



Wedgefield Plantation Association

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Ron Pietkewicz, Secretary

### **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

As you may know, two Board members have resigned for various reasons. No need to go into that. The Board is now two members short. We are taking resumes from the residents by mail or drop box. With the important issues your Board is now handling I would hope that we would have a good showing of residents who will turn in resumes. Please do not let apathy prevail as has mostly been the case.

There are three important issues the Board must address. These issues are the canals, a new office and the golf course. Two of the issues have been addressed and hopefully you all received letters stating the Board's position. On April 28, 2008, the Plantation received a law suit from Wedgefield Plantation Golf and Country Club. Here are two excerpts from the law suit: "1) The Plaintiff (WPA) has continued to harass, interfere and abuse its position to the Defendant (WPGCC, LCC) to stop the development of land that was....approved by Georgetown County. 2) That, WPA is abusing their position.....by removing golf course signs.....turning away guests to stop.....business of golf course." It is obvious that this community WANTS a **GREAT GOLF COURSE** LIKE WE NOW HAVE. It is important for all of you to know that the present owners of the golf course never met with the Board, even after being invited to numerous times to discuss this issue.

For your information, the Board now consists of:

Dan Longhi, President  
Len Aberle, Vice President  
Carol Zieske, Treasure

Calvin Foxwell  
Sandy Gresham  
Lois Troup

That's all folks. I will keep you informed!

**Have a safe and fun summer.**

Dan Longhi

### **BOARD MEETINGS**

Board meetings this year will at the Georgetown Presbyterian Church on Black River Road. They will be held on the second floor and will begin at 7:00pm. You are all invited to attend and questions are welcome after the meeting.



In an effort to slow traffic and make it safer for our residents we have placed additional STOP signs in Wedgefield. We have added a three-way STOP at the corner of Wedgefield Road and Frances Parker and also at the corner of Wraggs Ferry and Haig Court.

Please be aware of these new STOP signs and be mindful of your neighbors by obeying all traffic signs within Wedgefield.

These signs as well as all others are enforceable by our law enforcement agencies.

## SAFETY

### ROADWAYS OF WEDGEFIELD PLANTATION

Wedgfield Plantation Association has signed an agreement with the Sheriff's Department, which grants the Department jurisdiction, to come into the Plantation for the purpose of enforcing traffic laws.

#### **Motor Vehicles – (Combustible or Electric)**

All persons who operate any Motor Vehicle on the roadways of Wedgfield Plantation **MUST** have a valid operator license.

Unlicensed and unregistered Motor Vehicles, with the exception of Golf Carts and maintenance type vehicles, lawn mower, tractor, etc., are **prohibited** from being operated on Wedgfield Plantation Association roadways.

#### GOLF CARTS

The Wedgfield Plantation Association Board (WPA) is renewing its efforts to provide a safe and legal environment for golf cart usage on the plantation. At present, the number of golf carts is increasing, and the potential for unwanted accidents is increasing as well. The rules for using golf carts are outlined in the Policy Manual under Safety (Current Membership Manual, pages 26-27).

The Wedgfield Plantation Association shall require each property owner/s, who allows their golf cart to be driven by either himself or herself, members of his/her family or guests, to sign a waiver of liability releasing the Wedgfield Plantation Association, its Board of Directors, and land employees from any and all liability for any injury suffered by the aforementioned individuals while (1) using or being on any road or property owned by Wedgfield Plantation Association, or (2) driving, riding, or otherwise using a motorized golf cart on Wedgfield Plantation Association roads and property.

Effective immediately, all owners whose golf cart is not registered with the WPA must do so at the WPA office. The effort involves signing the waiver of liability and obtaining a numbered Wedgfield sticker, which is to be affixed to the windshield of the golf cart. Owners having more than one golf cart must register each one in the same manner. Owners, who have already signed the waiver of liability form, must obtain the numbered Wedgfield sticker at the WPA office, and affix it to their golf cart windshield.

