

Thank You Jesus!

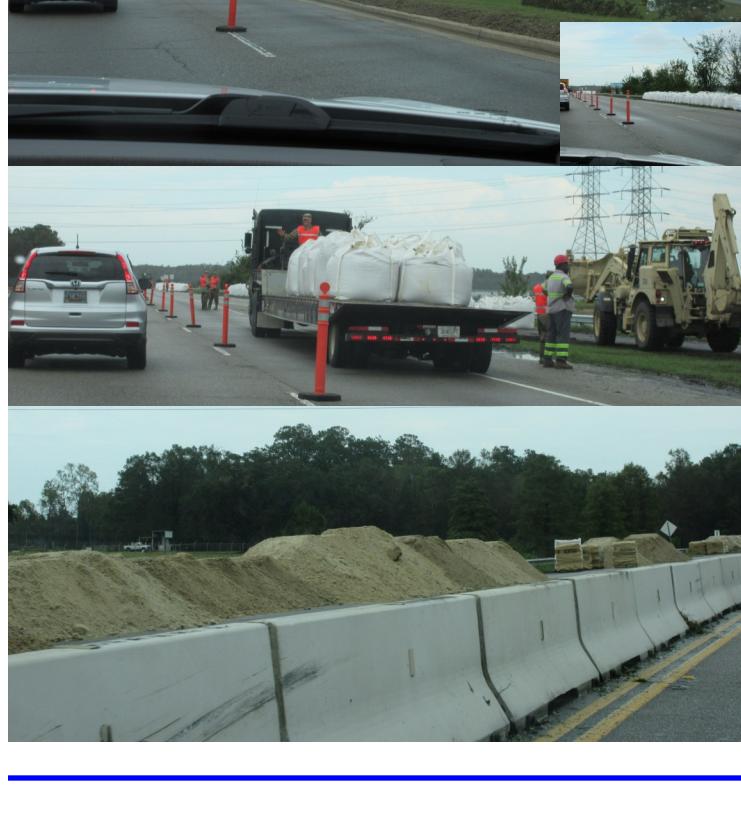
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Hurricane Florence

As the rain poured down on Conway
Rivers over flowed the highway
As Traffic jammed and went no where
We thought we might have to stay here
Black clouds blew by
As waves and tides rose high
And flooded streets and byways
Then suddenly the rain stopped
And the sun gave way
As people returned home
Where they would stay
As Mother Nature went
On her way!

By Ms Ellie Fraser
My Neighbor and Friend

Lake Busbee in Conway

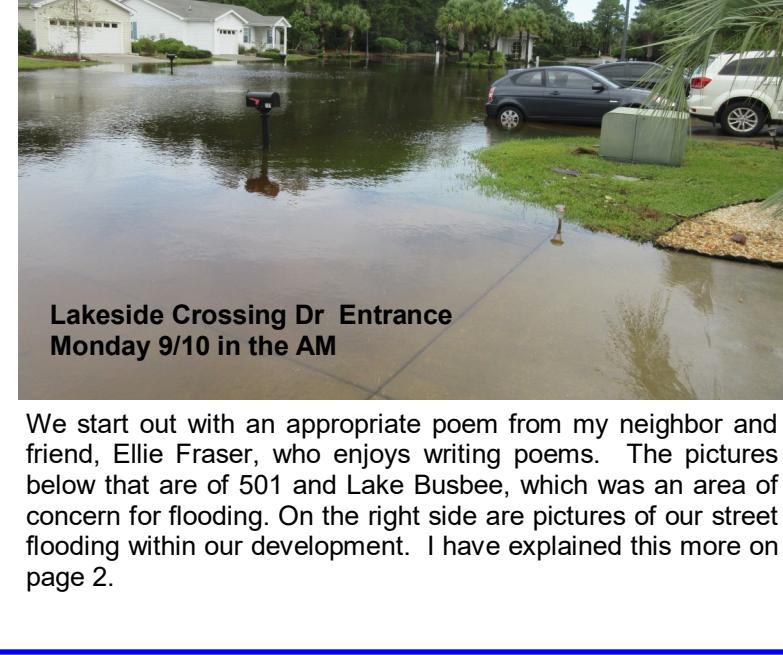


As of Sunday 9/16/18

As of Monday 9/10 in the AM



Monday, 9/10 in the AM



Lakeside Crossing Dr Entrance
Monday 9/10 in the AM

We start out with an appropriate poem from my neighbor and friend, Ellie Fraser, who enjoys writing poems. The pictures below that are of 501 and Lake Busbee, which was an area of concern for flooding. On the right side are pictures of our street flooding within our development. I have explained this more on page 2.

Recovery!!

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Bob & I, along with some of our neighbors, followed the recommendation to evacuate as Hurricane Florence "grew" and became more dangerous! Our immediate neighbors, Ed & Beverly invited us to follow them to a community outside Columbia, SC, called Lykes, where we would stay out of the way of the core of the hurricane. We accepted the warm invitation of their friends and couldn't ask for more gracious people. We really appreciated their help. We were there for 3 nights before starting home on Sunday the 9th. Many people stayed in Lakeside, and Ellie, who wrote the poem on page one, stayed as well. On our way home on Sunday, we witnessed the National Guard putting sand bags along 501 in anticipation of Lake Busbee overflowing during the coming week. We didn't have too much trouble coming home, just slow going with lane closures and heavy traffic. When we got home, there was no flooding, but it was clear that our lake was at 'high normal'. On page 1, right side, see the post sticking out of the water in the larger picture. Sunday night it rained so heavy, it was unreal!! When we got up Monday morning, the smaller picture shows how much of the post was visible. The other pictures below that, shows the street in front of the house. The water had no where to go. That is when Management stepped up and brought in several pumps, pumping street water into the lakes and pumping lake water into the county ditch! Great job! The bottom picture on the right side shows the result, with the flood waters disappearing.



By late Tuesday, you would hardly know we had a flood!

Once again, the Community of Lakeside Crossing had risen to the occasion. Neighbor helping neighbor! Management stepping in and doing what needed to be done! Given the unusual character of Hurricane Florence, there was a definite learning curve for all of us in how to prepare for such events. This is the main reason why Bob & I chose to move here. Please excuse my expression, but when 'shit' happens, you don't have to deal with it alone. We are a community of seniors who know how to use our talents when the situation calls for it. Plus thanks to you Sandy and Sun Communities for watching our back and a job well done.