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Carolina Bay Property Owners Association



Spring 2018

Spring Has Sprung!

Remember that the time to have your air conditioners serviced is while it is still a bit cool out. [Here](#) is a handy guide from the Department of Energy on maintaining your air conditioner.

February was exceptionally warm this year, and lawns everywhere are greening up. Plants and shrubs are sprouting out branches, and flowerbeds are filling with weeds. Lawn treatments are encouraged to make sure that weeds do not overtake your turf while still making sure your grass stays green. Sharpen up those gardening tools or look into one of the many private lawn service companies that service our neighborhood. Remember, your Association governing documents require each owner to keep their yards maintained, mowed, edged, weeded and trimmed. Take some time to refresh the beds with new mulch or pine straw.

With the earlier than normal pollen almost finished, be sure to look at your home, driveways, and sidewalks – do they need pressure washing? If so, go ahead and get that scheduled. You will be proud of your results!

Finally, as you are out walking your dogs, please remember to pick up after them! This will help limit the spread of disease and is also a common courtesy.

Architectural Review Application

If you are looking to add irrigation, fencing, or a modified lawn design to your property, please remember pre-approval by the Architectural Review Board (ARB) is required, according to our community's governing documents. In order to submit your application, you should include a copy of the design, materials to be used, and a site plan indicating the areas to be affected. The application can be found [here](#).

Many homeowners have inquired about adding external screening for their garbage and recycling bins. Approved screens can be found [here](#).

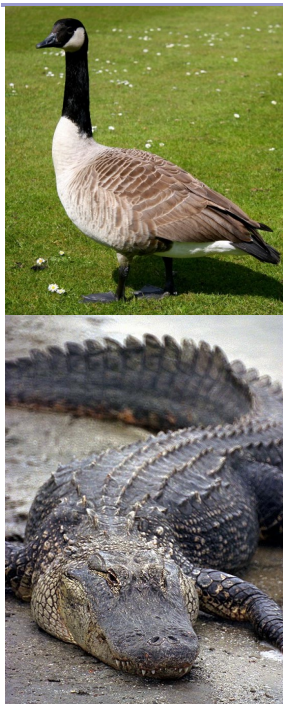
Remember, that **any** external addition to your property, including an approved garbage screen, must be approved by the ARB in advance.

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- [Management Support Team](#)
- [Carolina Bay Neighborhood Representatives](#)
- [Carolina Bay Website](#)



Wildlife in Carolina Bay

You may notice wildlife in Carolina Bay at any time of the year, but now that the weather is warming up, critters are out and about.

Please do not feed the wildlife. Feeding bread to ducks and geese is not a healthy practice for the birds or the ponds. Even more importantly, it is very important to never feed the alligators. Alligators will become accustomed to human interaction and will stay close to the pond shores in expectation of receiving food. When they lose their fear of humans, it is dangerous for anyone nearby and is a death sentence for them. If an alligator becomes aggressive, please contact [management](#). The alligator will be tested, but it will NOT be euthanized if it proves to be nonaggressive.

When utilizing trails, be on the lookout for snakes. If you see a coyote, contact the DNR.

Street Parking in Carolina Bay

Overnight street parking is not allowed anywhere in the community. Parking at the park is for park-use only—these are not residential parking spots

Do not block the city sidewalks.

Remember, if you feel as though a car parked on the street is a danger or hazard, please contact [Department Team 4](#) of the Charleston Police Department.

All City traffic signs must be followed. Please do not disregard these signs. Association rules aside, you must also follow the law!

Pond Information

Please remember that ponds are a unique ecosystem that can be affected by the amount of rain, the temperature, the amount of sunlight, and other environmental factors.

Did you know that all ponds in Carolina Bay are treated at least monthly? There are restrictions on how often a pond can be treated, but if there is a pond you are concerned about, let CMG know. They can tell you the last time it was treated and what was done to it.

You will notice that, like all plant material, algae that has been treated will turn yellow, brown, or rust-colored as it dies. It then breaks down. Please do not be alarmed by this! It is a normal process that can occur in all ponds.

