

# WEDGEFIELD WRAGG

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## Communications

-April 15<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt and cookout  
10am-2pm

-April Meet and greet at the Brick House Pub.

-May 6<sup>th</sup> Road Cleanup volunteers needed.

-May 13<sup>th</sup> Community yard sale.

The HOA Facebook page is Wedgefield Plantation Community Bulletin Board. We will post Wedgefield news and events on this page.

-Please make sure your 2023 assessments are paid by August 1<sup>st</sup> before a lien is filed against your property.

-Summer Office Hours Monday-Thursday  
8:30-3:30. Friday 9:00-2:00

-Please be a good neighbor and clean up after your pet even if it is common areas.

- The Brick House Pub is open 7 days a week  
9:30-5:00 Thursdays open until 8 with happy  
hour 4:00- 6:00

-Starting this Spring we will be having Food  
Truck Tuesdays and movie nights.

Trina Davis  
Communications Chairperson

## Treasurer

Thank you to the 86 percent of residents who have paid their 2023 assessments. In order to maintain our assets and have reserves for future maintenance and replacement costs, it is necessary that all property owners pay their share. Please accept your share of responsibility for the community and pay your portion.

The Finance Committee and Legal Committee will pursue every avenue to collect the delinquent accounts. Anyone delinquent at this point is incurring late fees, and is not eligible to attend meetings, vote, receive marina cards or obtain approval from ARC for improvements or renovations to their property.

The Finance Committee has been hard at work since the beginning of the year, reviewing the 2021 Audit, recommending a reserve account for the office building, and maximizing interest income on our reserves. Additionally, they will meet again soon, to review the needs set forth by the committees on future reserves needed to maintain our infrastructure i.e., roads, community development, dredging and the spoil site, the marina, etc. We live in a beautiful community and we will continue to manage our reserves to meet the needs of Wedgefield Plantation.

Thank you for your continued support,

Valerie Cooper  
Treasurer  
Finance Committee Chairperson

## President

As I write this message to you, the WPA is already deep into our fiscal calendar year with much already accomplished and much more yet to do.

The Board's major responsibility to you is our fiduciary management of the budget and yearly funds. This year we laddered our funds in CD's to gain more interest income from the Feds continuing interest rate increases. And we have set up a new Reserve account for the WPA building in anticipation of future repairs.

We also established two new committees, Community Development and Bid/Procurement. The Community Development Committee as you no doubt have heard, is looking into various development initiatives including a community pool, pickle ball courts and a playground for the children of Wedgefield. The Bid & Procurement Committee is a more professional management approach to our contracts that exceed \$10,000. In 2024 we will have significant expenditures for the canals that necessitate a critical analysis & management.

We are also looking to clean up the front entrance trim the trees, add significant more plantings and an illumination plan to increase the lightening at the front entrance for night.

We have a number of family planned fun events scheduled for this year, the first is our Easter Egg Hunt hope your family was able to attend and had fun (if it doesn't rain)

At the beginning of year the Board developed specific goals & objectives for each committee to accomplish this year. We are well into the process and you will begin to see the fruits of that effort as the year moves forward.

And finally, we would welcome more community participation on our standing committees, so if you are interested, please contact Michelle at the WPA office and voluntary for a committee.

Jonathan M. Rutstein, President

## Water Amenities

We hope you all are enjoying watching all the fishing boats in our canals, both residents and visitors. Please feel free to fish from the HOA owned waterfront properties at the end of each canal and off the road and docks at the marina.

We are making good progress on obtaining the Army Corps of Engineers Permit to perform the needed canal depth maintenance program within our Plantation. Department of Health and Environmental Control will also require their Permit be obtained with the ACOE required Public Notification is performed. We have retained the A&E firm Earthworks of Murrells Inlet to interface with all 5 governmental agencies that claim an interest in our navigable canals but no financial responsibility. Even the ACOE suggests the use of Engineers with PE Licenses to interface with the Application. Weird stuff here.

We request that we all refrain from throwing anything into the canals, yes even yard refuse of any type. Please no trash or unneeded items. Landfill is on Highway 51 on the left past the Y.

We are striving to maintain the canals and marina for use by all owners in Wedgefield. Please let us know if anything is amiss.

Joe Myers  
Water Amenities Chairperson

## ARC Report

The ARC Member Reviewers continue assisting applicants prepare new home building permit applications and permit applications for exterior home improvement projects. Our committee members volunteer to make a positive impact on our whole community. ARC follows its chartered purpose, in our Covenants, to preserve the natural beauty, continue a pleasant desirable environment and maintain harmonious design that protects the value of our properties.

ARC provides positive services to assist applicants with their building permits. We offer pre-design meetings to establish our expectations. We expect building materials, colors, and the home's overall appearance to be in harmony with the surrounding Wedgefield neighborhood.

It is important for HOA members to apply for a permit before building a new home. Also, it is important to apply for a permit when doing any changes to the exterior of existing homes. New paint? A new roof? Adding new exterior structures and improvements?

We make efforts to assist. We do not impose fines to raise money. Fines are only used to encourage compliance.

Application forms are available at the WPA Office. Our ARC Members can assist by phone or at office meetings and site meetings to help applicants.

