



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Time seems to fly by while your Board continues working hard. The first six months of this year have seen quite a few accomplishments, many of which were noted in the last Wragg. As you read this edition, you will be pleased to note many new undertakings that have been completed.

When I first moved to Wedgefield, I remember attending Board meetings where only 5 or 6 residents would show up. It is most gratifying to see the renewed interest that all of you have shown. The only regret is that the room is not large enough to hold a larger crowd.

I hope the community appreciates the extra effort we are making by responding to all letters and/or comments in writing. We are making every attempt to respond truthfully and accurately. We appreciate the many constructive and positive letters that we have received, and hope this two-way communication will continue.

The financial concerns of the Plantation are now at a place where we are getting precise and detailed reports monthly. This will help us to accomplish more accurate budget forecasting and will keep all of you more fully informed.

We've all been waiting patiently for the golf course ownership to be resolved. The Marlowe's are once again in control of running the course. As a Plantation, we all need to do our best to support their efforts to insure success.

Aside from day to day needs, your Board is staying informed and involved in:

- the request for a change to the PUD.
- efforts to eliminate the final lawsuits that have been languishing.
- the dredging of the canals, and
- developing a long-term plan to help heal Wedgefield and bring our community back together.

We ask you to join in. Volunteer for a committee and send in your constructive thoughts and ideas. We need your help and we invite the community to be involved.

Karl Gettmann
Board President

Secretary



Madeline Claveloux

The office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 8:30AM to 4:00 PM. Our staff secretary, Kathy Brower, is there to answer your questions in person or on the telephone (546-2718).

Monthly Board meetings are held at the Wedgefield Plantation Association Office on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. The doors open to the membership at 6:45 PM. We are pleased to report that attendance has been good. There's room for more. Please plan on attending the next Board meeting. Parking has been tight but we believe that will be resolved soon. If you are unable to attend a Board meeting, please visit the website to review reports. If you don't have a password to view reports, please see the Community Report for information on how to obtain one.

Have a great summer in Wedgefield Plantation!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PUD HEARING
SCHEDULED JULY 16 5:30 pm



As many of you know, Wedgefield Plantation was approved by Georgetown County as part of a Planned Unit Development or PUD. As part of the settlement in bankruptcy court, a section of the golf course along 16 was deeded to Dave DuMont. He is proposing to build nine single family houses and has applied to the Georgetown County Planning Board for a **MAJOR change to the PUD**. This hearing is scheduled for **July 16**.

At the June 16 meeting of the Wedgefield Plantation Board of Directors, in response to the issues raised from the floor, the Board voted to oppose this pending change to the PUD. **This is probably the most serious issue facing us at this time and could have a major impact on our quality of life**. We encourage you to stay informed and to try to attend this hearing.

We have confirmation by letter from Georgetown County Planning Commission that this public hearing IS scheduled for July 16 at 5:30pm. We have started a **petition** and encourage residents who are against this MAJOR change to the PUD to please stop by the office and sign the petition. We will also post this info on the website as well as place a sign at the entrance reminding all of the scheduled July 16th hearing.

Landing

Karl Gettmann



The landing is an attractive opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the Black River and the tranquility of the canals. It is also for the use of Wedgefield residents only. We continue to receive complaints about abuse of our landing area. We have had reports of golf carts 'drag racing' and avoiding the gate. The gate is frequently left open, and on a nice weekend, we have recorded up to eight vehicles and trailers without the appropriately affixed Wedgefield stickers. You must accompany your guests and the stickers must be permanently affixed to both your vehicle and trailer.

We've recently received the okay from our attorney to post a 'no trespassing/vehicles will be towed' sign. Members of the water amenities committee will be monitoring the landing for violators. In addition, we will be adding a post to the end of the gate. This post will stop unauthorized motorized traffic, but will allow for walkers and bicyclists



Easter Egg Hunt

We had a wonderful turnout for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt this year! Thanks to everyone who came out and participated. A BIG thanks goes to our egg hunt organizers....Holly Fesperman, Brandy Cheek, Kelly Kelley, Holly Causey & Brenda Martin. We greatly appreciate Sandy McMillian for donating eggs and a large chocolate rabbit that we used for a raffle.

We had over 1,500 filled eggs and every child left with a basket overflowing with eggs and a special prize. We are already planning for next year's hunt. If you have any plastic eggs to donate, please drop them off at the office.