*"I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be, for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not our circumstances." – Martha Washington*



### WELCOME TO WEDGEFIELD

*The welcoming committee would like to apologize to all of the new residents, that we have not had the pleasure of meeting and welcoming you officially to Wedgfield. Due to many extenuating circumstances, we have had many delays in setting up appointments, but we will be able to do so in the near future. Thelma Beaubian & Olga Abbott*

#### Steven and Jane Parusa - 82 Swamp Fox Lane

Steven and Jane Parusa moved to Wedgfield Plantation, August 2007, from Princeton NJ. They lived in the area for a period of time, before selecting Wedgfield for their home. They have two sons, Chris 20 attends USC and Matthew 14 attends Waccamaw High School and is a member of the school band, he plays the clarinet. Jane spends a lot of her spare time with Matthew and his band activities. Steven works for National Property Home Inspection and Jane is employed at Pawleys Plantation. They don't have much time for interest and hobbies but when they can find time they enjoy walking, swimming and boating.

#### Brian Mahan – 86 Robert Conway Court

Are you interested in Georgetown High School Sports? Make it a point to meet a new neighbor, Brian Mahan, at 86 Robert Conway Court. He is the athletic co-director and assistant football coach at Georgetown High. He also teaches social studies at the school.

Before moving to his new bachelor pad at Wedgfield, he lived in Pawleys Island and Murrells Inlet. Brian enjoys the outdoor activities of hunting, fishing, and golfing. He has strong interests in reading books on World War II and leading thrillers. Make Brian feel welcomed by inviting him to participate in one of his interests or yours.

### WEDGEFIELD PLANTATION ASSOCIATION

All communications are available at this time.

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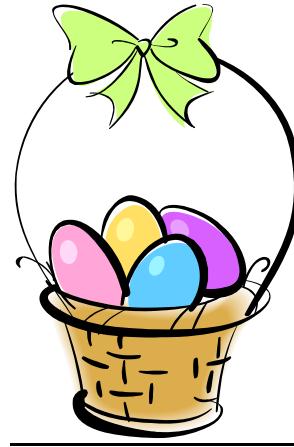
## ARC REPORT:

Happy Spring to all our good neighbors of Wedgefield! Not much activity such as we're used to has befallen your ARC committee since the last Wragg, perhaps a reflection of what's going on overall in our economy. Anyway, since our last report, the following ARC actions have occurred:

1. House plans for lot 498 had been approved.
2. A tree removal project on John Green has been approved.
3. Plans for a new home have been approved for a lot on William Screven.
4. Plans for a shed to be placed on a lot behind a new home on Francis Parker were received. Upon visiting the site, the ARC discovered that the slab had already been poured. Unfortunately, the ARC could not and did not approve of the placement because it was not situated close to the home and would block the view of their neighbors. The owner was very cooperative and I explained his right to appeal to the full Board. The matter was not appealed and the owner moved the shed closer to the house.
5. Five lots, one on Francis Parker and 4 on Joanna Gillard had been cleared without ARC approval. The lots are owned, as far as our records go, by the Enclave – long time developers around here who know the rules. The ARC recommended to the full Board that a substantial fine of not less than \$500.00 be assessed for each of the cleared lots (\$2500.00). The Board actually assessed each lot a \$1000.00 fine, for a total of \$5000.00. Our Attorney Bob was then contacted for his action on the part of the Board. No landmark trees were involved or the penalties would have been enormous!
6. A 4ft high black chain link fence to be built within the property setbacks on lot 194 Wedgefield Road was approved
7. Approved in ground pool for lot 60, Live Oak Lane, to be installed within property setbacks.
8. Approval was given for a lot on Francis Parker to be cleared for construction.
9. An application was received for replacement of a chain link fence and the construction of a

boat lift. This application was not reviewed since the owner must check with The Army Corps of Engineers for any requirements they have before the ARC acts. The fence replacement does not need formal approval since it is of the same material we require.

