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Join us on Facebook!

Join the Half Mile Lake group on Facebook! We currently have more than 180 neighbors sharing important information and just getting to know one another. It's a great way to connect and quickly find out what's going on in HML. You can also log on to our website www.halfmilelakehoa.com.

Half Mile Lake Semi-Annual Yard Sale

Do some cleaning out and make some extra cash! The Half Mile Lake yard sale is coming up on Saturday, October 8. You'll find the flyer inside your newsletter. Cost is \$5. This will cover an advertisement in the Greenville News classified section for three days. Directional posters will also be placed on major roads around the subdivision. The deadline to sign up and get your name and items in the flyer is Sunday, October 2. You can sign up and pay after this date, but your name and address may not appear in the flyer. Drop off your completed form with \$5 to the specially marked box at 408 Bright Water Lane. Contact Karen Sharp at 233-1434 if you have questions. Even if you aren't participating, there will be a lot of extra traffic as well as people walking around the neighborhood. Please be careful driving that morning.

A special note...Wildlife Rehab of Greenville will be participating in the Fall Yard Sale at HML. WRG is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that depends on donations from the public to help injured and orphaned wildlife in the Upstate of SC.

Wendy Watson, a longtime resident of HML, will be accepting donations for WRG to sell in the yard sale. Please consider donating a few items that are in good shape to help wildlife in your backyard. Contact Wendy at (864) 423-2328 if you have items to donate. Thank you for supporting WRG!



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*If you're interested in writing a guest article for the HML newsletter,
email Kelly at newsletter@HalfMileLakeHOA.com.*

HML Junior Tennis Team

Half Mile Lake has started their first USTA Junior Tennis Team. Nine kids have joined to form two teams. They've already been practicing with coaches John Varner and David Sharp. Matches against other neighborhoods will start in September. The courts will have to be closed on Mondays and Fridays from 5-7pm through October so matches can be played. Good luck with your first season!

Halloween Decorating Contest

Pull those Halloween and fall decorations out of the attic! Bargar Realty will be sponsoring the Halloween Decorating contest! Three Half Mile Lake homes will win a great prize!

Best of Show: \$50 Home Depot Gift Card
Scariest: \$25 Home Depot Gift Card
Best Harvest: \$25 Home Depot Gift Card

Judging will take place on Monday, October 24. Good luck! Please remember, lots of kids will be out in the neighborhood trick or treating on Monday, October 31. Drive slowly and watch out for children. Let's make this a fun and safe holiday!

HML Christmas Parade

Plans are already in the works for the annual Half Mile Lake Christmas parade in December. The parade is a lot of fun and gives us a chance to give back to our community and our own neighbors who are in need. More information to come in our next newsletter in November!



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Pool News

We hope you enjoyed the pool this summer! We heard lots of great comments about the snack bar, the new umbrellas and tables, the flowers, the pergola, etc. If you have suggestions for next year, or if you would be interested in joining the pool committee, contact us at pool@halfmilelakehoa.com. We'd love to have new pool committee members to help us with pool events, maintenance, setting and maintaining policies, etc. There are a lot of ways to get involved, so please let us know if there's a way you'd like to use your talents and time to help us out.

Several swimmers completed the Half Mile Swim Challenge. Throughout the summer, they kept track of their laps, and those who swam a half-mile were eligible to participate in a special luau party! We enjoyed a delicious catered meal, played fun games, and really felt a sense of community and friendship as we interacted with neighbors. We would like to thank Duane Bargar, our neighbor and owner of Bargar Realty, who generously sponsored the event.

Congratulations to the following swimmers who completed the challenge!

