

Newsletter

Wedgefield Plantation Homeowners Association



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Message from the Board President

Marilyn Weitz, President

Dear Wedgefield Residents,

Happy New Year! As we embark on this exciting new year, I'd like to take a moment to share some updates about our community and the initiatives we're working on together.

First, thank you for your continued involvement and support in making Wedgefield such a wonderful place to live. Whether you've attended meetings, participated in events, or followed our community guidelines, your contributions truly make a difference.

Recently, we launched an exciting initiative with Clemson University for a drainage study, which is now underway. Adam Hall and Nate Nadeau are working closely with the Clemson team to address this important issue and bring valuable improvements to our community.

Looking ahead, Al DeMarchi is leading the newly formed Document Review Committee to update the Covenants and By-laws, ensuring they reflect the needs of the 21st century. In addition, our policy

manual is being reviewed and updated with the help of our dedicated committees.

We're also thrilled to celebrate the successful launch of our new website! A big thank-you goes to Bryan Lawrimore and Sharon McCallum Lackey for their hard work in bringing this valuable resource to life.

Our Spectrum program continues to be a great success, with new members joining regularly and enjoying the substantial savings it offers. It's wonderful to see so many residents taking advantage of this fantastic community program.

We are always looking for volunteers to support the various committees in Wedgefield. Whether you have time to plant flowers, assist with special events, or contribute your unique talents, every bit of help makes a difference. You can find a list of committees seeking volunteers at the HOA office.

Communications Report

Cindy Fry, Chairman

I'd like to take the opportunity to introduce to you our Communications' Committee: Georganne Ridgill, Stephanie Hanson, Sharon McCallum Lackey, and Blaine Beadle.

We're hard at work planning special events and activities for our wonderful Wedgefield Plantation and keeping you updated on those events, as well as current information regarding the community and the HOA, through the Plantation Bulletin Board Facebook page, emails, and WRAGG.

In addition to the events listed on the calendar, we are planning Food Truck Tuesdays again this year, as well as the annual 4th of July Golf Cart Parade, and our usual Christmas activities. We are also discussing one or two other "surprises" so stay tuned.....

We still need volunteers. We know that everyone is super busy, so any amount of time is greatly appreciated. If you would like to write, call us. Schedule and plan events, hey, email us. This is really a fun committee and truth be told, I'm excited about the plans for Wedgefield this year. Come join us!!!!

Lastly, don't forget about the Brickhouse Pub and special dinners at the Manor House! These amenities are open to the public, so feel free to invite friends from outside Wedgefield. Supporting our Golf Course and its offerings helps maintain a vibrant and welcoming community.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to Wedgefield. Together, we can ensure our neighborhood continues to be a safe, welcoming, and enjoyable place for all.

Website Committee Report

Bryan Laurimore, Chairman

Our new Website has launched! We switched over to the new site on December 31, 2024. It can be found at the same address, <https://wedgefieldhoa.com>, so you shouldn't need to update your Favorites and Bookmarks. There is a public section for prospective homebuyers and realtors to review our Working Documents, and there is also a Member's Area that is only available to you, the WPA members. We are also keeping a user database that will double as a directory for all members. By default all users' email addresses and phone numbers are hidden from other Members' view, but you may opt-in to make them internally visible to others. To date, we have 332 users in our directory. This is a wonderful success story!

To log into the Member's Only section, you will need to be sure the office has your email address on file. The username that you use for login is your email address. Once we have verified your email address, we will add your username to the website's user database with a random password. You will need to click on the 'Lost your password?' link under the Login button to start the password reset process. Once you have reset your password, you may login and start enjoying the Member's Area features.

We intend to host information and photos (with permission) for some of our social clubs and group activities within Wedgefield. If you would like to submit photos for publication, please send them to hoawedge@gmail.com with the subject line, 'website photo submission'.