Once again, have a great Spring!  
Ron Pietkewicz



## EASTER EGG HUNT

The Wedgefield Plantation Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM. This year the Egg Hunt was held in the green space beside the Gate House. A large number of children enjoyed hunting eggs and getting prizes. The children were divided in three age groups in order to keep it fun for all. After the hunt, refreshments were served and prizes awarded. Every child left with a prize and more eggs than their baskets could hold. Parents, grandparents and volunteers all enjoyed watching the children who ranged in age from "just walking" to about age 12.

***SPECIAL THANKS to Kelly Kelley and her volunteers for making this wonderful, well orchestrated event so successful. They planned, shopped and kept things moving. We are fortunate to have volunteers like these in our Wedgefield Plantation Community!***

## WANTED BOARD MEMBERS

**The WPA currently has openings for two Board Members. If you are interested in helping our community and have some time to put in please send resume to the WPA office.**



### **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT 4-08**

Since the first of the year the Communications Committee has been busy trying to update and improve Wedgefield Plantation. As you should have noticed the sign at 701 has been removed and re-done with new wood for the post area and a new paint job for the main sign. Also we are working with Santee Electric to get additional Street Lights in the condo area, Pool Place and Frances Parker. These lights will be put in place as soon as Santee Electric can make all the arrangements.

The light on the map board has been collecting water and causing a lot of problems, so a new light has been placed on the board.

The Wedgefield Road sign at the circle has been moved about 20 feet to the right so it can be seen by our guests coming down the road.

The new STOP signs are in place and have been the subject of a lot of conversation. There are a lot of you that don't think these signs are a good idea, but an equal number say it is about time something was done to try and make these streets SAFER. Thank you for doing your part by STOPPING and making it SAFER. Remember if you don't stop you are showing your neighbors no respect for their safety. It is also breaking the law, and someone is watching. It could be your child that is watching you do WRONG. Is that the message you would like to send to our children?

As you walk or ride please remember to use the proper side of the road and be SAFE.

Please help us keep Wedgefield Plantation clean, by not littering or by picking up any trash you may see.

Spring is here, ENJOY beautiful Wedgefield Plantation.

Calvin Foxwell

### **LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

At the direction of the Wedgefield Plantation Association Board, our attorney continues to pursue legal venues to protect the original Planned Development. That Plan was approved by Georgetown County in April, 1979. Proposed changes in land use are the chief concern now. Those changes could increase population density and adversely affect property values. We will keep you posted as these events unfold.

Sandy Gresham



### **YARD OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to our first winners of 2008 "Yard of the Month"! Each winner will receive \$50.00 and a sign placed in their yard to share with everyone how they help to "Keep Wedgefield Beautiful".

**May: Richard and Jean Henning  
58 King George Road**

Who will be next? Check the sign at the entrance each month for a new winner. If you would like to participate in the Yard of the Month Committee, please contact the WPA office at 546-2718.

### **WOW – WOMEN OF WEDGEFIELD**

The Women of Wedgefield is an organization open to all women living in Wedgefield Plantation. We meet the second Wednesday of the month, usually with a luncheon at a local restaurant. Whenever possible, we like to include a program of interest. Last year programs included visits to Hobcaw Barony, the Alabama Theater and a talk by a chiropractor, among other things.

Each year, we have a fundraiser to benefit a local charity.

If you are interested in becoming a member or would like information regarding upcoming programs, please contact one of the following:

Johanna Garrison, President (546-6451), Inge Ebert, Vice President (546-8986), Joy Birnbaum, Co-Secretary (520-1528), Marj Wells, Co-Secretary (520-0354), Jude Davis, Treasurer (527-3448), or Barb Nichols, Sunshine Chair (545-1199).

