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# Communications Committee

----- SUZANNE WHITE

**Countryhouse Website:** We continue to keep the Countryhouse website up to date by listing our calendar of events, news, and board documents. Check it out at:

<https://www.countryhousehoa.org>

**Volunteers:** As the new HOA year approaches this November some Board seats will change. Please contact Tom O’Connell, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, if you’re interested.  
 bod@countryhousehoa.org

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Fearington Oktoberfest – music, food, art, clubs  
The Gathering Place @ 5:00 – 7:00 pm
- Oct 17<sup>th</sup> Pickleball Introductory Clinic  
Fearington Courts @ 12:30 pm
- Oct 19<sup>th</sup> FHA Green Scene – dispose of pharmaceuticals,  
check your fire extinguishers, and shred documents  
The Gathering Place @ 9:00 – Noon
- Oct 17- 27 North Carolina State Fair Flower Show
- Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Countryhouse Annual Meeting – Quorum needed  
The Gathering Place @ 7 pm (Sunday)

# Maintenance Committee

----- JOHN KING

**Walkway Repairs** – CTI has completed the repairs to the walkways, but we continue to have voles pop up the bricks. Please let Mill House know if you are having vole problems with your walkway. Also, we have found several walkways that are flooding during some of the heavy rains we have had lately. One of these was repaired this month. We are making a list of the remaining and will work with the Drainage Committee to develop a solution to the flooding.

**Garage Doors** – Before calling Mill House if your garage door will not close, please check to see if the electronic sensors at the bottom of the door frame are blocked by trash, leaves, pine straw or spiders. Sometimes the sensors get bumped when putting items in the garage and they get out of line. All of this will cause the door to not close or sometimes not open.

# Drainage & Erosion Committee

-----STEVEN BOTBYL & BETTY ROBIE

The D&E committee continues to gather data as heavy rain events hit Country House.

Residents and Close reps are sending pictures of their flooding concerns. Committee members are visiting addresses where homeowners fear flooding damage.

Our drainage maps are almost complete. The committee is in touch with vendors who may bid on ongoing drainage work beginning in 2025.



# Maintenance Cont'd



**Garage & Porch Lights** – Call Mill House if your outside garage light is burned out. To replace your front porch light, you can purchase the Port Oxford, model number 23212 on the Home Depot web site. If you want a smaller one the model number is 23211.

**Deck Inspection** - The Maintenance Committee has finished inspecting original decks. We have recommended a vendor for these repairs and work should begin soon. Reminder: the HOA will only make repairs to original decks. Maintenance such as power washing, staining, or painting is the homeowner's responsibility.

**Garage Window Inspection** – Sixteen garage windows were replaced this year. If your garage window does not stay open, please let Mill House know so that it can be placed on the list for future repairs.

# Architecture Committee

----- GLENN ALEXANDER

The Architecture Committee has no news to report this month. If you have a deck or patio renovation, remember to submit an application through AppFolio first.





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## Landscaping Committee

----- BONNIE O'CONNELL

Fall is here and the leaves will soon be changing color. When the temperature drops these colors emerge as the green chlorophyll in the leaves disappears, allowing the yellow xanthophylls and the orange carotenoids to shine. The red anthocyanins are created by the conversion of sugars in the cooler weather. The result is a beautiful display of color that never fails to disappoint.

The North Carolina State Fair Flower Show will be held 10/17-10/27. It includes custom created garden areas, bonsai and fall mum displays, flower show competition, floral arrangements and various demonstrations. For more information go to [ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/2024](https://ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/2024).

We often get questions about the trees surrounding our homes. The Tree Committee will soon begin the annual fall tree survey, checking on the health and safety of the pines and deciduous trees the characterize our community.

The landscaping crew will continue their fall trimming until all the closes are finished. Just a reminder-they start in the front of all the homes and then come back around to do the back and sides. Some plants in your yard may not be touched, since not all shrubs are trimmed on the same schedule.

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## Have Good News to Share?

We love good news! Send a short byline with a photo, if you like, to Diana Sinisi at [bod@countryhousehoa.com](mailto:bod@countryhousehoa.com)

## Nominating Committee

----- TOM O'CONNELL

I'm pleased to report that two very talented Countryhouse members have volunteered for the Board of Directors: Betty Robie and Patricia Arnold. Thank you both for volunteering to help keep the Board of Directors on track with the future challenges that face us!

I've recently learned that we need an additional candidate due to the retirement of a third Board member. Please let me know if you are interested

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## Roofing Committee

----- DELL FORD



New roofing installed at Sycamore Close  
photo curtesy of Tony Daniels

We have been overseeing:

- the roofing contractor on the schedule,
- the independent contractor on the roof inspections,
- and visiting homeowners to assure they are informed of what to expect and how to prepare for their reroofing.

Currently, the reroofing project is progressing on schedule.

