

Centerville Conservation Community

Presidents Thoughts June 2022

It is hard to believe that 2022 is almost half over! Time sure flies by fast.

I thought it might be a good time to put down on paper what we have accomplished this year and also talk about some of the challenges we will be facing going forward.

First off let's talk about some of the good things you can see happening in our little piece of paradise.

If you have driven past the barn and the pastures in recent weeks you have seen that we are replacing ALL of our 18 year old wood fencing on the property. The new fencing looks great and I believe is a needed investment for Centerville.

If you have ventured down to either of our lakes I think you will agree they are looking good. Amber Lake has never looked better and I hear the fish population is doing well. Lake Pisgah continues its slow recovery from a multi year weed problem. We are not all the way there yet, but we sure are making progress.

A couple of good things are also going on at the lake house. Community socials are back! It has been way too long since we have been able to get together with our neighbors for fun and relaxation. You will also notice we have installed a really special fire pit for use during the colder months.

The results of the recent controlled burn are looking great. Thanks to our great Land Committee. This is a long term commitment to keep Centerville the very special ecological place it is.

These are just a few of the positive changes we are trying to make for our community.

But, we still have some challenges we need to address.

There is not a day that goes by that I don't get a call or email about the speed that vehicles continue to drive on our roads. To that end you have probably seen members of the Leon County Sheriff's Office out doing speeding enforcement. The last thing any of us want to get is a ticket for speeding. So please slow down and keep our kids, pets and walkers safe.

We have also seen an increase in the amount of vandalism in the community. Whether it involves hitting one of our gates with a vehicle or having vehicles being driven off road causing damage to our land these acts cost us all in money to repair damages as well as damage to our community.

To that end the board has voted to install video cameras at key locations in Centerville to try and identify the people who are causing these damages.

Lastly, our community works because we have been blessed with people who volunteer their time and efforts to keep Centerville special.

We will have 2 openings for board members on our Architectural Control Committee starting in January as well as an opening on our HOA board. So if you would like to volunteer to fill one of these spots please reach out to a board member to let us know and we can get you involved.

Thanks for letting me ramble on a little in this note but I truly believe Centerville to be a community that we all should be hugely proud of and privileged to live in. But our success as a community will continue to require effort, thought and commitment.

Larry