### **REMINDER TO DOG OWNERS**

**The WPA and Georgetown covenants require that dogs be leashed. Calls are coming into the office concerning dogs running unattended and barking. Please control your dog's barking, leash, and clean up after it.**

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR:**



**A NOTE  
OF  
APPRECIATION**

Thank you to the Wedgefield Board and Grounds Committee for the plantings in the cul-de-sac on Ricefield Place. The flowering tree and holly are just what that spot needed.

Thanks Again,  
Annette M. Dwyer  
44 Ricefield Place

**SALE OF PROPERTY**

If you buy or sell any Wedgefield property please help us out by letting the office know that a transfer has occurred. This helps keep our records up to date.

**STREETLIGHTS**

If you notice any streetlight that is not functioning please note the number on the pole and the poles location. You can then call our office at 546-2718 and report the problem. We will notify Santee Electric and have the light repaired. Thank you, WPA

**MAIL BOXES:** We have had complaints about flyers and other things being left in the mail boxes. **This is against the law.** Please do not place anything in mail boxes unless it has a stamp on it.

**REAL ESTATE SIGNS:** Only two signs are allowed on a lot. One in the backyard. One in the front yard, 15 feet from the edge of the roadway.

*“The man who can drive himself further once the effort gets painful is the man who will win.” – Roger Bannister*



***NOTICE:*** *If you wish to speak to any Board Members, please call the office and leave a message. Please don't call Board Members at home. Also if you have a topic concerning Wedgefield Plantation and would like to address the Board, please contact the office at 546-2718. This must be done one week prior to the meeting and must be in writing with your name and topic to be discussed.*



**THE DANGERS OF CHILDREN DRIVING  
GOLF CARTS**

Spring has arrived in Wedgefield Plantation prompting our young residents and visiting grandchildren to get out and explore often requesting use of the family golf cart.

These are letters, which appeared in a recent Abigail Van Buren column, Universal Press Syndicate

About 13 years ago, my nephew was allowed drive a golf cart at the age of 8. He fatally injured his 6-year-old stepsister. He is still traumatized by it.

My son was 6 when he drove a golf cart into a utility pole. His little body was not heavy enough to hold him to the seat of the vehicle. He was airlifted to the trauma center for the life-threatening injuries he received. I nearly lost him. Urge those parents to move the kid out of the driver's seat.

From a bewildered Grammy in Maryland: A 6-year old driving a golf cart is child endangerment, and a social worker has the right to remove that child to a foster home and ask questions later. The parents would then be under a microscope.

Because the grandparent knew about the situation and did not report it to the authorities, the grandparents would probably not be considered safe guardians, and

the child would be placed with strangers until the parents finish court-ordered parenting classes.

It's a totally different climate than it was in the days when only severely neglected and abused children found their way into foster care. I speak from 17 years experience as a foster parent and 30 years as a psychiatric nurse who has seen what hoops families must jump through to get their children back once child protective services is involved.



## **NOTICE**

***ANY LOT CLEARING***

***MUST BE***

***APPROVED BY***

***THE WPA BOARD***

## **WEDGEFIELD PLANTATION ASSOCIATION WEBSITE**

Have you checked out the Wedgefield Plantation Association's website? The web address is:

**WEDGEFIELD-PLANTATION.COM**

Want to check the by-laws or covenants of the Association? Do you need to know who the board officers and committees are? Want to know when and where the monthly meetings are held? You can find all this information on the website.

Also there are copies of the committee and board reports including budget reports from the meetings. There is a Community Services area, link to the Golf Course and Manor House with menus and other community links. Past issues of the Wragg are also available.

This website is for you. We have space and can add other items of interest to members of the community. Please contact me at [davidah@msn.com](mailto:davidah@msn.com).

## **WRAGG CONTACT INFO:**

**Anyone wishing to share family news (births, weddings, graduations, promotions, helpful community info, etc.) may email your news to: [wedgefieldwragg@yahoo.com](mailto:wedgefieldwragg@yahoo.com)**

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