



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year is passing by very quickly. Spring is here and the Plantation is in bloom. Much has happened since the last edition of the WRAGG.



- The office building has been completed, and we have had two monthly meetings there.
- We have a new secretary on board, and she is doing a good job of getting our files straight and keeping up with the daily routine.
- Our new CPA is getting up to speed with the financial aspects of the plantation and will soon be able to give us reports on our monthly standing.
- We are in the process of having an audit done which will formalize the financial reports.
- We have signed a new maintenance contract at a savings of about \$1000 per month.
- All of the lawsuits against the board are being resolved as of this date. The only outstanding suit will be the Tiller suit.
- The WPA canal committee recently received the permit to dredge the canals. Much work must still be done before that can or will take place.
- A contract has been awarded to repair the marina landing. It should be completed in time for the boating season.

We now have a complete board of directors. Some very fine people have stepped forward to take on this challenging task. They are: Robert Arendt, Madeline Claveloux, Jude Davis, Johnny Huggins, Scott Marlowe, Brenda Martin, Larry McMillan, and Ruth Reames.

The board has worked very hard these last few months. We will continue to do so. We welcome your constructive comments and ideas.

Let's all strive to work together to make Wedgefield the Crown Jewel of Georgetown County.

Karl Gettmann  
Board President

## Secretary

### Madeline Claveloux

Kathy Brower began work in early February as the association's staff secretary. She is a long time Georgetown resident, has great office experience, and is an asset in assisting the board with their work. Be sure to stop in and meet Kathy!



Our new office opened in time for the February 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting. I'd like to thank board member, Larry McMillan and volunteer Dave Hastings, for moving us from the Gate House to the new building. They completed the move in less than a day. They were so efficient that the computer and phones were shut down for less than 15 minutes!

Larry has secured the chairs, tables, and all the other miscellaneous items needed to conduct our day-to-day business and hold our member meetings. Extra kudos to Larry for his diligent dedication and hard work!

*The office is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8:30AM to 1:30PM.* Remember, if you aren't able to conduct your business during scheduled office hours, you can drop things in the locked drop box, email us at [Wedgeassoc.com@verizon.net](mailto:Wedgeassoc.com@verizon.net) or leave a message at 546-2718. Kathy will have the appropriate person get back to you. Please join us at our meetings. They are held the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM in the new building. The doors open at 6:45PM.

# Grounds

Larry McMillin

Spring is upon us! The grass is getting green, trees and shrubs are blossoming, and the temperatures are ideal.



We are pleased to announce that Great Lawns of Georgetown will be our new grounds maintenance contractor, replacing Dan Blakly and the Amigos. Great Lawns... will start on April 1st, and are already making plans to dress up the entrance. We thank the Women of Wedgefield, WOW, for offering to plant flowers at the front of the Plantation.

All of the cul-de-sacs have been inspected, and will be refurbished as time allows. This is to include pruning, edging, pine straw, and additional plantings wherever needed. Please be patient with us while we make transitions and get everything going. As everyone can see, the office project is completed. Except for the parking problem, all looks well. Please try to attend the meetings to learn first-hand what is happening in our community. If you have suggestions or see areas we may have missed, please contact the office.

# Legal Affairs

Co-chairs: Jude Davis and Brenda Martin

An important sub-committee of the Legal Affairs Committee has been formed to review the policy manual. The WPA Policy Manual is the primary source for policies and procedures that provide for the effective operation of the Association. The 2002 manual was partially revised in 2006 but was never finalized. Our recent compliance committee report strongly urged the WPA Board of Directors to review, revise, and implement a policy manual.

A sub-committee has been formed to recommend a complete policy manual to the WPA Board. Each member of the Board of Directors has an opportunity to review and make any necessary changes to the existing policy manual relevant to his/her committee. The subcommittee will review these changes and make recommendations to the Board. Currently, this committee is looking for two or three residents to join Carolyn McBride and Randy Vaughan. Jude Davis is chair.

