

MERIFIELD ACRES LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Dear MALA Members,

I had wanted to get this information to you earlier but when we found we could get a postal permit which will save us a considerable amount on our three mailings for the year 1979, I waited until after January 1.

Enclosed are the MALA by-laws and a copy of our roads policy. Please read them as they will undoubtedly clear up many questions and misunderstandings.

MALA is your organization and even though formed by Mr. David Wilson, President of Merifield, Inc., in September 1977, we are a separate entity composed only of landowners in the Merifield Acres Subdivision. Its purpose is to maintain the roads, those Common Facilities you are willing to pay for, preserve the natural beauty and to encourage and assure the erection of attractive homes enhancing the value of the lots herein.

Our annual general meeting was held September 17, 1978 at which time eight directors were elected for a three year term and one director for a two year term. Most of the discussion centered around the agreement made between Merifield Inc. and the note-holder of the property and Trustees to allow a portion of Parcel C to be developed as campsites and Parcel D which originally could be used as campsites could not be developed as residential building sites. This agreement was made in April 1978 without the knowledge of MALA. A vote by ballot was taken and it was unanimous against using a part of Parcel C as campsites. We realize many of you were promised a campground by Merifield, Inc. but in December 1976 Mr. David Wilson, President of MI, sent a letter to those owning property at that time stating that:

"The following criteria were developed and these axioms will continue to govern any potential development:

1. Any campground will be operated by a separate corporation using a different name.

2. The entrance into any campground area will be totally separate from any existing road system leading into Merifield Acres.
3. There will be a buffer zone created so that any campground will be, in effect, invisible from the residents of Merifield Acres.
4. The proposed site of the camping area would be over 1.5 miles from any existing home."

The proposed site in Parcel C meets none of these criteria. At no time was Oak Run Park (playground area) to be used for tenting, camping, nor the parking of self contained motor homes. Since the Planning Commission is not empowered to act in this matter, it has been turned over to MALA's attorney.

The Board of Directors of MALA met immediately following the general meeting and the following were elected as your officers:

President: Helen Albrecht Rt. 1, Box 61 U, Clarksville, Va. 23927

V. Pres.: Milton Taylor 600 Harding St., Raleigh, N.C. 27604

Sec.: John Thiel Rt. 1, Box 60 D, Clarksville, Va. 23927

Treas: Ray Eberly Rt. 1, Box 60 C, Clarksville, Va. 23927

Committee Chairmen:

Roads: Margaret White Rt. 1, Box 61 Y, Clarksville, Va. 23927

Architectural: Barney White Rt. 1, Box 61 Y, Clarksville, Va. 23927

Liaison: Dr. Raymond Maret 702 Haneshill Ct., Raleigh, N.C. 27609

Common Facilities: Bill McIlwee Rt. 1, Box 58 A, Clarksville, Va.

The Roads Committee asks that those of you contemplating building please note Item No. 11 in the roads policy as you will want to make your builder aware of this before he starts construction.

The Architectural Chairman asks that in keeping with your Covenants, page 2, Paragraph 2, that you submit your plans either by mail or arrange a meeting if you desire.

The Common Facilities Committee asks that you please answer the inquiry on what facilities you are most interested in.

At our Board of Directors meeting held December 3, 1978, it was agreed to accept the Quit Claim Deed to certain roads specified by Merifield, Inc. We understand that the rest of the roads and the Common Areas will be deeded to us in 1979. As stated in

the roads policy only the two main roads will be sanded or cindered as needed this winter but not plowed.

For you new vacation homeowners we suggest for the winter months to either leave heat in your home or drain the pipes. It does get cold!

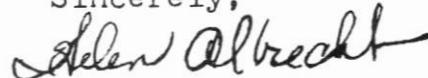
Perhaps some of you do not realize that the controversy over the withdrawal of water from Lake Gaston affects Kerr Lake. Veeco has an agreement with the Corps of Engineers that Lake Gaston will not fluctuate by more than 12 inches. As Lake Gaston is fed by Kerr Lake you can readily understand our concern. We suggest you write your Congressmen and Senators objecting to this proposal.

We ask your help in getting our records straight. We are using Merifield, Inc. records and membership list which are not the most complete nor completely accurate. Once MALA is in complete charge, we hope to be very accurate. We need your help---

1. In the case of joint ownership (2 families) please give us this information and who to bill for the assessment.
2. If our records are wrong--Lot number, Unit number and/or assessment payment--please tell us.
3. If you sell your property, we would appreciate knowing to whom: name and address.
4. Which of the present common facilities are you the most interested: Tennis Court, Playground/picnic area, Airstrip, and/or stable?

The 1979 assessment will remain the same. Notices will be sent in mid-January. We don't want to be hard nosed but must collect these monies to keep Merifield Acres the lovely community it is.

Sincerely,



Helen Albrecht
President, MALA