

## Special Addition!!!!

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I am writing this newsletter early as a special edition because of Hurricane Joaquin passing by the shores of South Carolina. I want to assure our friends and family that we are alright! I also want to make some sort of record of what took place. As many of you know, we did get a significant amount of flooding here at Lakeside Crossing from that weather system! Bob & I did **not** get water inside our house, even though the house had about a couple of inches around most of the base. We did get water in the crawl space, which probably amounted to a couple of feet! Most of our neighbors experienced the same thing, more or less. We did not loose power or cable through out the experience which was amazing! At the height of the water, we started to hear some noises in the sewer system, so we refrained from using water as much as possible. The water started to rise late on Sunday, October 4th. The water continued to rise Monday, Monday night, and on Tuesday it was at it's highest point, and the rain had lessened also. Late Tuesday, the sky showed signs of clearing, and the lake behind us seemed to be going down slightly. The water in the front of our house showed signs of going down a few inches, but not nearly as much as the lake. We w expected to be flooded for several days. Most of us had not been sleeping well, and our neighbors said they went to bed about 1:00 AM. Now are you readers paying attention? Wednesday, October 7th, is my Bobs' birthday!!! I got up first on Wednesday morning, and when Bob got up I waited until he walked towards the front door, opened it and I said, "Happy Birthday, dear!!!" The front flooding had gone completely down to street level! We both stood there in absolute amazement, as I know our neighbors did! Sometime between one AM and seven AM somebody pulled the plug in the 'bath tub'!!!!!! Thank you God!! The lake gradually returned to normal and the company that mows the grass came in and cleaned up the streets. Companies made bids to pump out the crawl spaces, inspect for damages, and make repairs. It wasn't long before we began looking better. Marv Singleton's company pumped out our crawl space, as well as others on our block. Yesterday they removed our water logged AC ducts, and today, installed the new ducts.

This is as good a time as any to identify the new owners of Lakeside Crossing properties. *Sun Communities* purchased the property a few months ago! In our opinion, they are doing an excellent job helping us get back to normal. I don't think I mentioned that Nancy had retired. Two ladies, Debra and Sandy took over the front desk and the vast communication needs a community of this size requires! They have done an outstanding job keeping us informed about what is going on, much of it by frequent emails. Sun Communities is a big company, with property in about 30 states, this being the first one in South Carolina. No doubt they were as upset as any of us when this '*Once In A Thousand Year*' storm hit. There may be another page added to this newsletter later, so keep tuned!



The top picture is self explanatory at the front of our house. The second 2 pictures is the back looking at our lake with a couple of inches of water in our garden bed outside the porch. The last ones are again self explanatory in the back.

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