## Delinquency Policy

The Board of Directors of Wedgefield Plantation is primarily responsible for assuring adherence to the "Conditions, Covenants, and Restrictions" for Wedgefield Plantation. Although the most current policy manual (4/16/06) has defined a system for delinquent collection action, we are unsure as to what has actually happened in the past. For your information, according to this most recent policy manual, the delinquent collection action is:

- At 45 days from date of invoice, WPA will send a friendly reminder to every owner who has not paid. This second notice will remind the owner of due date and fine.
- At 75 days from the date of invoice, WPA will send a third statement outlining late fines and amounts owing, urging them to avoid further collection action
- If all assessments are not paid by April 1, a lien will be placed on the property.

The Finance and Legal Committees are making clarification and enforcement of delinquent accounts a priority.



♪ Here comes Peter Cottontail  
Hopping down the bunny trail  
Hippity hoppity, Easter's on its way!

Please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>  
10am

Meet at the new office...

We have 3 different age groups...  
3 yrs and under, 4-6 yrs, 7-10 yrs  
Don't forget to bring your Easter Basket!  
Prizes and refreshments will be there too!

Special thanks to this years organizers:  
Holly Fesperman, Kelly Kelley, Gilda Mims, Holly Causey  
and Brandy Cheek

# Communications



Brenda Martin

The Communication Committee wants everybody to have his/her voice heard! We have been busy soliciting ideas to expand and improve the communication and the involvement in our Community. We've had some great input and now we want to hear from **you!** Included in this Wragg is a survey form that will let you share your ideas on how we can change or introduce new ways to communicate. This is the same form first shared at the February board meeting. If you haven't already done so, please take the time to let us know your thoughts and ideas. The forms can be returned to the office drop box and we will share the results and comments at the April board meeting.

Here are some of the upcoming events that our committee is busy planning:

- Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt  
April 11th
- Adopt-A-Road Wedgefield Road cleanup  
April 25th
- Community Yard Sale  
May 2nd

You will find information regarding all of these events in this edition of the Wragg.

The Communications Committee members are: Brenda Martin (Chair), Joy Birnbaum, Madeline Claveloux, and Dave Hastings.

What is Passover? Passover, also known as Pesach, is an eight-day Jewish holiday that commemorates the exodus and freedom of the Israelites from Egypt. Passover begins on April 8<sup>th</sup>.



## Wedgefield Artists

The walls are bare in the new WPA office. Wouldn't it be nice to display the artwork created by our own creative residents?

The Communication Committee is seeking several Wedgefield artists/crafts-people to form a sub-committee charged with developing guidelines for the display of local art in the new office. Please contact Kathy Brower at 546-2718 if you are interested in participating on this new sub-committee.

## Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Day



The WPA Adopt a Highway Cleanup for Wedgefield Road is scheduled for

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 A.M.

We will meet at the new office parking lot to get supplies and review safety rules.

Your help is needed to keep our community clean!

For more information contact

Dave Hastings  
546-3259

## Reminders!



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



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



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.

## Community

Madeline Claveloux

Inquiring minds are writing and emailing questions and commenting on the board's activities and initiatives. We try and respond to everyone with the best available information.