Blake Bargar, Bryson Bargar, Dylan Bargar, Trey Bargar, Wes Benson, Collier Cockrell, Carly Cockrell, Kate Cockrell, Diana Cockrell, Dennis Cockrell, Gabrielle Chandler, Paula Chandler, Lauren Emma, Leah Forrest, Daniel Forrest, Addy Forrest, Aubrey Glenn, Alex Hadaway, Andrew Hadaway, Rachel Hamby, Kloie Hart, Dylan Haughton, Noah Haughton, Sarah Huie, Camden Kaminsky, Sydney Kaminsky, Alex Kanipe, Will Kanipe, Drew Kender, Sydney Kender, Amelia Limon, Emily Orr, Paul Orr, Noah Orr, Max Pechin, Olivia Pechin, Charles Price, William Price, Eva Phillips, Paul Phillips, Graeme Puryear, Jacob Robinson, Cayla Rodriguez, Drew Sharp, Sam Sharp, Karen Sharp, David Sharp, Grant Smith, Alex Spencer, Trip Terry, Lizzy Terry, Will Terry, Suzanne Terry, Eleni Tsiatsios, Aiden Tyler, Cullen Walker, Emma Waters, Ian Waters, Paul Waters, Lucy Woodhouse, Colt Woodhouse, and Bryson Woodhouse.

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**HALF MILE LAKE
-FALL GARAGE SALE-
SATURDAY, October 8, 2011**

**Sign up for the Spring Garage Sale Begins –September 11, 2011
FEE is \$5.00 Per Family**

This Fee includes a large advertisement in the Greenville News classified section for three days. Directional posters will be placed on major roads around the subdivision. All monies collected above the cost of doing the Garage Sale go back to the Homeowners Association for common area improvements. The GARAGE SALE will be held in your own Garage, Driveway, or Front Yard for your convenience.

**Please return this portion of the form with the \$5.00 fee to:
Karen Sharp - 408 Bright Water Lane – Phone# 233-1434**

Please place form and fee in the special marked box placed in the yard at 408 Bright Water Lane. If paying by check make checks payable to ‘Half Mile Lake Homeowners Association’ (HML-HOA)

-DEADLINE: Sunday – October 2, 2011-

Note: If you want your items and house to be listed on the flyer your form must be turned in by the deadline. Other sales can sign up after deadline but they may not be listed on the flyer. We need time to type and make copies of flyer- Thank You!

NAME: _____ **TELEPHONE:** _____
ADDRESS: _____ **ITEMS BEING SOLD:** _____

Know Your Neighbor: Kevin & Elizabeth Morrisey



When you think about Major League Baseball today, the first thing to come to your mind could be homeruns, the World Series or maybe even steroids. But a husband and wife writing team hope after you read their new book, you'll think about Christianity.

Kevin and Elizabeth Morrisey describe "God's Lineup: Testimonies of Major League Baseball Players" as a book on Christian Major League Baseball Players and how the Lord has worked in their lives both on and off the field.

"We were blessed with the opportunity to interview 26 current and former ballplayers. Our goal was to get to ask the players about how they came to know Jesus, how the Lord has helped them through the good and tough times, and how has the Lord influenced them in the game of baseball."

A few of the players they interviewed include University of South Carolina star and Oakland A's catcher Landon Powell, Tampa Bay Rays All-Star Ben Zobrist, Rookie of the Year players Todd Worrell, Todd Hollandsworth, and Tim Salmon, and 2004 Red Sox World Series champion Trot Nixon.

Kevin says, "One of the many things I learned from the players is how much they value their wives and children and how they see the game as a blessing for them to have a platform to speak about the Lord."

Kevin and Elizabeth are working with a local Christian publisher, Ambassador International. Watch for "God's Lineup" to hit stores next spring.

The couple has a 1-year-old daughter. They've lived in Half Mile Lake for 4 years.

Fun Events Going On this Fall

Euphoria – September 22-25 – Downtown Greenville
Adults will enjoy this event filled with wine, music and food from world-class chefs. Proceeds benefit Local Boys Do Good.

Greer Oktoberfest – Saturday, October 1 – Downtown Greer
Enjoy all things German at one of Greer's most popular festivals!

Fall For Greenville – October 14-16 – Downtown Greenville
Get a taste of Greenville from more than 40 of our finest restaurants.

Carolina First Saturday Market – Saturday mornings – Downtown Greenville
Fresh, local food! The Saturday Market continues through October 29.

