# WERGEFIELD WRAGG

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### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Easter Egg Hunt**

April 15th - 10 a.m.

April 15<sup>th,</sup> at 10 a.m. for children 10 and under. Bring your own Easter baskets. Jumpy House available.

**Annual Yard Sale** 

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#### May 6th from 8 a.m. to 1 pm

Please call the office if you plan on participating. Wedgefield community maps with the yard sale locations will be handed out the morning of the sale at the Wedgefield entrance.

Deadline to sign up is Weds., May 3rd

Wedgefield Community Yard Sale will be advertised in the Georgetown Times the Weds. and Friday before the sale.

If you have any questions, please contact Lee at the office 546-2718 Georgetown County has expressed possible interest in purchasing the golf course. Brian Tucker, the director of economic development for the county, has advised that county council has asked him to prepare a business plan to explore the viability of such a purchase. Mr. Tucker has done some very preliminary calculations and arrived at several conclusions.

In order for the county to incur the large and continuing expense of golf course ownership, he believes it will be necessary for the residents of Wedgefield to show strong support for this venture. This support will be both in the form of making use of the course, and also paying money to the county in one form or another. Whether this payment is in the form of an additional tax on Wedgefield properties, or some other means of payment is an open question at the moment, but it seems clear that some amount, (perhaps in the neighborhood of \$500 per year) would be initially required. Keep in mind that this is, at this point, conceptual and the actual amount of funding needed from the community is open to a number of variables. The fact of the matter, however, is that the county will not be inclined to proceed without knowing that the Wedgefield population is strongly in favor of this approach, as resistance is expected from other county residents.

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#### LEGAL REPORT

#### (VP Report continued)

What is being suggested preliminarily is the aforementioned fee, which would grant golf, tennis and pool privileges to Wedgefield residents with somewhere in the neighborhood of a \$20-\$22 cart fee for golf. County residents not in Wedgefield would pay upwards of \$30-\$35 per round, or be able to purchase memberships for approximately \$1000. Out of county players would pay perhaps \$40-\$45 per round. Pool costs for county (non Wedgefield) residents would also be established.

You will shortly be receiving information in the mail regarding this. A meeting for all residents is planned for the near future to further provide details regarding more precise terms and conditions as this course of action is explored.

Again, note that this information is preliminary and subject to any number of modifications. Right now, The WPA is interested in whether the residents and property owners of Wedgefield support the CONCEPT of a county owned golf course and a public-private joint venture to get the golf course, pool, tennis courts and manor house restored to use and operational.

Bob Garrison, Vice-President

Annual assessments were due in the office no later than February 28<sup>th</sup> to avoid late fees. Sadly, there are still in excess of 70 property owners who have not seen fit to honor their legal obligation to pay their annual assessments. These property owners are no longer in good standing, not eligible to attend meetings, vote, receive marina cards and stickers or obtain approvals from ARC for any anticipated improvements or renovations to their properties.

All past due assessments are now subject to a \$20 per month late fee, effective from March 1st. Additionally, these delinquent parties are subject to legal action being instituted against them, starting with liens being placed on their properties, referral to our board attorney for collection purposes and, eventually, foreclosure proceedings. Please note that any and all costs of the collection process, from the filing fee for a lien, to any and all attorney fees incurred by the WPA for collection purposes, are the responsibility of the delinquent property owner, and will be included in the cost of bringing your account up to date. Typically, attorney involvement can cost \$400 or more.

Please make every effort to avoid further costs and make arrangements to bring your account up to date and restored to good standing. If there is a reason why payment has yet to be made, please contact the office immediately. The WPA will be happy to work with any property owner who has a legitimate hardship.

Bob Garrison, Legal Chairperson

#### Treasurer's Report

Thank you to all residents who have paid their 2017 assessments. Wedgefield is a self-sustained community with all expenses being paid from these assessments. Our Reserve Accounts are currently at \$459,270. In 2016, we incurred a large expenditure from our Emergency Reserve due to the clean-up after Hurricane Matthew.

If you have not paid your assessment for 2017 or for prior years, please do so now. Legal and Finance will continue to pursue delinquent accounts per our policy.