The following have been submitted since the last Wragg

- **Decorate the new building with art created by Wedgefield artists.** Referred to the Communication Committee for review and recommendations to the board.
- **Take under consideration that the Compliance Committee has two members who have served on prior boards – viewed as possible conflict of interest.** Referred to the board for discussion.
- **Proposes a plan to change the due date on the annual assessments from January 31<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>.** Referred for discussion. Some recent updates have been provided by Jude Davis, Vice President and Legal Co-chair. Final decision pending.
- **Resident fears safety of children feeding gators.** Reminded members of the dangers at the February board meeting and included in this issue of the Wragg.
- **Has a decision been made to have a forensic audit and if it has, what was the cost?** This question was asked in late February. At that point no decision had been made but the member was advised that it would require a motion, discussion, and a vote. The estimated cost would be \$4,000.
- **Written comment: "I am concerned by the announcement that the board was considering combining the Canal and Marina Committee again under the heading of Amenities Committee".** In response to renaming the canal and landing committees back to water amenities, we are simply returning to what was implemented by the board in 2006, and never changed. Any action to be taken will be brought before the board in an open meeting and voted on. Activities undertaken will continue to be separated as to canal or landing. There is a new page on our website regarding the canals that can be viewed at any time.
- **Member requested that the association provide sponsorship (\$25.00 and up) for a Wedgefield youth who was competing in a local and state level competition that could result in a scholarship if they won.** The board determined that we were unable to do this. We take great pride in our youth but it would open the door to numerous requests as we have many of our residents of all ages participating in all kinds of worthwhile events.

If you have a question, comments, or concerns, please put them in writing through email at [Wedgeassoc.com@verizon.net](mailto:Wedgeassoc.com@verizon.net), put them in the locked drop box, or through the US mail and we will be happy to respond. Remember you can also share your ideas and comments during the open comment section of each board meeting.

# W O W

## Women of Wedgefield

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

The New Year brought a flurry of activities to the WOW members.

On January 16<sup>th</sup> members, potential members, guests, and their husbands gathered at the Wijthoff residence for a covered dish dinner. They watched as we toasted the Women of Wedgefield and thanked Johanna Garrison and her board for their terrific leadership in 2008.

On February 11<sup>th</sup> twenty-seven WOW members attended a Valentine Tea at Hopsewee Plantation. Hostess, Raejean Beattie, provided a fabulous array of tasty treats with our tea.

On Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> members learned "All About Buying Antiques", presented by local antique expert, Rick Lawler. The event was hosted by Barbara Nichols and catered by Morsels.

In case you haven't noticed, "things are changing"... evening, midday, and Saturday events are planned to suit the ever-changing needs of our growing membership. Consider joining us by calling Yvette Wijthoff (546-9610) or Madeline (546-2355). **We have so much more to tell you about, such as our special projects and assisting, when needed, for our community's events.** Try us out by visiting our next meeting. Go to the association website at <http://Wedgefield-plantation.com> and tap the WOW button on the home page to see where and what we will be doing next! Check on the photo gallery. Are you there? If not, we're still missing you.

### March



Learning about antiques from antique expert, Rick Lawler.

### February



New and prospective members enjoy tea and savories at Hopsewee

### January



Co-leaders Yvette Wijthoff & Madeline Claveloux toast 2009 & introduce the new WOW leadership team.

## Welcoming Committee



### Thelma Beaubian

A welcome and get acquainted Cocktail Party for 17 new Wedgefield families was held on January 4, 2009. The 7 families that attended enjoyed good food, and had fun playing get acquainted games planned by co-members Olga Abbott, Kaye Thomas and Thelma Beaubian.

Karl Gettmann, WPA president, presented an overview of the community and stressed the importance of having new residents' participate in Wedgefield's activities.

If you are new to Wedgefield, or you are a neighbor of a new resident, please notify the office to arrange a visit from the smiling faces of the Welcoming Committee. You will then be officially welcomed to Wedgefield Plantation!

Meet Al and Jill DeMarchi. They moved into the home they built at 1170 Francis Parker Rd. in August of 2008. Although they are originally from Ohio, they spent many years living in California prior to moving to Georgetown. Al and Jill have a son and daughter, and four grandchildren ranging in age from 5 to 8 years old.

Jill co-chairs the Perennials, a fun loving group at the Georgetown Presbyterian Church, and is active in the Women's Circle. She taught elementary school for many years and is now a valued addition to the Georgetown elementary substitute teacher list. Jill is also a member of WOW.

Al enjoys hunting, fishing and cooking. He serves on the ARB (Architectural Review Board) and the Compliance Committee for Wedgefield Plantation. He is also a member of the board of directors for Tideland Hospice.

