

SEPTEMBER 2024

THE GREEN GATE

Providing news and information for the homeowners of Greengate



Thank you, Greengate, for your participation in another effective Clean Sweep!

NEW FORMAT FOR 2024 UPCOMING MEETING AND EVENT

ANNUAL MEETING

This year's Annual Meeting will be held across Two Notch Road. Residents and/or owners are encouraged to attend.

Topics that we plan to discuss:

- * Grants awarded * Membership benefits * Covenants & Conditions
- * Security additions: cameras, gates, lighting, fencing, etc.
- * Neighborhood/Community improvement ideas



9875 Windsor Lake Boulevard

Thursday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Be part of making Greengate a premier community!

FALL HOT DOG SOCIAL

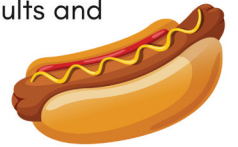
WHO: All Greengate residents (adults and children)

WHERE: The Common Circle at 116-120-124-128 Greengate Drive

WHEN: 4:00p-5:30p, **Sunday, October 27**

(Rain Date: November 3)

WHAT TO BRING (Optional): A drink for yourself, a chair, and a side dish or dessert to share (serving spoon if necessary).



** Greengate HOA will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments, foam plates, plastic forks, napkins, and water.*

RICHLAND COUNTY GRANT FOR GREENGATE

In February of 2023, Greengate HOA and the Greengate Condos each applied for a \$1,500 Neighborhood Improvement Plan grant from Richland County. Each organization was awarded the grant, and we partnered to repair the privacy fence along the spillway at the west end of Lower Pine Lake and to add safety/security fences down to the sidewalk on Rabon Road.

Thank you to our superstar Greengate volunteers who made this all happen by the end of June 2024.

Come hear more about the next grant opportunities at the Annual Meeting.



MEMBERSHIP

\$80 per year is mandatory for Charter Members (those homeowners along the lakes)
A minimum of \$50 per year is requested to become an Affiliate Member

We are fortunate to have many volunteer members and friends, but still have ongoing out-of-pocket expenses, and anticipate needing more resources to expand plans and new services in the coming year.

Please join us and help Keep Greengate Great!

Affiliate Members may use PayPal to join through the Membership tab on our website or send this portion of the newsletter with a check made payable to GSLO, PO Box 23505, Columbia, SC 29224.

Name _____ Address _____ Email: _____

A BENEFIT OF BEING AN AFFILIATE MEMBER

Greengate won awards in 2007 and 2008 from Keep the Midlands Beautiful. We are frequently praised by real estate agents and new homeowners alike for the pride Greengate residents take in their property maintenance and upkeep, including lawns, trees and bushes. We thank all homeowners and renters for your contributions to our positive reputation as a well-kept, attractive neighborhood. We also pay a wonderful landscaper to regularly mow and trim bushes along the entrance bridge and common areas on Greengate and Irongate Drives.

If you are a Charter or Affiliate Member with overgrown trees or bushes that impede line-of-sight walking and/or driving along your street, but lack the equipment or resources to tackle those, contact an Executive Committee member and we'll see if we can help.

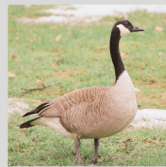
Just another HOA member benefit!

GREENGATE GEESE

Resident geese, as distinct from the migratory populations that breed in northern Canada, are ever-present in Pine Lakes. In fact, they seem to wander all over the Greengate neighborhood. At best, they are an annoyance. At worst, their excrement is a health hazard.

Greengate HOA has investigated methods of controlling and/or eliminating these foul fowl. Permanent removal is permitted by filing a Depredation Permit Application with the SC Department of Natural Resources, documenting property damage and requesting lethal control. That application requires a signed written statement from all immediately adjacent waterfront property owners supporting or not objecting to lethal control. Lethal control is defined as herding with disposal "by donation to public museums and public institutions for scientific or educational purposes, by processing them for human consumption and distributing them free of charge to charitable organizations, or by burying or incinerating them." That approval was attempted by the HOA in 2004, with objections from several GSLO (lakefront) homeowners as well as GHPR (condominium) owners. Some of those folks still live in Greengate.

Other methods suggested to keep geese off your own property include:



1. Use a dog to scare the geese away.
2. Avoid feeding the geese.
3. Set up decoys to scare away geese.
4. Use sound to frighten geese.
5. Chase geese off your property.

Bottom line, geese are wild animals. Removal from any particular pond will not guarantee that geese will not inhabit that pond during the same season or the following year.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS!

The Greengate Neighborhood would like to extend congratulations to all of our graduates. Among these are:



DANIEL KEITH
 Ben Lippen HS
 Clemson University
 Chemistry Major
 Parents are
 Joshua and Sharon Keith
 104 Greengate Drive



LIAM SEXTON
 Spring Valley HS
 Clemson University
 Bridge Program
 Parents are
 Troy and Elysa Sexton
 108 Greengate Drive



Greengate Homeowners Association has a website! You have easy access to the Greengate Covenants and Conditions, newsletters, resources, upcoming events, and joining the HOA. Snap the QR code or go to www.greengatehoa.com to check it out.



Greengate Homeowners has a private group in the Nextdoor app. We can communicate with JUST OUR GREENGATE NEIGHBORS through this group. For more information or instructions on how to join **Nextdoor** and the **Greengate Homeowners** group, see Announcements on our website. Join the group to participate in polls and hear about upcoming events.



Join the **Greengate Neighbors** group on Facebook

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