



# BAHIA BAY NEWSLETTER

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**FALL EDITION  
2023**

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## SAVE THE DATES!

### ANNUAL FALL BOO BASH

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 2:00-6:00pm access lot. All Ages. Music, food, games, face painting, costume contest and bounce house. Please text Melissa if you can help at 773-326-9270.

### NEIGHBORHOOD OUTDOOR PANTHER'S WATCH PARTY

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. A screen and speakers will be set up at our neighborhood Access Lot for the 4:05pm game. Bring your favorite snack or food to share.

### ANNUAL BAHIA BAY CHRISTMAS CRAWL

Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 4:00-10:00pm. Adults Only. Visit a Host Home for a Christmas Cocktail and Cheer. We can only do this with neighbors opening their home. Call or email MaryAnne Merkel if you would like to Host your home.

### ACCESS LOT UPDATE & REMINDERS

*Rip Rap Protecting Lake Wall* – We need a lead person to coordinate and execute this project with experience in this area to look at the sea wall, assess the current state of the wall and offer suggestions.

*Replacing Floating Dock* – We need a lead person to coordinate and execute this project. The Lake Access Committee is replacing the boards with Trex and plan to have a work day this fall and are also looking for volunteers to help!

If you are willing to help with these items, please email Shannon at [shannomc@mac.com](mailto:shannomc@mac.com) (Access lot Chair) we cannot do this without volunteers and we can consider hiring a contractor if needed.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The following projects were submitted for consideration and we need your input! Please email Shannon with your vote for the following projects:

- 1) Permanent Benches around firepit. The cost for the benches is \$1,100 plus shipping for two benches. Two older benches were donated and are currently being used.
- 2) Installation of kayak/paddleboard rack inside the access lot. Mike Kutsch to provide estimate.
- 3) Permanent Bathroom inside Access Lot: Kathleen Cook to provide estimate.

Email [info@bahiabayhoa.com](mailto:info@bahiabayhoa.com) if you plan to do any home improvements that require a building permit or if you have any comments or questions regarding our neighborhood. Please allow up to three days for a response. We are ALL Volunteers. Thank you

### WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

Coleen & William Wright -  
20817 Sierra Vista Dr.

Michael Basnett & McCasklin  
Elizabeth Pierce - 21520 Rio Oro Dr.

Jamie & Rebecca Pierce Williams  
– 20725 Rio Oro Dr.

Robert & Michelle Marcuso –  
20807 Rio Oro Dr.

James & Cherri Strome –  
21320 Fiesta Place

LKN Visitor Center is a great resource for  
Local Information about our area  
<http://www.visitlakenorman.org>



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Please join our Facebook page by either accessing through the QR code found here or you can type in the shortened URL, which is [bit.ly/Bahiabayresidents](https://bit.ly/Bahiabayresidents)

### Board of Directors Spotlight MaryAnne Merkel – President

I was born at Fairchild Airforce Base Washington. I have 6 siblings. My husband, children and I took root in Charlotte in 1983. Since then, I retired from commercial management leasing and residential home sales in 2015. My parents retired to Rockridge Shores, in Cornelius, so we decided to move closer to them and Lake Norman. Purchased my 1<sup>st</sup> lot on Rio Oro Drive in 1994. My brother and I completed the 1<sup>st</sup> of three homes that we built along Rio Oro Drive from 1995-2005. 28 years later, I am continually grateful to call Bahia Bay home and Base Camp!

I now live my passion by teaching the winter sport of Snow Skiing to beginners or advanced students wanting to critique their skills. You can find me in the mountains of NC or the great Rocky Mountains of CO throughout the winter. I have 3 amazing adult children with their lovely spouses, all living close by and 4 wonderful grandchildren. Call me if you would like your home featured in this years Christmas Crawl or if you need details about the festive adult event in Bahia Bay. (704) 299-2222



### NOTES FROM THE BOARD:

2023 HOA Dues are now past due. A 10% late fee has been added to those residents who have not paid. Please contact Susie Duvall (our treasurer) to make arrangements if you have not done so yet. (704) 787-2075 [sduvall@helenadamsrealty.com](mailto:sduvall@helenadamsrealty.com)

You may also pay your annual association dues by using Zelle and transferring funds to [info@bahiabayhoa.com](mailto:info@bahiabayhoa.com). You will still need to return the prior Access Lot key to Susie Duvall. Please enclose your old access lot key and put your address on the check so it can be applied to the correct property. Homeowners with a past due balance of more than \$500 are subject to a Claim of Lien on their property.

There is a \$25.00 fee for lost/unreturned keys. If you've lost or found a key, please contact Susie.



*A Huge Shoutout to our beautification committee for the placement of Stone, Flowers and Fall decorations at our entrances.*

### LOCAL FALL FESTIVITIES:

Here are links to two local venues that offer fun Fall & Halloween events in our area including pumpkin picking and corn mazes.

Check out <https://www.ruralhill.net> for fun fall and Halloween events and activities

Check out <https://www.carriganfarms.com> for family fun throughout the fall!

### WE NEED YOU!

Our Neighborhood Housing, Social and Beautification Committees are still in need of a few more volunteers. Please contact us through [info@bahiabayhoa.com](mailto:info@bahiabayhoa.com) for more information or to sign up.