

To: Gary Loftus
Re: Fire Safety Concerns
Date: 7/11/16

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, and several individual home sites which also border the property. 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.

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.

The current 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.

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.

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.

We need the county to enforce its ordinances. Have the owners abide by the law, before fire causes a tragedy in one of our communities.

Respectfully,

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