Pool Information

The pools are scheduled to open March 31st! Use of amenities are regulated by a card access system on the gate. Magnetic access cards/fobs have been issued to owners with current accounts. If your account is delinquent, you must bring your account current before receiving your access card for privileges to the amenity. If your account becomes delinquent at any time, your card will be deactivated.

Only one access card will be issued per household. If your access card is lost or stolen, a replacement card will be \$25.00. You may purchase a replacement [here](#). It is important that you as members assist in minimizing unauthorized persons in the amenity. Please do not open the gate for anyone that does not have an active card. It is understood that there may be an incident where someone may have forgotten their card, but some neighbors that have not contributed to your association funds and are not authorized members will approach you. An owner may have a card that has been deactivated. Please remember that just because they have a card, it does not mean they are permitted to use the amenities.

Enjoy your swim season, but adhere to all pool rules while visiting your amenity. The pool hours are from sunrise to sunset. Your Association funds are used for the upkeep and repair of the pool and surrounding areas, so please respect the pool area as if it were your own.

Please keep in mind a few tips to remember while visiting the pool: Never swim alone, refrain from bringing glass into the pool area, children should always be accompanied by an adult, no diving, no jumping, no food or drinks allowed in the pool, and please make sure the pool area is left the way that you found it. There is an emergency phone at all of the pools in Carolina Bay. We are very excited to kick off the summer and the use of your pool. Everyone deserves a little rest and relaxation!

Remember to pay your dues! If you are delinquent, your pool card will be deactivated and you will not be able to access the pool area!

From the Social Committee

Carolina Bay Easter Egg Hunt March 24th 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Hunts begin at **10:15 am** sharp for three age groups*.

- 0-2 yrs (grassy area by the playground)
- 3-5 yrs (playground)
- 6 & up (large grassy area)

*If you have children of different ages who need to hunt together, please hunt in the oldest child's age group.

Food Trucks, Games, Crafts, Inflatables, Easter Bunny Photos

The Carolina Bay Food Truck Season kicks off Friday, March 23rd at 5:00 pm.

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Use Restrictions

Please know that Carolina Bay is meant for the residential use of owners within the property. In accordance with the governing documents, "no trade, business, profession or commercial activity, or any other non residential use shall be conducted on the project land" without prior Board approval.

Teams, organizations, sports clubs, and lessons should not be conducted on the property unless expressly approved by the Board prior to operation. This is to protect the Association from liability in case something should unfortunately take place such as an injury. This is also to protect the enjoyment of others in the Association.

Should you see this type of activity taking place, please notify [management](#).

Did You Know...?

Street light out?

If you notice a street light out, please report it directly to SCE&G at 1-800-251-7234. Have the pole number and closest address ready when reporting.

Street sign down?

The street signs are custom for Carolina Bay, so please contact management at CarolinaBay@cmgcharleston.com if you notice a sign missing or fallen.

Questions regarding recycling or trash pickup?

If you are unsure about pickup dates, policies, or acquiring a container, know that this information can be found on the City of Charleston [website](#) . Recycling information can be found at the Charleston County [website](#) . If garbage collection was missed in your area for any reason, you can also report this to the City of Charleston by using the [Citizen Support Center](#) .

Do you have a non-emergency police issue?

If you see something in the community that is a safety concern or is a violation of local or state laws, please contact Departmental Team 4 of the [Charleston Police Department](#) .

How do you obtain a new key for the pool?

When buying a home in Carolina Bay, a pool card should have been provided to you. If you need a replacement key, please fill out the information [here](#) . There is a \$25 fee for purchasing a pool key, and this must be paid once the form is completed. If your account is delinquent, your card will not be sent.

How do you replace a post office box key?

The box is owned and maintained by the USPS, so additional keys, key duplication, or replacement keys can be obtained for a fee from your local USPS Post Office. There is not an established fee and the charge is based on local costs. Please contact the Post Office for more information.