

To: Joseph Tanner/Fire Rescue Chief firechief@horrycounty.org

Re: Fire Safety Concerns

Date: 7/12/16

Reply from Joseph Tanner/Fire Rescue Chief: Follows this letter

I am writing you to see if you can possible give me some direction as to who I should contact.

This is a letter on behalf of the homeowners in the sub divisions Myrtle Beach Golf and Yacht Club (about 1100 households), Cyprus Plantation (about 500 households), Rivers Reach (about 40 households), Bay View Golf Condominiums, several individual home sites which also border the property and the Sea Coast Youth Academy. It is written to express concerns about the problems caused by the lack of maintenance of the currently closed Heron Point Golf Course owned by Condo World and Heron Point Golf Club Limited Partnership.

Myrtle Beach Golf & Yacht is currently being sued by CondoWorld and Heron Point property owners concerning use of the Golf Course property and until that litigation is resolved by the courts the only permitted use of that property is a golf course. The golf course is closed and is severely over grown. After almost a year of ignoring county ordinances, the owners have begun sporadic cutting of the outer 50 feet.

The golf course property winds through the Myrtle Beach Golf and Yacht Club, Cyprus Plantation, and Rivers Reach subdivisions. A large portion of the golf course property consists of non contiguous individual parcels. These golf course parcels are narrow and ringed with homes.

As the dry, hot summer runs its course, community members are becoming increasingly concerned with the fire safety hazard posed by the unmaintained golf course property.

As mentioned, the current golf course owners are only cutting a 50 foot perimeter on the property. The weeds have reached a height of 6 to 12 feet in various places. Dead dried grass has reached excessive heights on all the unmaintained fairways. Pine straw, pine cones, and fallen dead branches continue to accumulate.

Security forces of these communities are not able to enter the property due to the no trespassing signs posted by the owners. People have been observed smoking while walking and biking through the property.

The communities are concerned that a lightning flash, a spark from a firecracker, fire pit or barbeque grill, or a casually tossed cigarette butt from a passing car on one of the several holes that run parallel to Bay Road, could ignite a fire.

Any help or information you could offer our communities would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

James P. McGowan
VP MBG&YC HOA

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Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2016 13:23:02 +0000

From: Tanner, Joseph <tannerj@horrycounty.org>

To: MBG&YC/James McGowan

Thank you for your contact this morning. We will be happy to look into this situation for you. I will begin by sending this to our Codes Enforcement Division for the County to see if there is any remedy there.

I will also look into a couple of programs that we may be able to bring to your communities, even though you already know the dangers and concerns of uncontrolled wildfires.

Thank you for being fire conscience in your communities, it really does take us all working together.

Joey Tanner

Fire Chief

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