Al and Jill are always busy with something, but they always have time for a smile and to offer their friendship and support to Wedgefield Plantation.

## Time for Spring Cleaning!!!!

### Wedgefield Community Yard Sale Saturday, May 2nd 7am – noon

Please call the office, 546-2718, if you plan to participate.

Wedgefield community maps with the yard sale locations will be handed out the morning of the sale at the Wedgefield entrance.

Remember to tie a few balloons around your mailbox to identify your home as a participant in the yard sale.



Deadline to signup – **Mon, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Wedgefield Community Yard Sale WILL BE advertised in the Georgetown Times the Wed. & Fri. before the sale.

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Martin or Quinn Smith.

## YOUR IDEAS COUNT!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

*The Communications Committee needs your help, input and feedback to improve the Wragg (newsletter), the Wedgefield-Plantation.com Web Site, and the future planning of community events and activities.*

Answering the questions below will give us information about what you think is important, plus it will give us ideas for some events we can all take part in for fun, information and community involvement. Feel free to use the back of this paper to make additional suggestions.

The Communication Committee is brand new. The current members are: Madeline Claveloux, Brenda Martin, Dave Hastings, and Joy Birnbaum.

We are looking for a few more people to join us. If you are interested, please contact one of the members listed above.

### Wedgefield Wragg (Quarterly newsletter)

1. Would you prefer to receive the Wragg by email?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to see the following additions to the Wragg?

- Swap 'n Shop Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
(an area for people to find or list items for sale)
  - Classified Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (services our residents have to offer other residents)
3. Other suggestions for the Wragg. Please list below:

---

---

The Web Site, [www.Wedgefield-Plantation.com](http://www.Wedgefield-Plantation.com) provides a lot of good, up to date information, but is it missing something you would like to see? Please list your suggestions below:

---

---

### New Community Events/Activities

4. Renew Wedgefield Road/Adopt a Highway - clean-up debris and trash. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. Community Yard Sale Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. Informational speakers following board meetings.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Ex. YMCA, Clemson Extension Services
7. Community get-togethers such as a BBQ/picnic, covered dish night, Shag dancing.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
8. Food Drive collection at the annual meeting.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
9. Classes Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Please list your suggestions below or add another page:

---

---

**Thank you for taking the time to offer your input and suggestions. You may use US Mail to return this information sheet or you may place it in the WPA Drop Box.**

**The deadline for this "Your Ideas Count" is April 17<sup>th</sup>. The results will be summarized at the April board meeting.**

## Finance



### Ruth Reames

The Association has completed its transfer of accounting and payroll responsibilities to our full-time accountant, Virgil E. Winn, CPA. Mr. Winn's office has completed all the payroll returns and accompanying documents for the year 2008. He has begun analyzing our accounting activity beginning January 1, 2009 and will have all the monthly financial reports by the April 2009 monthly board meeting. We appreciate Mr. Winn's willingness to take on this new responsibility during the busy tax season. He and his staff have been extremely helpful and are always available to answer questions.

The finance committee members include: Jackie Walters, Colin Young, Jay Holmes, Gilda Mims and Bryan Larimore

### Landing Report



#### Karl Gettman

Action taken at the March board meeting has resulted in the canal and landing committees being joined and called the Water Amenities Committee. This is primarily a name change and will not affect how we conduct business or make decisions. Note the separate report on the canal issues.

The board has awarded a contract to Thomas Bone Construction to complete the repairs needed at the landing. Work is to begin on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and will hopefully be complete in about two weeks.

The work to be done includes pouring a solid concrete slab of the correct size, reinforced with rebar. After preparing the base of the ramp with proper size limestone, they will then push the concrete slab into place securing it with stainless plates and pilings to secure it. We have received a full release to do this work from the Army Corp of Engineers, and also a release from DEHEC. This means that the landing will be repaired in time for this years boating season. The landing itself will be out of service only for 1 or 2 days during the actual installation of the slab.

