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President's Report

I hope everyone is looking forward to our Annual Meeting, Now. 21st – See the Secretary's Report for location and details.

As many of you know, Larry McMillin is not running for reelection. Larry has been on the Board for 12 years. The hours he has spent helping to improve Wedgefield Plantation are incalculable. He has served as Secretary, Treasurer, Grounds Committee Chairman, member of the Water Amenities Committee, and Wragg Editor. He led efforts for the Wedgefield Road trash pickup, emergency storm cleanups, 4th of July parties, Easter egg hunts, and Christmas decorating including the luminaries. These are only a few of the things he has done for Wedgefield – he will be hard to replace. Please join me in thanking Larry for his many years of service.

In the coming months we will need help in many areas for planning and accomplishing: Cleanups, Parties, and Decorating. Please contact any board member to volunteer for whatever committee you feel you can contribute to.

Bob McMahan
President

Secretary's Report

The annual WPA meeting is quickly approaching. It will be held on November 21st, at the Manor House here in the Plantation. Doors will open at 9am and registration ends at 10am to vote in person. You must be either signed in or waiting in line to be eligible to vote. We strongly urge members to read the literature and instructions in the packet you should be receiving in the mail and vote by absentee(proxy) ballot in the envelope provided. Mail in ballots must be received by the end of the business day on November 12th. There are 4 positions on the Board to be filled and are no proposed by-law changes this year. Good luck to all the candidates.

Larry McMillin
Secretary

**It has been reported coyotes have
been seen in the community.
Please protect your pets.**

Treasurer's Report

The 2021 annual assessments will be mailed the last week in December. The assessments are our only source of revenue in order to support the day-to-day operation of the association and to provide Reserve Funds necessary to maintain, repair, or replace our existing assets. Reserve Professionals updated our Reserve Study in 2018. This is used as a guide for anticipated future expenses.

The Finance Committee and Board met and prepared the 2021 budget. This was approved at the September, 2020 Board Meeting. The annual assessment will remain at \$525 per property for 2021. It is necessary for each property owner to participate in paying their share in order to keep the assessments at this level.

This year's Annual Meeting will be held on November 21, 2020. Our By-laws state: "members in arrears in payment of their yearly assessment within ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting are not in good standing and shall not be entitled to vote". If you have not paid your assessment for 2020, or prior years, please do so now. Thank you to everyone who takes pride in this community and accepts their portion of responsibility for its upkeep.

Peggy Phillip
Treasurer
Finance Committee Chairperson

Drainage Report

In an effort to have competitive bids for drainage work that was identified as necessary for the remainder of this year, a number of drainage vendors were contacted and met with to discuss the work and bids were solicited. Unfortunately, the two vendors that were shown the work required and had initial interest decided to not bid on the work that was discussed with them. We will continue to solicit contractors that are interested in doing work in Wedgefield.

We would like to encourage all of our Wedgefield residents to keep any drainage swales, drainage pipes, and catch basins free of any debris that would impede the flow of rainwater as it moves to the retention ponds and canals. Allowing debris such as grass clippings, leaves, and pine straw to accumulate in ditches and pipes could cause problems with flooding and standing water for you and your neighbors. In most cases, it is the responsibility of each homeowner to ensure that the parts of the overall drainage system on their property are clear and flowing freely.

Gary Dreher
Drainage Chairperson

Roads Report

With the Covid-19 pandemic quarantining that began in March of 2020, we have seen increased numbers of residents using our streets to walk, bike, and ride their golf carts throughout our neighborhood. The Road committee met in August to discuss the issue of residents and visitors speeding on Wedgefield streets and how we might get them to reduce their speed to make our streets safer for all. There were a few options discussed and it was decided by the group that installing speed humps at select locations on our roads would be the best option at this time. The speed humps are not as intrusive as speed bumps and in most cases can be driven over at a reduced speed that does not require almost stopping the vehicle.

