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Blackmoor Property Owners Association

Message from our President

There is no question that Blackmoor is a community of good neighbors. This has never been more evident than in the aftermath of the tragic, lightning induced fire that destroyed one of the homes in our community a short while ago. Scores of neighbors and community members have come forward to provide comfort, aid, and support to a "family in need." Efforts have included taking the displaced family into one's home,

rummaging through debris to salvage remains and memories, providing meals, offering gift cards to local establishments for housing and/or hardware supplies, and the like. This is the second time in less than a calendar year that this community has generated efforts to provide support to a family when the need was warranted.

Many other examples of "good neighboring" come to mind as I author this column. There are

individuals who mow the lawns of friends when these friends have been laid low by a medical misfortune or are "out of town." Others help maintain the grounds of vacated properties in an effort to keep the neighborhood looking pristine. People lend their pick up trucks to neighbors so that yard debris can be hauled to the local recycling centers.

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Message from the Newsletter Committee

One issue down...how did we do?

First, thanks to everyone who sent words of encouragement and support for our premier issue in May. There were some technical issues with the Word format, so this and subsequent issues will be sent in a more user-friendly PDF file format. We are also going to attempt to add each current issue to the Blackmoor website for easy reference.

Next, the list of residents

without computers has been compiled. We will provide printed copies for those few who are unable to access by computer. Remember, however, that each issue will be placed in the cases outside the front and back of the clubhouse for viewing.

Last, we are including some articles in this issue, as well as the next, that highlight businesses that are owned, operated or associated with our residents. Think of them first, if you find yourself in need of the services they

provide.

Our email address – Blackmoorbytes@gmail.com has been fairly quiet. Feel free to send a note letting us know what you want to see in future issues.

Thank you for your patience while awaiting this second issue of our newsletter. Future issues are slated for every other month.

*Mary Anne Benedetto and
Sandi Blood*

Meet the Murphy Family



As residents of Loudonville, New York, Mike and Kathy Murphy built a home on Devonshire Lane in 2003. They were finally able to move into Blackmoor in July, 2008 after they had both retired and their son, Tyler, had graduated from high school. Tyler is now a student at USC, Columbia, and Mike also has a daughter residing in Altamont, New York.

Amazingly, Mike and Kathy retired from the State of New York with a combined seventy-eight and one half years of service. Mike worked there for thirty-eight and one half years, the last twenty-five being in law enforcement. He retired as a Senior Criminal Investigator with the Office of the Inspector General. Kathy retired as a Senior Budget Analyst from the

Department of Taxation and Finance after forty years of service. She would like for us to believe that she began her career with the State at the age of twelve, but hmmm.....I'm thinking child labor laws.

They are definitely younger than many retired couples, and they

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Meet the Kemp Family



Among our original residents are Bob and Ann Kemp, who moved into Blackmoor in March, 1999. They relocated here from Wilmington, North Carolina, although they were formerly living in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Kemps have three children and seven precious grandchildren residing in various locations across the country. Their daughter lives in Maryland, and their two sons live in Georgia and Nebraska.

Bob has very recently retired from his position as our local Airport Director, and Ann previously owned Wilmington Accents, a

furniture accents business. Both Bob and Ann enjoy the beach and traveling to spend time with their children and grandchildren, as well as entertaining them when they visit here.

They are the proud owners of a dog named Joey, a stray who wandered into their yard, lives, and hearts about four years ago and decided that the Kemp home was a mighty inviting place to stay!

Having lived in the foothills of the Pocono Mountains, Ann indicated that they appreciate the fact that snow is not a normal occurrence on the Grand Strand. They enjoy

the people here, the wonderful neighbors, and the atmosphere of living in the south where there are many choices of activities available.

One surprising fact about Bob that Ann shared with us is that for the first fifteen years of their marriage, Bob was an architect in Pennsylvania. Congratulations to Bob on his retirement, and may the Kemps discover many previously unexplored avenues of adventure and relaxation with their newly acquired flexible schedule!



Photo by Sandi Blood

Georgetown Boat Trip

Over thirty people were part of the Blackmoor group that boarded the Carolina Rover on Saturday, September 19th. The forecast was menacing, with

thunderstorms predicted for most of the day. Instead, the group was pleasantly surprised by sun and blue skies throughout the afternoon. (thanks, Sally!)

The Carolina Rover left the dock

promptly at 1:00, and the group was given many historical (and some fanciful) stories of the islands we passed, pirates that had sailed the waters, and fun facts of Georgetown and South Carolina history.

We arrived at an uninhabited island after passing the Georgetown Lighthouse, and spent an hour collecting all sorts of unusual shells and interesting pieces of driftwood.

At 3:00 we returned to the pontoon boat and took a different route back to Georgetown, getting a closer view of the lighthouse. The trip back to the dock was spent admiring the treasures collected by everyone. The tides and the wind slowed down our return, but we arrived back on land by 5:00. It was a full and enjoyable day.

Prince Creek Diner

When Charlie and Jennifer Raptis moved to S. Blackmoor Drive with their four children almost three years ago, Charlie had left a rewarding nineteen year career in the corporate world and longed to open a business here at the beach. Charlie and Jennifer opened the Prince Creek Diner in the Lowe's Foods Plaza, one mile down the road on Hwy 707.

Specialties include homemade soups, liver & onions, haddock fish dinners, Reubens,

meatloaf, Taylor Ham pork roll, hamburgers, hand-cut french fries, real mashed potatoes, cheese steaks, soft ice cream, sweet potato fries, salads, open-faced roast beef sandwiches, pork chops, rice pudding, wraps, milkshakes, pecan-crusted french toast, pancakes, an extensive children's menu, and daily specials.

