

**Taberna Master Homeowners Association**  
**President's Letter – February 2020**  
**by: Bart Rovins - President**

One year ago, in this space, I mentioned the slow turning wheels of progress in Eastern North Carolina. When I looked back on my February 2018 and 2019 updates, I wrote about the US-70 project, the Old Airport Road improvements and Covenant violations. As of this writing, I don't have anything of substance to report, and therefore, will continue with the multi-year trend of discussing roads and covenants in this update.

The January meeting will be the first regular meeting for the new Board of Directors. We did conduct an orientation meeting for Rob D'Angelo, Jonathan Foster and Wayne Maruna in December. With the quantity of information, we provided I know they felt like they were drinking from a fire hose. All Taberna owners are welcome to attend our regular meetings which are held at the Taberna office (1310 Old Cherry Point Road) at 3 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

### **US-70 - James City Project**

I reviewed the Department of Transportation's website in preparation for this update, and there wasn't any new information. You are welcome to monitor the progress of this major project at [www.ncdot.gov/projects/US70\\_jamescity](http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/US70_jamescity). Here is an update on the schedule:

- Spring 2020 – Right of way acquisition begins
- Summer 2020 – Utility relocation
- Early 2021 – Construction begins
- Late 2023 – Construction complete

As I mentioned at the Annual Meeting, the HOA has been contacted about right-of-way acquisition for the signage, brick and iron works on the east side of the Taberna entrance, but we haven't any further information. We have not been contacted about the signage, brick, and iron works on the west side of the entrance. We will continue to monitor and coordinate with the City of New Bern as the brick and iron work at our entrance actually sit on property owned by the City.

### **Old Airport Road**

The project to widen Old Airport Rd between Evans Mill and Taberna is underway. The first phase between Carolina Colors and Evans Mill will be completed around March 15<sup>th</sup>. The second phase between Taberna and Carolina Colours should start around the middle of February. This \$2.2 million project will convert Old Airport Road from the current narrow two-lanes to three 12-foot wide lanes with four-foot paved shoulders and bike lanes.

### **Covenant Compliance**

One of the key responsibilities of the HOA, with the support of CAMS, is Covenant compliance. CAMS audits our community for covenant compliance on a monthly basis. If you receive a notice of a violation and are not able to immediately correct the violation, you should contact CAMS to establish a schedule for when the violation will be corrected. On typical violations, CAMS can be flexible on the timing of corrections. Most of the violations in 2019 were for:

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- Property maintenance – trimming of bushes and trees and fence maintenance
- Washing of the home and driveway to remove mold and grime. CAMS won't issue notices for power washing until March. So now is a good time to get this work scheduled
- Regular maintenance of the home – shutter replacement
- Outdoor recreational equipment – no boat, boat trailer, other trailer, camper RV, utility vehicle or truck (one-ton or larger) may be parked on any street or lot overnight unless it is within an enclosed garage
- Mailboxes and Numbers – standards have been set for mailboxes and numbers. The condition of your mailbox is important. Faded or missing numbers will make it difficult for emergency personnel to locate your address or may result in problems with mail delivery. The HOA will provide you with replacements numbers at no cost. Please do not buy retail numbers as they will not match the style standard. You can contact Joe Kelly at [jvkelly@suddenlink.net](mailto:jvkelly@suddenlink.net) for new numbers or new mailboxes. If you need help with mailbox repairs, you can contact Jim Young at (252) 637-3819 or [youngsbushhog@gmail.com](mailto:youngsbushhog@gmail.com).

If a resident sees what they believe to be a covenant violation, they are welcome to contact myself at [bart.rovins@gmail.com](mailto:bart.rovins@gmail.com), or Rob D'Angelo at [rdangelo23@gmail.com](mailto:rdangelo23@gmail.com) and we will coordinate with CAMS.

Thank you and see you around the neighborhood.