Greenville Open Studios
Saturday November 5, 10am - 6pm;
Sunday November 6, 12pm - 6pm

Greenville Open Studios is a weekend event which opens the studios of local visual artists to the public. The event showcases artists at work in their studios. HML neighbor, Brenda Morgan will have her home glass studio open @ 112 Doelling Court for Open Studios. Come by and see how handmade glass beads are made. Follow the yellow 'Open Studios' signs and drop by on November 6th or 7th. For more details check out www.greenvilleopenstudios.com.



Keeping Half Mile Lake a Safe Neighborhood

Over the summer Half Mile Lake and surrounding areas experienced several break-in's. One man was arrested and faces quite a few charges. A HML woman had her purse stolen when someone came into her home through an open garage door, while others had their cars broken into. This sparked a lot of conversation about neighborhood safety on HML's Facebook page and some great information was shared.

With more than 300 homes, we have plenty of eyes and ears to watch out for each other. If you notice any suspicious activity in Half Mile Lake, call the Sheriff's Department at 271-5210. Some other tips from the Greenville County Sheriff's Department include:

- * Trim shrubs so windows and doors are in full view from the street.
- * Maintain and use adequate lighting, especially at entry points.
- * Don't leave ladders and tools lying around outside where burglars can use them to enter your home.
- * All valuables, like lawn mowers and bicycles should be locked in your garage or shed.
- * Always keep your garage doors closed and locked.
- * House numbers should be large, prominently displayed and well-lighted to insure they can be easily read from the street.

Go to the sheriff's department website to read even more tips. <http://www.gcso.org/community-safety-tips.php>

During the break-in's many people on Facebook asked about possible solutions, like surveillance cameras or making HML a gated community. Our HOA president Tom Berg did his best to answer these questions. For those who may not have seen, here are some of his responses.

Can we make HML a gated community?

Tom's response: These are county roads so we can't put up entrance gates. Since they are county roads, they also determine whether speed humps are needed. We've asked multiple times, but have not met their criteria for number of cars, speeding, etc. for the humps.

Can we install surveillance cameras at our entrances?

Tom's response: The HOA owns land only at the main State Park entrance. The land the HOA owns at Howlong Ave. does not have any buildings to place camera equipment in. The HOA doesn't own any land at the Black Knob entrance. We've thought of it, but it isn't possible logistically.

Trash Day Moves to Thursday

The week of August 22nd, trash and recycling pickup day in Half Mile Lake changed from Friday to Thursday. You still need to have your garbage/recycling out by 7am. The Greater Greenville Sanitation sent out a note to homeowners about this and a few other changes. In case you didn't receive one, here are the highlights.

- *To control costs, GGSC is moving to a 4-day work week
 - *The holiday schedule will follow the same sliding collection schedule as it has in the past.
 - *Collection vehicles for recycling are changing and will look more like garbage trucks. GGSC wants those recycling to take note that your content is not being put in the garbage.
 - *For additional questions, call (864) 232-6721 or visit www.greatergreenvillesanitation.org
- With fall approaching, remember that effective July 1, GGSC stopped offering bagged leaf collection. They want you to leave your green waste stacked in a loose pile on the curbside. Unfortunately, many times those loose leaves and yard waste blow into our lake. If you are able to mulch and avoid leaving loose leaves on the curb, that will help keep Half Mile Lake clean!



Save your Box Tops!

Still in the habit of clipping Box Tops even though your kids aren't in school anymore? You can still help your local schools raise money! HML neighbor, Karen Sharp is in charge of Box Top collection at Paris Elementary. If you have any you'd like to donate, contact her at 233-1434. Last year, Paris got \$1500 just from Box Tops! She wants to get even more money this year, so please consider helping out. It's an easy way to get money for our schools!

Box Tops can be found on many top brands like Betty Crocker, Kleenex and Ziploc. Check your cereal boxes, too! Many General Mills products, like Cheerios and Total, have Box Tops. For a complete list, go to boxtops4education.com.