Community



Madeline Claveloux

I'd like to give some general thoughts on writing to the Board. We will make an effort to provide answers because we believe in open communication. Some are sending threatening and accusatory writings that assist no one and do not encourage communication. Direct, respectful requests for information would better serve our community as the Board makes every attempt to move forward. Please consider the following:

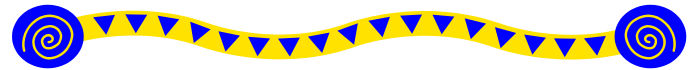
- all questions and complaints for the Board must be put in writing. Do not put our staff secretary in the middle by calling her and asking her to relay the message.
- do not leave your questions for the Board on the answering machine.
- do not call Board members at home. Stop in the office during regular business hours and fill out a report, email, use US mail, or leave them in the drop box.
- If your question is a repeat question i.e. we covered the same question in a Community Report, which is in the minutes, or in a report in the Wragg, you will be directed to the proper report, etc.
- All minutes can be picked up at the office or viewed on the website. The newsletters are also posted on the website

All of our governing documents can be viewed on the website or a copy provided for you at the office. If you are preparing a complaint please review these documents to determine whether the Board can take action before you contact us. If you do not have a password to view Board documents, please go to the website, hit the web master button, (last button, lower left) and an email form will pop up and you may request your password. This process may take a few days

In general, remember that living in an HOA does not remove self-advocacy. This month we've had a crowing rooster, barking dogs and loud music. Last month we had door to door solicitation, children riding golf carts on the roads and golf course, a quote "reckless school bus driver", resident drivers traveling too fast and not stopping at stop signs. The Board cannot stop and fine a motorist, take a golf cart from a child, come to your home and chase a door to door salesman away, or serve as animal control. After many reports about the reckless school bus driver, we sent a letter from the Board to the school authorities. Why had no one called the school or the police to report someone driving children while talking on a cell phone and running over

property and failing to stop at stop signs? Do you know a person who wrote several months ago about people not stopping at stops signs in the Plantation was turned into us because they had been seen speeding and failing to stop at the stop sign? Residents say, "get the police out here to catch them." Where does your duty and responsibility end? When I talked to the school I had to report what others saw – rather than first hand. If the noise from animal or machine is too loud – call the proper authority. Why would anyone take from their own personal responsibility and power?

Write the Board about things we are truly responsible for. Write respectfully. Every once in a while write when you think we've done well and tell us that. Write some positive suggestions. Write and tell us you want to volunteer for a committee.



Welcome



Welcome to the McAlister's and the Bertka's! We are so happy you decided to move to Wedgefield Plantation. Over the coming months we look forward to meeting you whether it be walking down the streets, at a monthly WPA meeting, or participating in a community activity.

Dale and Bobbi McAlister moved to 164 Swamp Fox. Dale enjoys the outdoors and Bobbi enjoys taking walks with her two dogs.

The Bertka family live at 1137 Francis Parker. Ron and Vanessa are both paralegals for Bell Law Firm. They have 3 children, and also are hosting an exchange student. Ron and Vanessa lived in Pennsylvania and New Jersey prior to moving to South Carolina.

Please be sure to welcome our newest residents.



Be courteous to your letter carrier and trim around your mailbox.

Finance



Ruth Reames

Status of Financial Reporting

Our accountant, Virgil E. Winn, CPA, has finalized the financial reports through May 31, 2009. We also have a year-to-date comparison with the WPA 2009 budget. Copies of all reports are available at the WPA office and on the *website, www.wedgefield-plantation.com. In addition, our secretary is now in the process of transferring the membership data from our in-house system to the Quickbooks program via the internet. The only person with access for changes, additions or deletions is Mr. Winn himself. These restrictions will ensure the safety and accuracy of our data.

Edward Jones Investments In April, the Board Officers met with WPA's investment counselor, Kent Vannier, of Edward Jones and established an investment program of staggered, monthly investments in order to increase our earnings. The investments will be spread out over time so that we are constantly having CD's coming to maturity. This method ensures that we are earning as much as possible and that funds are available should we need them. The CD investments are spread among different banks and fall below caps insured by the FDIC.