Peggy Phillips, Treasurer

#### **Water Amenities**

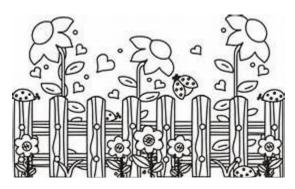
We have several projects underway;

- (1) We are in the process of removing the trees from the canal that fell during the hurricane; (2) We will be adding gravel to the landing road and also adding rock to the canal bank to stop erosion;
- (3) The engineering work has begun on the canals. The hydrographic survey of the canals is complete and we are waiting on a window of opportunity to do the controlled burn on the spoil site so that the topography survey can be completed. There has been a no-burn order in place for most of March hindering the project. We hope to have this work completed asap.

#### Wragg Grounds Report

Spring is in the air and it is time to design a floral display at the entrance to the Plantation. Some irrigation issues will need to be resolved prior to the design being finalized in case any lines or sprinkler heads need to be replaced. The flowers will be purchased with the next several weeks and volunteers to help will be greatly appreciated. A notice will be posted shortly before the big planting day and we hope this will encourage many to participate. In order to protect the safety of our gracious volunteers, all resident should be aware of the activities and be extremely cautious while driving in and out of the Plantation that day.

Larry McMillan, Grounds Chairperson



#### Women of Wedgefield

The women of Wedgefield started the year off in January with a relaxing lunch at Sticky Fingers, followed by viewing the beautiful movie "La La Land".

In February, we met in Pawley's Island at the restaurant Bisqit for lunch. Afterwards we strolled through the shops and enjoyed the beautiful day together.

On March 16th WOW celebrated St. Patrick's Day again with the boys at Tara Hall. Because of the thoughtful donations from our members, we were able to bring pizzas, gift bags, hats, and cake and ice cream to the boys. We also donated \$200 to their organization. It ended with guided tours of the premises given by these wonderful boys. It was amazing day that we hope to continue through the years.

On April 22nd, we will join the Wedgefield Boat Club for a river tour on Captain Rod's tour boat.

On May 20th, we will have our annual progressive dinner. We will begin with appetizers, continue with a lasagna dinner, and end with delicious desserts.

Our year then ends for the summer but will begin again on September 28th with a brunch at my home. At that time our dues of \$25 will be collected for the upcoming year of 2017/2018. If you are interested in joining the women of Wedgefield, please contact me at any time at 520–9002. We will be happy to have you join us!

Linda Meltzer – 843-527-7916 President of WOW



Wedgefield Boat Club Report

The Boat Club is off to a great start for 2017.

The "Dues R Due" party was exciting with 53 homeowners attending and they all joined the blub that evening. Since then we have received more members bringing our membership to 64.

March 17<sup>th</sup>, we enjoyed a St. Patrick's Day party at Eddie Chacon's Restaurant. The "Wearing of the Green" was obvious and made for a lot of fun for all those attending.

Our next event is a Plantation Tour on Captain Rod's tour boat on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. This event is combined with the Women of Wedgefield. It is a 3-hour boat ride and we anticipate 40+ attending.

In May, we have two events planned. A Cinco de Mayo party at the home of Mike Davis complete with Mexican attire and all Mexican food. Memorial Day we will do our Annual Memorial Day celebration at the home of Larry and Sandie McMillin. Chefs Chris Carroll and Bob Meltzer will be preparing the BBQ and chicken for a wonderful picnic, followed with a patriotic program.

If you are interested in more information, please call Shirley Peterson, Commodore at 546-3870 or Peggy Phillips, Treasurer, at 545-0195



#### **Roads Committee**

If there is a problem with a pot hole or road condition on your street, please put the complaint in writing and send it to the office. We are compiling a list for the next round of road repairs.

Adam Anderson

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#### **Community Liaison**

If you have a question or comment, please put it in writing and send it to the office. I will get you an answer as soon as possible.

Adam Anderson

#### Welcome Committee

Wedgefield Plantation welcomes all new residents. If you have not heard from us, we apologize and ask that you please contact us through the Office and we will be more than happy to welcome you in person.

Inge Ebert

#### Office Hours

The HOA office is open from 9-2, Monday through Thursday. Our answering machine is always on and you can email us at wedgeassoc.com@frontier.com

#### Contact Us

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