A proposal for installing speed humps was presented and approved at the last HOA Board meeting and an order has been placed to purchase (5) hard rubber speed humps that will be installed once they are received. Signs that warn drivers about the speed humps have also been ordered and will be placed on both sides of each hump. The speed humps and signs will be installed sometime in late October with notices posted prior to the installation on the Wedgefield Electronic sign and the Wragg newsletter.

We would like to remind our residents and visitors that our roads are used as walkways and bike paths and that it is everyone's responsibility to drive them at a safe speed and to slow down when you see people walking or riding bicycles. The extra couple of seconds that you save by driving fast through our neighborhood is not worth endangering your neighbors and potentially causing property damage or injuries.

Gary Dreher
Roads Chairman

Compliance Report

Dear Homeowner:

Purchasing a home in a community association offers many advantages to the homeowner, but at the same time imposes some restrictions. These restrictions are not meant as an inconvenience or an invasion of your freedom, but rather as a means of maintaining harmony in your community.

The Wedgefield Plantation Homeowners Association is attempting to resolve some of the minor infractions that may exist on the Plantation without creating ill feelings between the Board, the Homeowners or between neighbors. Many times, conditions occur when people are not fully aware that they are doing something that is causing a problem for their neighbors. We are

attempting to make residents aware of the problems so that they can remedy the situation.

This will further enable us to ensure that the By-laws and Covenants are adhered to. We are not in the business of embarrassing people or harassing them. Therefore, if you have any questions please contact the Wedgefield Plantation Association at 546-2718 for further information.

As a member of the Wedgefield HOA it's your responsibility to maintain the exterior maintenance of your home. This includes broken shutters, damaged gutters, more than two trailers on a lot, and play equipment in the front yard, etc. You are also responsible for clutter in your yard or driveway, broken down or abandoned vehicles in your driveway or yard. Your lawn must also be maintained at reasonable times.

Your cooperation in completing the action items noted above would be greatly appreciated by the HOA and your neighbors and allow for real estate appreciation of the entire community.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

Butch Williams
Compliance Chairman

Wedgefield Boat Club

First and Foremost, I hope everyone is well and free of the Covid virus. This has been a most unusual year for all of us. Hopefully, next year we can make up for all the events we could not do this year.

Our members did enjoy our Pool Party & Picnic on August 15th. 26 members attended. Steve Vasey cooked hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings.

Our Planning Committee will meet in December to make plans for next year, depending on where we are with this virus.

We did make the decision that all members that paid dues this year, will not have to pay dues for 2021. If you are new and would like to join the Boat Club next year, you can join for \$25.00 per person. For more information, please call Shirley Peterson, Commodore 546-3870.

Shirley Peterson
Commodore

Section X 2.02 Many members of our community enjoy walking, bicycling, and jogging. We also have a number of small children on the plantation who play outdoors.

If the Board is made aware of unrestrained or nuisance animals, it shall be the policy of the WPA to first contact the resident by letter to make them aware of the problem. If action is not taken, the Board will fine the resident per the fine schedule. Unresolved situations will be reported to the Georgetown County Animal Control Officer for investigation.

- **Please contact the owner first, if a resolution can not be met then contact the office in writing.**

*Happy
Birthday!*

Wedgfield Plantation Association would like to wish Mrs. Evelyn Hulse a very Happy 97th Birthday.

She has been a Wedgfield resident for 30 years.



This poem is from an old issue of the Wedgfield Wragg dated December, 1990.

THE TREE OF LIFE

One world with many branches...
Many visions.... many creeds....
Many voices ask a blessing
For each heart has special needs.
But in every faith, in every prayer
That's raised to God above
There's one hope men hold in common
For a bond of peace and love.

*Happy
Holidays*

We will be looking for volunteers for the Christmas luminaries. Please contact the office if you would be willing to volunteer.

The annual Tree lighting will be on December 6th. Decorating will begin the week before.

Please watch the sign for upcoming Holiday events.

If you have not received your Annual Meeting Packet please contact the office



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