

Taberna Master Homeowners Association
President's Letter – May 2020
by Bart Rovins - President

Our lives have certainly changed since my last letter. With most of us being limited to our homes the excuse of “I’ll get around to it when I have the time” no longer carries any weight. At least in my case, self-help repairs and yard work have helped to consume my time. I may be optimistic but getting the boat ready for summer is next on my to do list. More on boats later. Please be sure to read to the end as I think you will find the update on the US 70 project interesting.

New Community Manager

Cathy Wade, who has been our community manager ever since we made the transition to CAMS has received a promotion and is relocating to the Wilmington area. Crystal Johnson will be stepping into Cathy’s role as our new manager. If CAMS’ Customer Service Team can’t help you, you can contact Crystal at cjohnson@camsmt.com.

New Flood Zone Maps

Starting June 19th, new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) will be in effect for all Craven County to include the City of New Bern. The map changes are based on a detailed study by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The last FIRMS for the County and City were adopted in July 2004. There are over 60 homes in Taberna that will be in the flood zone and will need flood insurance.

To see if your home is affected, check out the City’s web page <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories>. It will be the second site: “2020 Flood Hazard Changes: Maps, Links, Data.” While my list may not be fully comprehensive, it appears that the impacted homes are primarily located along:

Arbon Lane	Appenzell Lane	Taberna Circle
Arbon Court	Lanky Lane	Taberna Way
Brugg Court	Lugano Road	Jura Court
Emmen Road	Liestal Lane	Baden Lane
Vaud Court	Mellen Road	Baden Court

If your home is affected by the new Flood Maps, it may be worthwhile to purchase flood insurance before the new maps go into effect as the new flood zone will trigger a substantially higher insurance rate. Additionally, if your property has previously gone through a Map Change process to be removed from the flood zone, those approvals may be superseded by the new FIRM.

HOA & COVID-19

The COVID-19 situation has forced the HOA to modify how it conducts its business. In March and April, we opted not to have in-person Board meetings but conducted these meetings by a conference call. We will review the environment later in May to see if we can return to customary in-person meetings. If an owner has a topic that they want to present to the Board, you are welcome to contact me, and we will make the arrangements to include you in the meetings.

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Boats, Trailers and RVs

Here is my annual reminder that pursuant to our Master Protective Covenants boats, trailers, and RV's cannot be parked overnight in your driveway or on a street. City ordinances (Section 70-216) also prohibit any detached trailer or van, when the towing unit has been disconnected, from being parked on a city street. Some of the streets in Taberna are narrow, and the parking of a boat or trailer effectively eliminates one of the travel lanes. Accordingly, you can expect that the New Bern Police will be addressing these situations.

US-70/ I-42

There is a lot of new information on this project on the N.C. Department of Transportation's web site at <https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/us-70-james-city>.

The section between the Neuse River Bridge and Garner Road will maintain the original design concept of U.S.-70 flying over the secondary roads. This includes interchanges at Grantham, Airport, and Williams Roads. This section of U.S.-70 will be a 6-lane divided road with a 22-foot wide paved median and concrete barrier. Service roads will be realigned or constructed.

The section between Garner and Thurman Roads will also maintain the original design concept of U.S.-70 over the secondary roads. This section includes an interchange at Taberna Way and Thurman Road; this part of U.S.-70 will be a 4-lane divided facility with a 46-foot wide grass median and cable guiderail. NCDOT will also build and realign existing service roads to U.S.-70 providing access to U.S.-70 for the properties along the corridor.

One of the innovations that NCDOT is bringing to the project is incorporating roundabouts on Taberna Way and Thurman Road. NCDOT believes that the use of roundabouts in lieu of signalized intersections will improve traffic flow at the bottom of the ramps, reduce future maintenance costs, and be a safer option. Roundabouts will also be constructed on Grantham, Airport, and Williams Roads to improve traffic flow. Visualizations of the roundabouts that will be constructed can be found in the "Photos & Videos" section of the website.

I hope you find this information helpful. As always, if you have any questions, you can contact me or any of the HOA Board members. See you around the neighborhood (from a distance).