Other than the new User Interface (UI), the new website has new features and functionality as well. One of those features is the ability to securely submit online payments for the HOA Annual Assessment via credit card. There is a processing fee of 3% associated with this service, but we are happy to announce the capability is finally here. I encourage you all to access the site and check out our other features! I'll be working on asking for additional features in the future; if you have suggestions for new features please forward them to the office so I can look into them for you.

Special thanks to Sharon McCallum Lackey. She has been an invaluable asset to the Website committee. She has helped produce graphics, content, and coordinated a lot of our internal and development communications for the website. Thank you Sharon. This transition couldn't have been possible without you.



Women of Wedgefield (WOW)

Cheryl Ramsey

Women of Wedgefield (WOW) enjoyed a wonderful beginning to the 2024-2025 season.

Our September kickoff event was a Dessert and Tea at the home of Michele Bennett to welcome back returning members and welcome new members. We revealed the Fall event calendar and voted on this year's charities, which are St Frances Animal Shelter and The Children's Recovery Center, which has opened a new facility in Georgetown. In October we enjoyed lunch at Ball and Que. In November we enjoyed Wine on the River at Hopsewee Plantation and listened to Ghost stories as we later toured the mansion. Later that month, Lori King traveled from Myrtle Beach

to teach us how to make fused glass ornaments. Our annual holiday dinner and raffle was held at Root in December. We raised \$440 to be split between our charities. In January we brushed off our thinking caps for Trivia Night at Jill and Bruce Huggins home.

The rest of the year will offer a cocktail party, CPR training, a tour of the Recycling Center, our Bake sale fundraiser, a Progressive Dinner, and our year end luncheon.

Our WOW leadership team: Cheryl Ramsey, Michele Bennett, Linda Hoffman, Debbie Cocain

Architectural Review Committee Report

Russ Cocain, Chairman

The ARC committee is extremely involved with the modification and construction projects within Wedgefield Plantation.

As a reminder, all changes, modifications and construction projects must be approved by the ARC. This will help maintain the integrity of our building standards within Wedgefield Plantation.

Current Projects:

2 projects which have been referred to the Compliance Committee for projects without permits.

11 minor projects involving tree removal, fencing, porch enclosures, etc.

12 new homes under construction.

2 new homes approved, but not started.

Upcoming Events

Join In!

1.

Valentines Dinner at the Manor house 2/15

Come join us at The Manor House at Wedgefield Country Club this Valentine's Day!

2.

WEDGEFIELD ROAD CLEAN-UP 3/15

Grab your hat, sunscreen, and bug spray and join us as we clean up Wedgefield Road! We have trash bags, orange vests, and for of us with bum knees, those great grabbers for trash.

3.

EASTER EGG HUNT 4/5 OR 4/19

Kids, Easter Eggs, Candy, Smiles. What could be more fun! Word is that the Easter Bunny will hide tons of eggs for the kids to find and to supervise the egg hunt! EB (Easter Bunny) needs help so please contact us if you can help.

4.

YARD SALE 5/3

Mark your calendars for Wedgefield's Annual Yard Sale. Let's clean out our closets and make a little cash.

VOLUNTEER!

The HOA is looking for volunteers to support events. Please call or email the HOA and volunteer for a committee!
hoawedge@gmail.com

We'll post the start times on the Plantation Bulletin Board in a few weeks with additional details about the events.

Drainage Report

Adam Hall, Chairman

Wedgefield Plantation Association has been pursuing a comprehensive drainage study for quite some time now. A drainage study would complete the trifecta of data (roads and reserves) needed for future planning and budgeting. EarthWorks was a starting point. We also conferenced with G3 Engineering and faculty from Baruch Marine Institute. A professor from Clemson's main campus, Dr. David Ladner, was also contacted and has presented us with an interesting proposal. A group of 4 environmental and civil engineering students will use Wedgefield drainage as their semester project.

This project included a site visit and assessment that took place Friday and Saturday, January 31st and February 1st. These students will submit a proposal and by the end of February will have a conceptual design for the area of focus. By mid March, they will present to the board (and professors as their midterm presentation). According to Dr. Ladner, we should have a fully revised report ready by the end of April that will include a recommended resolution for the affected areas. The bonus, we get this for free! This partnership has growth potential too. It was mentioned, however not defined, as to how Wedgefield could be used in future case studies with Capstone Design students. We are very excited about this opportunity and look forward to working with Dr. Ladner and his team.

