

The Timberlake Times

Water Meter Updates

In the next few weeks, you may see utility workers in the area updating water meters to the new “smart meter” system. They will leave a doorhanger to let each homeowner know when their meter has been updated. The new system smart features will be available online and via alerts. Please check with Dominion Energy for more information.



A special thank you to all of those who shared outdoor festive décor this past holiday season!

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

We currently have three openings on the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). You are invited to apply.

Members of the ARC are appointed for a two-year term via a majority vote of the Board of Directors. If you are a Timberlake Estates homeowner in good standing and are interested in becoming a member of the ARC, please email the Board at TEOA.Board@gmail.com.

Members of the ARC meet regularly to process applications, inspect completed projects, review plans, and communicate with homeowners and builders. While a background in residential building and design is preferred, it is not mandatory. Exceptional communication skills, organizational skills, and the ability to effectively collaborate with others are also desired.

These positions do require a monthly commitment. We hope you will consider becoming a member of the ARC given the important role this committee holds in maintaining the esthetics of Timberlake Estates.

Energy Blues?

Rising energy costs are a common enemy among homeowners. We fight these rising costs by using items like; LED lights, timers, and the newest craze, Solar, but these are only common due to marketing by big box stores, and facebook ads offering huge savings on your energy bill. While they can have a positive impact on reducing your monthly energy bill, they are but a piece of the move to reduced monthly energy consumption.

Quite often, one of the largest consumers of your homes electricity is overlooked for upgrades, and only repaired as needed. Yes, I am referring to your furnace/AC unit. Most of the houses in Timberlake that are 10 years or older should be considering upgrading their units. The technology available today can lead to large monthly savings simply by increasing the Seer ratings of your unit(s). Additionally, variable speed fans now act and control flow as needed vs constant running which leads to savings.

What type of savings can you expect? There are way to many variables to say exactly how much you will save, but according to seerenergysavings.com South Carolinian's would save an average of 30%* on their AC simply by upgrading from a 14 seer to a 20 seer unit. When is electricity kwh the highest? Summer. When do we use the highest amount of kwh? Summer.

We recently upgraded our AC unit from a 14 seer to a 20 seer system. Prior to upgrade, our summer power bills were averaging \$375-425 per month. After upgrade, our bills averaged \$148-168. The monthly savings were considerable! Enough that I was able to pay for my system upgrade in savings in less than 5 years.

The system upgrade cost \$12,000 through Richardson Heating and Air, and we were able to take advantage of 0% interest financing for 5 years. The payment was roughly \$200 per month, which roughly equalled our monthly electricity savings! Its like it was free! In addition, Dominion offers a rebate for upgrading your AC unit of \$400!

If you have not checked your AC/Furnace in awhile, Contact your local heating and air company to see what they can do for you!

**Variable Information based on 2 ton 14 seer unit upgrading to 2 ton 20 seer unit.
<https://www.seerenergysavings.com>*

Lexington County *Grow with Us* unveiled their plan in a virtual meeting on January 5th.

The draft Plan is now available for review and feedback through January 28th. You can review and provide feedback at

<http://growwithuslexco.com>





Color: The general color selected by most 2022 paint companies falls in the green family with a focus on sage. A warmer neutral palette.

Rounded Furniture: Think mid-century modern or even some of the shapes of the 80's. These should all fall in the warm neutral color palette though. No crazy Hot PINK!

Organic Design: Natural materials like wicker pots, rattan accents, and botanical wallcoverings.

Home Offices: Many people are still working from home or will now permanently work from home. This trend is likely here to stay.

Greenery Indoors: Bring on the plants. Clusters of potted plants or some fresh clippings from bushes/trees to bring life into your indoor space. Outdoor gardening and landscaping continues to be a "new hobby".

Black & White: Back to color for a minute, this timeless color palette never really went "out of style" but its back in a big way largely due to the Scandinavian style currently on trend. It is also easy to use a black and white base and change out your accent color seasonally.

Warmer Kitchens: This trend started last year, but bringing back the color. Two-tone cabinets (uppers vs lowers), matte finishes, textured backsplashes, open shelving, and SMART appliances.

Lighter Floors: Whitewashed oak and herringbone patterns will continue through 2022 (Goodbye Chevron). If you have darker floors, you can always refinish them ...or just wait, we all know designs rotate.

Something you'd like to share?

If there is something that you would like to share, please send it to kvalentinemcclure@hotmail.com before the 1st of each month.