Woodside Plantation Property Owners' Association

WPPOA NEWS

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Board Meeting Dates

September 16, 2013 October 21, 2013 November 18, 2013 December 16, 2013

All meetings are held on the third Monday (except where noted) at 3:00 p.m. at the Property Owners' Office.

Property Owners' Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Woodside Plantation
Property Owners' Association will be Tuesday,
September 10 at 6 p.m. at the Woodside Plantation Country Club.
Please plan to attend.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Bill Lykins

Plan To Attend the Annual Meeting

Sometime in August you will receive a ballot for the election of WPPOA members. On September 10, 2013, residents of Woodside will be voting for the election of three individuals to fill the vacancy of the three directors leaving the board. None of the present board members whose terms are expiring have elected to run for another term which means we will have three totally new members coming on the board in September. Prior to voting, please carefully review the resumes of those seeking election. Those who are elected will be guiding the future of the WPPOA for the next three years.

Mayor Fred Cavanaugh has advised us he will be attending our annual meeting. The mayor will give us an overview of what's happening or about to happen in the City of Aiken. He will also address questions from the audience. You may also use the meeting to ask any questions or show your concern about Woodside Plantation. Your questions will be addressed by the board member in charge of the area of concern. I look forward to seeing you on September 10 at the Woodside Country Club at 6:00 p.m.



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Mike Sims

Proposed Leasing Amendment Update

I received the following email from a resident subsequent to the publication of the July newsletter. The resident's letter is unedited with the exception that the resident's name is not identified.

The email reads: "I read the July 2013 edition of the WPPOA newsletter and was surprised to see an article recommending a covenant change dealing with property leasing. As I recall, this same (or very similar) covenant change was recommended last year and was not approved. So why is it being address again? Several possibilities come to mind which are:

- A. You didn't like the answer you received last year so you want to try again with the hope that the answer will be different. I hope this is not the case.
- B. It is different than last year as it addresses some specific changes that caused it to be rejected. If so, why not address these changes in the article?
- C. It is substantially different than last year and about the only similarity is the title. If so why not state this fact?

In summary, I found the article disappointing as no mention was made to the actions taken last year. Let's be willing to discuss all the facts. You have an opportunity to do so in the August issue of the newsletter. Perhaps, if the WPPOA issued real minutes of your meetings the answer to my question would be known." To wit my answers:

As was published in the 2012 October newsletter, the amendment failed last year by 1.3% of the votes cast. In regard to:

Question "A" – It is the case - I and the POA Board did not like the answer that was received last year. As the amendment failed to pass by a very slim margin, the board did not and does not believe the vote reflected the intent of the collected voting of individual residents.

Question "B" – The fundamental changes in this year's proposed amendment are:

- 1. All property owners (whether an individual or a builder) are exempt from the leasing requirements if they are leasing to a person(s) who is purchasing or constructing a home within Woodside Plantation (individual property owners were not exempt in the 2012 proposed amendment).
- 2. Cottonwood Creek was not exempt from the leasing amendment last year. Because leasing is specifically covered in Cottonwood Creek's covenants, the originally proposed 2013 leasing amendment did exempt Cottonwood Creek. However, they have now requested that they not be exempt and their request has been accepted.
- 3. The language of this year's proposed amendment is less legally oriented and specific clauses such as the subordination right that was granted to the POA when the property owner failed to pay annual assessments is no longer included nor is the provision that would have allowed the POA to evict a tenant.

Question "C" – I hereby so state that this year's proposed leasing amendment is NOT substantially different in substance than last year's and the similarity is NOT limited to just the title.

In closing, I appreciated receiving the email as it provided an incentive to clarify some issues that may be of concern to a number of residents. The clarifications were specifically not identified in last month's newsletter because the proposed leasing document had not been made available for residents to review – so to some extent there was no way to make an effective comparison.

If, after you receive and review the proposed leasing amendment, you have questions prior to voting, please email me in care of wppoa@wppoa.com and I will answer to the extent that I am able.

The Board supports the approval of the proposed leasing amendment because it believes that having the amendment will provide a more effective mechanism for protecting the aesthetic and economic interests of the community at large and specifically, to protect the property owners surrounding a leased residence which is in constant violation of the Covenants by giving the POA a better venue for protecting those property owners' interests.

JULY 15, 2013 BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Meeting was called to order by Bill Lykins at 3:00 p.m. at the Woodside Plantation POA office conference room and a quorum was established.

Attendees: Bill Lykins, president

Nancy Hughes, vice-president

Bob Horne, secretary Pat Shippey, treasurer

Melanie Brock, Association Manager

Bob Christopher, member Dee Clark, member Jerry Hughson, member Larry Wittenmyer, member

Diana Peters (DC)

Absent: Mike Sims, member

Guests: Jim Hansen, Mike Jula,

Sonita Redmond

Approval of minutes:

Mr. Lykins: there being no additions or corrections, the minutes of June 17, 2013 stand approved as

written.