## Soccer at the "Y"

March 28 -

April 4 - April 18 - April 25 - May 2



Hey Parents,

Get your child's soccer cleats out of the closet! The Georgetown County Family YMCA is having its Soccer Saturdays Skillz and Drillz for the Spring of 2009.

I am very excited to be able to be doing this again. I enjoyed having your

child/children participate and it touched my heart to see such improvement. This year is going to be even more exciting as your child/children continue to grow. Don't forget-you get to join the fun on May 2!

Looking forward to your child/children on the soccer field!

Thanks,  
Matthew Jordan, Program Coordinator  
Georgetown County Family YMCA  
Phone: 843-436-7197

## Canal Committee



**Mike Davis - Acting Secretary,  
WPA Canal Committee**

After eight tumultuous years, the Wedgefield Plantation Water Amenities Canal subcommittee has accomplished something some said could not be done: *acquire permits to dredge our canal system.*

Here is a brief rundown of events since the previous *Wragg*:

- In November 2008, The SC Administrative Law Court found in favor of WPA, denying the Environmental Law Project's appeal of permit issuance and directed the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control to issue state permits.
- In December, DHEC issued certifications that our proposed dredging project is in accordance with the Clean Waters Act, the Coastal Zone Management Program, the SC Code of Laws, and issued the necessary state Construction in Navigable Waters Permits.
- In January, the SC Administrative Law Court issued an amended Final Order reaffirming their November 2008 order to issue permits to Wedgefield, following a motion from the ELP to reconsider. Finally, in March 2009, the US Army Corps of Engineers issued federal permits to WPA, allowing periodic maintenance dredging of our canal system over a ten-year life span. Copies of all these documents are on file at the WPA office, and posted on the WPA website for those who would like to read them in detail.

The Canal Committee gratefully thanks all those residents and committee members who have contributed money, and volunteered time, expertise and encouragement over these last eight years. Without access to WPA funds or resources, your support was essential in reaching this important milestone. As we still have unpaid bills, we will have one last "fund drive," now that permits are in hand, to try to raise enough money to close the books on this phase of the project.

A number of professionals also did outstanding work on our behalf. In particular, we thank Bobby Riggs of Newkirk Environmental, Mary Shahid, of

McNair Law Firm, as well as attorneys Charles Smith, Jack Scoville, and Tom Winslow for their help. They went far beyond the norm in preparing our application and defending it through a vicious legal battle with aggressive environmentalists.

Getting permits is just the first of many steps in restoring Wedgefield's canals, however, we recognize it is possibly the most contentious and difficult issue WPA will face over the next few years. Unfortunately, rumors abound on the plantation with regard to potential costs and impacts of the canal restoration project. As usual, the rumors are not true. We are working to dispel the "disinformation" through detailed updates at monthly WPA Board meetings, and in-depth articles here in the *Wragg*. We also now have a Canal Committee area in the password-protected section of WPA website for quicker dissemination of more detailed information for those who want to read it firsthand and not hear about it through the rumor mill.

The ongoing challenge we all face, as a community is to find a way to get the job done in a way that is acceptable to the majority of Wedgefield owners, and without further litigation or malice. The Canal Committee is always open to constructive ideas on how to do that. To that end, we will host an open informational meeting for all interested Wedgefield residents during April, and hope you will attend to help WPA map out the next steps now that we have permits to dredge. If you want to know the *facts*, please come to the April meeting! Also, please read the Committee reports, court decisions, and permits on the WPA website. Best of all, just ask a Canal Committee volunteer what the real story is!

To answer additional questions, an informational meeting is planned for **April 28<sup>th</sup>**. Look for signs around the plantation!

## WEDGEFIELD PLANTATION ASSOCIATION

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

### **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.

*Spotted March 5<sup>th</sup> on Wedgefield Rd. by  
Laura Vaughan! A snowman in SC!!!!*



## WEDGEFIELD PLANTATION ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

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

You can find all this information, and more, 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](mailto: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](mailto:wedgefieldwragg@gmail.com)