

COOPER ESTATES CIVIC CLUB

2015 Newsletter

CECC MEMBERSHIP

Not a member? You should be! Join 140 other households who belong to The Cooper Estates Civic Club, established in 1965. Ask a board member for details!

2015-2016 Costs

Annual Dues:

- \$100 Full Membership
 - \$50 Social / Senior
- \$20 Gate Card Fee (one-time)
- \$150 Initiation Fee (New Members Only)

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING AND PARTY

Join us at Madere's Landing on Sunday, March 29 at 3 PM for the annual meeting of the membership and 50th Anniversary party for The Cooper Estates Civic Club! The club has come a long way since 1965 and we're excited to see what the next 50 years brings. We will hear an update from the current board, hold board member elections (more on that below), and celebrate 50 years of CECC with oysters and grilled chicken. Remember that **DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW** but may be paid as late as the annual meeting with no penalty. Please mail checks to Cooper Estates Civic Club, PO Box 1408, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29465.

WE NEED YOU!

Are you passionate about the landing? Do you have a desire to represent your fellow members while preserving and improving the club? The membership of CECC would benefit from your involvement! If you are interested in running for a position, please email admin@cooperestates.org or call Jules Deas at 843.906.5296! Your name will be added to the ballot for the meeting.

Ballot: Currently Running for Positions

President: Skip Sawin (I)

VP: Bryce Westcott (I)

Treasurer: Avery Smith

Secretary: Todd Heath

If you're interested in sharing your talents and time with CECC but may not wish to run for a position, let us know! Do you have knowledge or experience managing fences, gates, or key access systems? Do you have construction, engineering, or electrical experience and willing to help with minor maintenance and repair of the landing and shelter as needed? Would you be interested in planning parties and events for the club? Are you a super organizer with an interest in building a social tree or contact database for the membership? Have another idea on how you'd like to contribute? Email admin@cooperestates.org or call/email a current board member! You don't have to have a specific skill or idea in mind to be of service.



New Floating Dock Construction, February 2015

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YEAR IN REVIEW: WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Your current board members have been hard at work to follow through on their stated goal of being “stewards of the landing.”

Reorganization and Streamlining of Documentation and Finances

The formal legal incorporation of the club was reestablished, accountants and insurance agents were consulted to ensure proper procedures and coverages, and bank accounts were consolidated to one institution with no maintenance fees. This groundwork will make board transitions smoother in the future as we have a lot of renewed interest in getting involved. Thank you to members Gray Taylor and John Spence for pro bono legal help and insurance reviews.

Launch of New Website

A new website was launched in 2015 with a fresh new look, online calendar reservation functionality, and 76% cost savings on hosting and maintenance. We are actively working to integrate the ability to pay online. Please check back often as we’re adding to the page and making announcements on a regular basis. Thank you to member Todd Heath for running this project.

Capital Improvements

Construction of a new floating dock began in February 2015 and should be installed by mid-March. Much of the material was provided at cost by Charleston’s Rigging and Marine Hardware (owned by member/President Skip Sawin), and significant cost savings were available as a pile driving crew was already mobilized to do work across the creek. Construction of a new swing set is planned for Saturday, March 14 (contact Bryce if you’d like to help!). The gate system and key reader will be undergoing a “brain transplant” this March to ensure easier maintenance and recordkeeping in the future. The gate and card reader will now be maintained by a professional company providing 24/7 services on an as needed basis. We will need to issue new cards to members for a one-time additional cost of \$20 due at the time of annual dues renewal. Many thanks to Skip Sawin and Bryce Westcott for managing these projects and working hard to cut costs. If you have been down to the Madere’s Landing lately, you have seen the condition of the shelter roof. We are actively working to address the current roof of our shelter and hope to have a budget (and possibly the repairs) completed by our annual Oyster Roast.

SPECIAL THANKS: A DECADE OF SERVICE

Madere’s Landing and the Cooper Estates Civic Club would not be what they are today without those who have generously served over the years, both in board positions (thank you!) and informally through cleanup days, other projects, and other engagements. The current board would like to take a moment to specifically thank Rick Stanton for 10 years of service to the club and the landing. Rick, currently Treasurer, has served in various capacities and spent countless hours in service of CECC. He has been instrumental in much of what we enjoy today, and has had a hand in a lot this past decade – including gate installation and maintenance, fire pits, picnic tables and more. With many waiting in the wings and eager to serve, Rick decided this year that it was time to step down. We thank him for all he has done and hope he can spend some of those hours relaxing and enjoying what he worked so hard to help build along with others over the last 50 years. Thank you, Rick!