Robert Ramsey  
Architectural Review Committee, Chairman

## Compliance

The Compliance Committee's purpose is to assure adherence to the Wedgefield Plantation Association Covenants, By-laws and Policies. The Committee relies on the residents to report potential violations to the WPA Office. All reports must be in writing. We do not share the name of anyone who makes a report. When a report is received, the Committee conducts an investigation and takes appropriate actions to resolve the issue.

We must all work together to maintain Wedgefield as a great place to live!

Stan Earnhart  
Compliance Chairman

The Rotary Club of  
Georgetown  
Proudly Presents

*Harborwalk Night*

World famous *Catalinas* will lead the  
the Night with Music, Fun, and Shaggin'

Food and Drinks available for purchase  
Scan QR CODE for TICKET PURCHASE and information about the event  
Tickets: \$25

LOCATION: Maritime Park (Next to SC Maritime Museum)  
725 Front Street, Georgetown, SC 29440  
Saturday, April 15, 2023  
7:00pm - 10:00pm

Proceeds from the event benefits Alzheimer's research and high impact local community projects  
[www.georgetownrotaryclub.org](http://www.georgetownrotaryclub.org)

The poster features a QR code, a group photo of the Catalinas band, and logos for the Rotary Club of Georgetown and the Shaggin' organization.

## Drainage

Ah, Spring showers. Drainage Committee prefers showers over storms and especially over hurricanes. We believe all under road pipes are open. We believe all HOA ditches are open. We know that the canals cannot carry off storm or hurricane waters fast enough to prevent some low lying areas flooding. Guess that is why FEMA requires flood insurance if you have a mortgage. Also why the canals need to be kept deep to help carry off more storm water. We have homes draining to the golf course and we have substantial golf course runoff draining to our canals and marshes. We are in this together.

What can we as individuals do to help: Keep our driveway pipes clear. Keep our Swales (shallow ditches) clear down our boundary lines. Keep our front and rear ditches clear of clogs and debris. Our homesite drainage is our responsibility to maintain. ARC is striving to ensure all new construction has proper Drainage when turned over to Owners. Drainage assists ARC with this and serves on ARC Committee for this.

What about our roads: Good Questions- lawn sprinklers should not spray the road nor run so much as to call runoff onto the road. Front swale or ditch should be maintained or created to drain water away from the road.

We are taking action wherever a drainage problem is an HOA action item. If not an HOA action item, then we advise the Owner of that opinion. SCDHEC defines flooding as water that stands longer than forty-eight hours before it is considered a drainage problem.

Happy Spring  
Joe Myers  
Drainage  
Chairperson



## Wedgefield Boat Club

The Wedgefield boat club is off to a great start for 2023. We held our DUESRDUE party Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at the Manor House. We are happy to inform you that we have 73 paid members to start this year's membership. We will continue to take new members. If you are interested in joining, please contact Shirley Peterson at 843-546-3870. The Dues are \$25.00 per person to join the club. You DO NOT HAVE TO OWN a Boat to join this Club. All are Welcome.

Our planning Committee members are : Shirley Peterson, Commodore, Karen Macedo, Treasurer, Valerie Cooper, Computer Tech for Newsletters, Sandie McMillin, Bob Buice, Bob Ramsey & Jonathan Rutstein. Our Boat Club Planning Committee met Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> and scheduled the following events: April 15<sup>th</sup>, a 3 hour Plantation Tour ride on Captain Rod's Boat from the Harbour downtown. May 29<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day Event at the Manor House, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> Halloween Party at the Manor House and Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas dinner/party at the Manor House.

We plan to have other events; this is just a start for this year. If you join and are interested in hosting a party at your home, please let one of the Planning members know what you would like to do. We look forward to seeing our members at the next event.

Shirly Peterson  
Commodore



## **WOW!**

We had a busy year full of brunches, lunches, holiday parties, and crafts. All while meeting new neighbors and friends.

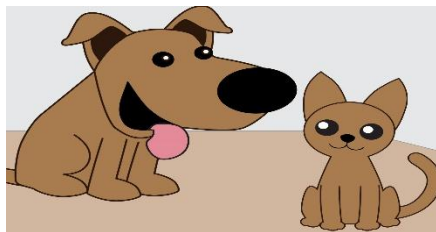
Unfortunately, we had to limit our membership due to limitations of volunteers. Our new year starts in September. We are looking for all positions and committee volunteers. For more information email [womenofwedgefield@gmail.com](mailto:womenofwedgefield@gmail.com)

Trina Davis  
Women of Wedgefield

## **Saint Frances Animal Center**

Summer Internships now open for application!

We are accepting applications for two summer intern positions we will have available. These are paid positions at \$11.00 per hour and are designed for animal lovers age 18 plus that want to learn about careers in animal welfare. You may assist in kennel, fundraising, medical, volunteers and events and other areas as needed. The role offers exposure to just about everything involved with lifesaving. Internships are from May thru August with some flexibility and may be up to 40 hours per week based on need. Jobs may be physical at times and the work can be emotional yet rewarding. To apply please email a letter of interest to [director@sfaanimals.org](mailto:director@sfaanimals.org).



If you need someone to watch your dogs or cats, I am that person. I have references if you need it. You can send me a message or call me at (717)858-9444. I am a resident of Wedgefield Plantation. Faye Caverly

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