The Diner is open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Blackmoor neighbors are offered a 10% discount on your guest check through the months of September and October.

Just show your ID with your Blackmoor address to get your discount at the cash register.

*Mike and Kathy Murphy
are awaiting the arrival
of their first grandchild!
Congratulations!*

Murphy Family continued

thoroughly enjoy playing golf in the Wednesday Blackmoor Travelers Group and are members of the Blackmoor Golf Club. Kathy is an avid reader, and the Murphys love to travel. Truly appreciating the fine weather here, they say that they would never move north again. They

enjoy the social atmosphere of Blackmoor, the nice neighbors and friends.

A surprising fact about Mike is in the 1960's and 70's, he was the drummer in a band. His group played backup for "The Boxtops" (remember "The Letter"?), and he was one of those zillion people in

attendance at Woodstock. Instead of the spiky hairstyle that he sports today, his tresses literally reached his waistline!

We welcome the Murphys in permanent residence here, and perhaps Mike can revive his band and entertain us at the clubhouse some evening!

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Scents Unlimited

My name is Diane McLeod – I live on Devonshire Lane. I am the owner of Scents Unlimited located at 2229 Hwy. 17, Unit F, Little River. Scents Unlimited has been in business for over twenty years offering recreations of designer fragrances as well as our own signature scents including Carolina Rain. Carolina Rain has been our best seller and is the favorite of women of all ages.

We will custom scent body lotions & cremes, shower gels and soaps in your favorite fragrance. We have a wide variety of home fragrances and soy candles. We carry a complete line of PhysAssist therapeutic creams designed to be used for face, hands, nails, feet and body. They aid in the relief of pain due to arthritis and diabetic neuropathy and problematic skin conditions such as

psoriasis and eczema.

Visit our web site at www.scentsusa.com or come to our retail store in Little River. All our products are also available through mail order by calling 800-323-5309.

Grassie Granite and Marble

Grassie Granite and Marble is owned by Joe and Laura Blackmon who live on Waterhall. Grassie fabricates stone in large commercial jobs and more than 2000 unique residential projects including several remodels in Blackmoor. They fabricate all stone products including granite, marble, travertine, slate, quartz and Corian.

Grassie specializes in countertops, vanities, fireplace surrounds, custom granite furniture, split stone flooring, laser etching, and waterjet cutting.

Grassie inventories over 1,600 slabs of stone in over 100 colors which are on display for clients to walk among while making their selections.

GGM displays stone fountains, handmade bowls, pedestal sinks, outdoor furniture, furniture vanities and powder room pieces.

Grassie Granite is known for their quality and their capability to design and create exactly what the customer is looking for. Check out their website at www.grassiegranite.com

Innovative Marketing

John and Dotti Kleman own Innovative Marketing, a distribution company providing convenience stores and similar retail outlets with various prepaid products and bill payment services. The majority of Innovative's business is conducted through point of sale terminals which electronically link Innovative's suppliers to its merchants.

Prepaid industry sales are dominated by prepaid cell phones and the minutes required to operate them.

Blackmoor residents should be aware that prepaid cellular is about to create a paradigm shift in all telecommunication and related services in the United States. Near future price erosion means residents should avoid any long term contractual phone, cable TV, or Internet service commitments.

To illustrate:

Unlimited nationwide prepaid cellular service is now available at prices starting at \$39.99 a month.

This service will cause many to abandon their current cellular service provider and discontinue their landline phone service at very significant savings. Prepaid wireless Internet will soon follow and TV programming is not far off. Email John at jkleman@hotmail.com should you have any questions.

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Safety Reminder

WALKERS

- Make room for the Drivers
- Walk on the edge of the road or in the grass, facing the oncoming traffic
- Be aware of the cars

DRIVERS

- PLEASE don't speed – Posted speed limit is 25mph
- Be aware of Walkers, sometimes with pets or children

Let's share the road and BE SAFE

Grammy's Cookies

Grammy's Cookies "Cookies with Taste" is owned and operated by Kathy Fox who lives on Longwood Drive in Devonshire. She offers a variety of fresh cookies and cupcakes daily. Cakes are available to order. If you have a

special event and want a personally designed cake, cupcake or cookie, Grammy's Cookies will do it for you. Come in to taste and see the difference. Grammy's Cookies is located on Bypass 17 in the Swamp Fox Peddlers Market, just

past T-Bones in Murrells Inlet. Phone # 947-0216.

Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. They look forward to seeing you soon.

President's Message continued

On two separate occasions I had the good fortune of different neighbors coming forward and providing physical assistance to me when they saw me struggling to complete two outside projects after surgery a few months ago. An obvious example of good

neighbors is those residents who give of their time to serve on POA committees, the POA board, or community groups.

Being a good neighbor is also adhering to speed limits, picking up after our pets, not dumping grass

clippings and yard debris in our many ponds and lakes, putting our trash cans away and out of sight, maintaining our properties, and following the rules and regulations of our community. Thank you so much for caring!

Stu Schnur

A Letter of Love and Thanks

Monday, June 1st is surely a day we will never forget. House fires always happen to others – but this time it happened to us. It was, and still is, a terribly emotional and stressful occurrence for both of us. However, thanks to the compassion, support, and kindness shown by our friends and neighbors this catastrophe was much more bearable.

From offers of places to live while rebuilding, to cooked meals, to donations, to business gift certificates, to just talks of caring; all of this is due to the friendship and concern of the Blackmoor residents.

We can't say enough to thank each and everyone for your labor of love shown to us in our moment of need. We are truly blessed to be living in a community of people that are so caring.

We could go on, but please let it be enough that we may never be able to repay this outpouring of kindness, except to say "thank you and may God bless all of you."

Love from Ken and Dianne Belford