Saving Money: New Vendors and Volunteers The Board, Committees, and the membership are continually striving to get the most out of our dollars whether through the use of new vendors and contractors or by simply performing necessary tasks themselves. With the donation of residents' time (sweat equity) and the search for competitive bids and vendors, the WPA will realize a continued savings. Some of these savings include legal services, landscaping and grounds, water amenities – landing and boat ramp repair, donated items for community events, electrical repairs, and residents using their own vehicles and fuel to pick up materials and attend meetings. All these little acts of volunteerism add up to savings for the WPA. We thank all our volunteers.

Accountants Payable and Disbursements WPA has established a new policy for writing checks and paying bills. We have implemented a system of accounts payable forms requiring board member signatures. We have established a schedule for handling accounts payable. We have a chart of accounts at the office to assist board members in properly categorizing expenditures; the Board requires two signatures for every check. This new system will safeguard against duplicate payments and unauthorized expenditures. It has been reviewed by our accountant, the Board and by our secretary. At the appropriate time it will be reviewed for submission to the Policy and Procedures Manual.

*(If you do not have a password to access the reports on the website, click on the **Webmaster** link on the bottom left corner of the page.)

Canals



Mike Davis

Now that Wedgefield Plantation Association has obtained the necessary permits, the Canal Committee is moving on to the next phase: building community consensus on how to best restore and maintain our canal system.

The first task was to redefine the Canal Committee's mission. At its March meeting, the WPA Board reaffirmed the Canal Committee as a regular standing subcommittee of the Water Amenities Committee. It is to continue managing the technical aspects of canal maintenance and a 5 to 15 year plan for the long-term care of the canals.

The Board also established a new Canal Funding Subcommittee under the Water Amenities Committee. Its purpose is to investigate:

- all possible funding scenarios
- differential assessment strategies
- voluntary contributions
- a waterfront sub-association, with supplemental assessment rights.

The Funding Committee will coordinate with the Canal subcommittee and prepare one or more action plans for the WPA Board to consider for approval and funding.

To facilitate possible consideration for federal stimulus funds, the Board also approved hiring a civil engineering firm. They have completed a topographic survey of the old spoils site and prepared a proposed plan for its renovation, which the Committee has approved. With firm bids in hand, the Canal and Funding Committees can begin seeking outside aid as part of any proposed funding schemes to be considered.

The Canal Committee held a well-attended informational meeting on April 28 at the WPA office and plans to hold similar meetings regularly as developments warrant. A short slide presentation recapped the project to date and outlined:

- four proposed phases to restore the canals
- preliminary cost estimates
- alternative funding scenarios being investigated.

The meeting ended with a lively question and answer session.

All the Canal Committee monthly reports, the information meeting slide presentation, and other useful documents are now available on the WPA website under the "Committee Reports, Water Amenities Committee" link. These documents are also available at the WPA office on request.

Thanks to some generous last-minute contributions, we have now paid all but a few hundred dollars of the outstanding legal bills. We are still actively seeking additional volunteers for both the Canal Committee and the Funding Subcommittee. In particular, we would like to have some non-canal lot owners participate to help us shape the best and most favorable plans going forward. Please contact our Chairman, Karl Gettmann through the WPA office if you would like to get involved, or to submit constructive feedback, suggestions, comments, or questions.

Grounds & Office



Larry McMillin

Since April, a great number of things have been done to improve the appearance of Wedgefield.

- Hundreds of donated shrubs and flowers have been planted, all with volunteer help. Applause go to the Wijthoff's generosity.
- Beds and islands have been repaired, planted and mulched, all at minimal cost.
- The brick walls have been re-laid to correct numerous collisions and neglect.
- Park benches have been refurbished and installed in the circle, creating a park-like appearance.

Our plan is to continue the work in the circle with the addition of a rose trellis, gazebo, and lighting of the oaks. Time and available money will dictate when all of this happens.

Many of the Francis Parker Extension issues have been addressed.

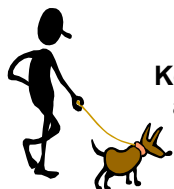
- The cul-de-sac has been graded, filled, irrigated and prepared for planting.
- Some of the drainage problems have been corrected.
- Tree rubble and trash have been removed from a common area. Many thanks go to Al DeMarchi for all of his efforts to help make this work possible.

We're all so proud of the improvements at the entrance.

- The Wedgefield sign has been painted.
- Shrubs have been moved to make way for flowerbeds.
- A new flag was installed.
- The irrigation system was repaired.

Anyone with concerns or constructive suggestions about the grounds maintenance, please contact me through the office.