Grounds Report

Jennifer Lawrimore, Chairman

Happy New Year!

Congratulations to Marge Miller for receiving the Volunteer of the Year award for 2024. Your neighbors and friends here in Wedgefield Plantation applaud your excellent work!

A sincere thank you to everyone who participated in making our front entrance look beautiful for the holidays. Over 25 volunteers took time out of their schedules to make this happen. A special thank you to Chris Baker with Baker's Glass and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Huggins for putting up the string lights at the circle.

I would like to also thank the following people who assisted me in planting flowers at the first Wedgefield sign as you enter our community:

- Mr. & Mrs. Nate Nadeau
- Marge Miller
- Martha Brule
- Bryan and Chance Lawrimore



As we enter 2025, the Landscaping Committee is in the process of reviewing and updating our current landscaping contract for it to be sent out for bids.

As our committee begins the process of developing a five-year Beautification Project plan, we welcome recommendations you may have to offer. We would like to look at all the common areas to see if they need improvement. Please feel free to reach out to the committee with your input.





Roads Committee Report

Mike Downes, Chairman

The Roads Committee is considering updating our traffic signs in order to make them DOT compliant. Once this is completed, Georgetown County Sheriff's Department will be able to patrol our community in order to curtail speeding. We will also continue to review the Road Study in order to guide us in the correct direction of needed road repair. We also ask for community input for this as well.

Thank you to those who voted for me. It is an honor to serve our community.

Secretary's Report

Stan Earnhart, Chairman

We are off to a good start in 2025. The most important project is securing the email address of each member of the WPA. This would allow the WPA to quickly send information to every member. Email addresses will be used for member access to our new website and will be needed for members to use online payment options. The website will become the most accessible and accurate source of WPA information such as the Covenants, Bylaws, Board Policy, meeting minutes, and the member's directory. These documents will be searchable, making the information you want faster and easier to find.

Please make sure that the WPA office has your email address. There are three options to send your email address:

1. Call the office at 843-546-2718
2. Email the office at hoawedge@gmail.com
3. Return the email form that was included with your assessment invoice.

Thank you for your assistance in completing these records and have a great 2025.

Compliance Report

Stan Earnhart, Chairman

The Compliance Committee had a meeting where we discussed several compliance issues that have been brought to our attention. The new committee is ready and committed to helping make Wedgefield a better place for all of us to live. If you have a complaint or question, please contact the WPA office by phone or email. Besides enforcing residential covenant violations, Compliance is also responsible for maintaining the Board Policy Books to ensure that all Board members have accurate and current information. This is a large and time consuming project. The Committee will also review these documents when they appear on our new website. WPA members using this information can be confident that it is correct and up to date.



Boat Club

Shirley Peterson, Commodore

The members of the Boat Club enjoyed a Halloween party and a Christmas Party this past year. We are off to a great start for 2025. We celebrated Sat. Jan. 4th with a New Years Brunch at the home of Al & Jill DeMarchi. Everyone brought a covered dish and we welcomed in our new members. This was our DuesRDue event also. Our Planning Committee consists of Valerie Cooper, Karen Macedo, Sandie McMillin, Bob Ramsey, Jonathan Rutstein and Shirley Peterson. We are in the process of planning events for the year of 2025.



Saint Frances Animal Center

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When it snows in Georgetown SC and you put out a challenge to Wedgefield Plantation residents.. build a snowman, post it and \$10 for each one will be donated to Saint Frances Animal Center. 27 snowmen were posted.

Thank you Georganne Ridgill and Hank Pappas, shown here with their 2 rescues, Ziggy on left and Cleo who they recently adopted from SFAC, for coming up with the fundraiser and thank you to Cindy Fry and Mitch for upping the donation to \$500!! Kids and adults both had fun!!