pool Committee

Amenities/Clubhouse Committee

Amit Desai  
Deepak Dhar  
Abhijit Ghosh  
Tulip Shah  
Sudheera Vemula

*Volunteers needed*

Dave Klem  
Chris Lawrence  
Sarah Soh

Tulip Shah  
Bryce Ruggieri

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Bryce Roberts  
Amy Barto

# LAKE CASTLEBERRY PHOTO ALBUM

January 2023

Send us your neighborhood photos!

Sunsets, wildlife, kids at play, LCB social events, beautiful landscaping, gardens, etc.



Please email us:

[LCB-newsletter@grandchestermeadows.com](mailto:LCB-newsletter@grandchestermeadows.com)