The office now has termite protection with a yearly maintenance schedule. We are looking into options for closing off the office area from the meeting room. This would provide security to the office while allowing the other areas to be used for community functions. The Communications Committee is in the process of developing guidelines for using the meeting area. By the July meeting, work should be completed on a parking area to be located directly behind the office. Access will be near the pond on the right, close to the gatehouse. It will have temporary lighting and a walkway to the rear door of the building. The area will not be paved so we can preserve its natural setting.



Keep your dog on a leash and "pick up" after him/her.

Georgetown YMCA



The Georgetown County Family YMCA is on schedule to open in August. The brand new state-of-the-art facility is convenient to all residents of Wedgefield, located on Rt 51 just 200 yards from the Rt 701/51 intersection.

We are excited to offer memberships to the community in preparation of our facility opening.

- Adult membership \$40/month
- Family membership \$65/month.
- Also offered are senior, senior couple, student, single household and military memberships
- A 'special' Charter Membership that offers some exclusive benefits to the YMCA facility prior to opening to the general public.

The Georgetown County Family YMCA is a place where members will develop healthy lifestyles, find stress relief, fellowship, networking and family time through programs and services like massage, yoga, stress seminars, swim programs, running groups, volunteer opportunities and sports leagues. To learn more about the YMCA programs or membership contact www.georgetownymca.com or call 436-7197 and ask to speak with Sheila Spinks.



WOW

Women of Wedgefield

Enhancing our community through the skills, knowledge, and experiences of Wedgefield's Women

The Women of Wedgefield gathered for a casual lunch at the Coffee Break Cafe on Front Street for their June meeting. "One of the best parts of getting together," said Joy Birnbaum, "is hearing the buzz of voices talking and laughing, and seeing how everyone is savoring new and long term friendships."



What's next? WOW will be on a summer hiatus, no meetings in July and August, while we busy ourselves with travel, company, gardening and all of the activities that make WOW a diverse and unique group of women. On September 9th, we are planning an early evening "chick flick" accompanied by pizza, salad, soft drinks and cookies. If you forget to mark your calendar, don't worry, we'll remind you with all of the details, in plenty of time

Drainage



Scott Marlowe

I am pleased to report the Plantation has done a fine job handling all of the rain we've had. The reason for our success is a result of the good efforts of all who have been involved with the drainage projects in the past. Kudos to all of them!

We must always remember there is a reason why this is called the Low Country. There will be times during heavy and frequent rains when we will not drain as well, but we are not alone with this problem. Just a reminder, it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain and clean all ditches. Remember, that includes cleaning in front of your house and the ditches within your property lines.

Community Yard Sale Gallery



Legal

Jude Davis



The Wedgefield Plantation Board of Directors has retained the Bell Legal Group with Tom Winslow as our point of contact. The agreement with Bell allows us access to all of their attorneys in any of their offices. Tom jumped right in and has been busy trying to resolve some of the thorny issues facing the Plantation.

We have successfully concluded what has been called the Canal Lawsuit. Although this Board voted to drop the countersuit, and the residents voted to drop their suit, there appeared to be confusion getting the necessary signatures. With Tom's help, we resolved the confusion and this suit is OVER!

The Legal Committee is still trying to resolve the Tiller lawsuit, as well as the suit brought by the former owners of the golf course. Jude Davis found the 2006 proposal to resolve the issue with the Tiller's. This proposal is acceptable to the Board and is being presented to the Tiller's once again.

On, or around, April 22, the iron work that was intended to be used for extending the boat ramp was removed from the end of Boathouse Road. Although it was determined that this device was useless, it did cost the Association \$8000.00 and its removal was determined to be grand theft. Of particular concern to the Board was the fact that someone used a marina gate key to access the area. Since the extension weighed over one ton, was delivered on a flat bed truck and off loaded by a front loader, we believe the same equipment was used to take it away. Wedgefield residents, our landscape contractor, and several law enforcement officials are the only ones authorized to have keys to the landing area. It disturbs the Board, and should disturb every resident, that one someone we either know and/or trust participated in this theft.



Don't feed the alligators! They are wild animals, not pets.



You must have a valid driver's license to drive a golf cart on public roads.

