

Wedgefield Plantation Holiday Decoration

After Action Report

The Communications Committee was first told via email on October 13, 2025, that we were responsible for this project and confirmed at the October Board meeting. We quickly became a decorating planning committee to include Eileen Kramer. (Please note that Board & committee member (2025) Blaine Beadle attended no meetings nor assisted in any of the decorating projects or attended any Community Holiday activities.)

Because of insurance issues, the Committee began getting bids for professional lighting for the Circle. We received 2 bids (the 3rd was a no-show). The first bid was for \$5k for the trees on in the circle. The lowest bid, Pure Lighting out of Myrtle Beach, had a bid of \$4500 to decorate the circle, the Gate House and entrance. After days of emails going back and forth, the Board agreed unanimously via email to accept the Pure Lighting bid and move forward. I did some final negotiations to get the bid down to \$4000.

The Decorating Committee, with the help of a few neighborhood volunteers, Bob Meltzer and Stan Earnhart and their spouses, began decorating the community mid-November and finished the first week of December.

On December 4, I gave notice to the Board that I could not be the POC for the luminaries. No Board member stepped forward to take the lead. Luminaries were placed by various members of the community.

The decorating Committee was told that there was a request to return the Nativity Scene. I am unsure if the donors have picked it up. A different family donated a new one this year, as well, the bow on each of the wreaths at the front entrance.

Pure Lighting removed the lights on earlier today. If we were to sign a contract for next year before the end of the month, we would be able to obtain 2025 prices.

Thank you to Patrick Montgomery and Bob Meltzer for taking down, packing up, and storing the decorations.

Take Aways:

- 1) It is my opinion that the Community Holiday decorations are the responsibility of the Landscaping committee. Communications Committee is responsible for**

working in conjunction with Landscaping and volunteers by distributing information and requests to the neighborhood.

- 2) If the HOA plans to continue to use professional decorators/lighting, we begin planning in July. Many contractors offer discounts for those who make early commitments (up to 20% off. Image what more we could do!?!)
- 3) Line item in budget if Board moves to go the professional route. Currently, neither Landscaping nor Communications have sufficient funds in their budgets to sufficiently cover Holiday decorations. I recommend \$5000, with an additional \$1000 to upgrade the remainder of the decorations.
- 4) As of this morning, the Circle lighting from 2024 is still in the home of a resident who has refused numerous requests to return. I suggest we send her a written 5-day demand notice for return, as well as for any other Wedgefield decorations in her possession.
- 5) Replace Christmas tree in HOA office. Purge remaining damaged extension cords and holiday decorations (begin in July)
- 6) Purchase (rent) large static holiday display to go on Wedgefield Rd side of circle.
- 7) Purchase several smaller static decorations/displays to go in various locations in the Plantation.
- 8) Review the electrical situation in the Circle for future events. I, along with several other residents, have obtained estimates recently. This should be part of a 2-3-year plan.
- 9) Repair gutters on Guard House (yes, I know, PP&E)
- 10) Luminaries: There have been several suggestions. One, tradition that should be discarded because of lack of volunteers. Two, switch to paper, luminary bags (the ones that the HOA currently own should be discarded because they are fire hazards.)

Total Costs:

Pure Lighting: \$4000

Misc. expenses: \$ 753.12 (includes 192.52 for 1000 luminary candles)

Respectfully submitted:

Cindy Fry

Wedgefield Plantation HOA
Welcoming Committee Report
January 20, 2026

No Report.

I move that we add Shirley Nilson to the Welcoming Committee.

Respectfully submitted.

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Community Liaison Report

January 20, 2026

The HOA Board received numerous emails from the community this past month. Robert was able to respond to many of them. Of the remaining emails, in person comments, and phone calls, the majority were related to the ongoing roads issue. Bob and our roads committee have addressed them. We had one complaint about condition of a specific property. It was referred to ARC. (Jon will address that later). There was another complaint about the continued speeding on Wraggs Ferry. We are working on several options. We had two emails requesting a status update of the recall petition of a HOA Board Director. The Legal chair responded to one while upon the advice of legal, I responded to the second.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Fry