Volunteer Opportunity



Miss Ruby's Kids* is looking for volunteer Education Mentors

**Miss Ruby's Kids is a non-profit organization that "enables parents lacking in resources to become their child's first, best teacher by promoting literacy skills and to increase their child's chances of success in school and in life."*

The Education Mentor Program is a school based support program designed to insure the continued educational success of each of our program graduates by providing a mentor who communicates with the child's family and school personnel.

If you would like to be an important part of a child's life, contact Wendy Walsh, Program Coordinator, Miss Ruby's Kids (843) 527-8560 coordinator@missrubyskids.net

The Yard of the Month has resumed for the spring and summer months. We welcome residents to nominate homes for YOM or to volunteer to be a judge. Please call the office if you are interested.

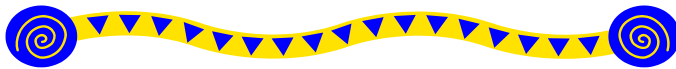
This year's winners are:

2551 Wedgefield Road	April
546 Francis Parker Road	May
143 John Waties Court	June
2460 Wedgefield Rd	July

This edition of the Wragg includes information on the YMCA and amenities that will be offered once their facility is complete and open in August. and a request from a resident for opportunities to volunteer for Miss Ruby's Kids. If you have info to share about a non-profit organization you are involved in, it can be placed in the Wragg if space allows. **Community involvement outside of Wedgefield will help the community inside of Wedgefield.**

Thanks to all who came out for Adopt-A-Highway Saturday April 25 and our leader, Dave Hastings. Sixteen bags of trash were collected!!! Special thanks to our volunteers; John McBride, Dick Palmer Mike Davis, Marj Wells, Janine Cline, Annette Dwyer, Mary Sasso, Yvette Wijthoff, Vivian Segelken, and Jude Davis.

Special thanks to Marg Haney, for handing out Wedgefield maps the morning of the Community Yard Sale.



Communications



Brenda Martin

We had a busy spring! In April we held the Wedgefield Road Clean-up as well as the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. May was the time for our Community Yard Sale (we hope to make this an annual event), and July we held the Annual 4th of July Golf Cart and Bike Parade – this year, followed by a cook-out. We would like to thank everyone involved and appreciate all of the suggestions for future events! There are a few people who have expressed interest in starting up a family kick ball game on Sunday afternoons. The weather is a little hot to start this now, but look for more info on this to come in September.

Mark your calendars....our next Wedgefield Road cleanup will be Saturday, August 15 at 9am. Once again, we will meet at the office. We need ~20 volunteers for this important effort. Please bring a rake if you have one available.

GOLF COURSE NEW RULES

By the time you read this, the golf course will be open for play. Please remember the following:

No one is allowed on the course from daylight to dark unless you are playing golf.

The era of walking or riding golf carts through the course is over. It is dangerous for you and very unfair to the golfer who has paid good money to play a round of golf.

We hope that a word to the wise will be sufficient.

WPA Phone numbers, email addresses and web site info

Phone....(843) 546-2718 FAX....(843) 546-4027
E-mail... Wedgeassoc.com@Verizon.net
Web Page.... www.Wedgefield-Plantation.com
Wragg e-mail... Wedgefieldwragg@gmail.com
Women of Wedgefield E-Mail... Wowedgefield@gmail.com

Contact the office to report the following:

Streetlights

If you notice any streetlight that is not functioning, please note the number on the pole and the location of the pole. Call the office at 546-2718 and report the problem. We will contact Santee Electric who will have the light repaired. Thank you

Sale of Property

If you buy or sell any Wedgefield property, please let the office know that a transfer has occurred. This helps keep our records up to date.

WEDGEFIELD PLANTATION
ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

Have you surfed the Wedgefield Plantation Association website? Take a look! The web address is:
WWW.WEDGEFIELD-PLANTATION.COM

- Want to check the by-laws or covenants of the Association?
- Do you want to know who the board officers and committees are?
- Want to know when the next meeting is?
- Want to read the Wragg on-line or find out about WOW?

All of the above information. and more, is on the website. Also included are copies of committee reports, and budget reports plus discussion items from the meetings. If you need a personal access number to the "Residents Only" area of the web site, contact our web master, Dave Hastings at davidah@msn.com. This website is for you. We have space and can add other items of interest to members of the community.

WRAGG CONTACT INFO:

Anyone wishing to share family news (births, weddings, graduations, promotions, helpful community info, etc.) may email his/her news to: wedgefieldwragg@gmail.com

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