Reports: The financial report was given and the

ARB report was submitted to board members prior to the meeting.

Submitted reports are maintained in

Association records.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Horne Secretary

Important Notes

The first day of school is Monday, August 19, 2013. The Chukker Creek gate will be open on school days from 6:45 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. to 3 p.m. Drive carefully!

The POA office will be closed Monday, September 2 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. The office will re-open September 3 at 8 a.m.

Trash pick-up will be delayed by one day during the week of Labor Day – instead of being picked up on Wednesday, it will be picked up on Thursday.

The renewal period for annual guest decals ends on August 30. Residents should remind their sponsored guests to bring their current vehicle registration with them to the POA office when picking up their new decals.

The Blotter JULY 2013	
Alarms	1
Decal/Pass Violation	2
Emergency Vehicles/Public Safety	15
Fire	0
Fishing	3
Gate Maintenance	0
Landscaping	1
Light Maintenance	0
Animal Nuisance	0
Other	6
People Nuisance	2
Property Damage	4
Resident Assistance	8
Routine Safety Patrol	52*
Speeding/Reckless driving*	1
Suspicious Condition/Person	1
Vandalism	0
Theft	0
Trespassing	0
Traffic Violation	0**
Vehicle Accident	0
*Public safety vehicles entering without lights or sirens activated, previously classified as 'emergency vehicle' **This does not include citations issued by Aiken	

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS IULY 2013

Referred - 7
Trash - 4
Unsightly Conditions - 10
Vehicle - 1

Pet - 1

Yard Debris - 1

Total Complaints - 24

Referred Complaints

ARB - 1

Common Area - 2

DC – 1

Maintenance - 2

Security - 1

Total Referred Complaints - 7

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Dee Clark

Tree Removal Process

Tree removal requests fall under the responsibility of the POA-ARB. When a homeowner wishes to have trees greater than 4" in diameter removed from his or her property, it is necessary to stop by the POA office and complete an approval form.

The POA office will supply colored tape for tagging and identifying the tree(s) needing removal. A site visit will be conducted by an ARB member. After review of the property, a copy of the approval or disapproval form will be left with the homeowner.

Approval for the removal of trees located within ten (10) feet of the main dwelling or other approved structures will be granted unless such removal will substantially decrease the beauty of the affected portion of the property.

In order for approval to be given to remove a tree, typically at least one of the following conditions must exist:

- Trees that prevent the development of a parcel or home site of the physical use thereof.
- Trees which prevent access to a parcel of land.
- Trees which pose a safety hazard to pedestrians, vehicles, buildings or other structures.
- Trees which threaten to cause damage or disruption to public utilities.
- Trees which are diseased, injured or sufficiently weakened so as to threaten or cause damage to persons or property.
- Trees which require removal for reasons other than set forth herein where it is determined to be in the public interest.
- Trees that severely impair a major view amenity.
- Trees that severely affect the drainage or topography of a residence.

If you need additional information or clarification regarding tree removal, please contact the POA office.

July 2013 ARB Activity

Building and Environmental Inspections – 19
Homeowner issues - 2
Improvements – 14
Landscape Plans – 5
Satellite Dish Location Requests - 5
Tree Removal Requests – 25
Variance - 1

COMMON AREA LANDSCAPING

Nancy Hughes

Bradford Pears at the Main Entrance

Last year, we replaced three of the Bradford Pears at the main entrance. Generally the resident response was pretty positive, but it was cause for concern for some. Therefore, I thought I would give you a heads up that two more of the Bradford Pears will be replaced this year with a magnolia and a cherry tree. This is the last portion of the 2013 landscaping strategic plan. These Bradford Pears are old and splitting, and would need considerable maintenance. Also, they create way too much shade for the grass and plantings underneath them.

Ornamental trees have a healthy life span of about 15-20 years. These Bradford Pears are 25 years old and therefore can pose a danger. A storm with high winds could take down these trees, or at least their tree limbs.

Over the next few years we will be replacing the rest of the Bradford Pears at the main gate with a combination of magnolias, redbuds and cherries – all flowering trees. I know this is different, but if you give it a chance, I really think you'll be pleased.

LAKES & DAMS

Jerry Hughson

Rain and Our Maintenance Program

OK, as I sit here wondering (not easy for me) what I am going to talk about in this month's newsletter, all of a sudden it came to me! I'll talk about RAIN! You know, that stuff that only occasionally falls from the heavens to water our flowers and lawns? But in our case, this June and July, "occasionally" has meant about twice a day! What a two months we have had.

The reason I mention the rain is because of two problems it presents us. I know some of you have noticed the grass getting a little high on some of the dams. Our contractor, Cold Creek, is obligated to mow each of our dams six times a year, but the rain has just made it nearly impossible to get their tractors, etc, on the sides of the dams without doing significant damage. I think by now, as I type, all of the dams have been mowed fairly recently, but for future reference, if you see the grass on the dams getting a little long, think about how recently we might have had significant rain, and that might be the reason why. Now if it's dry, and the grass is still long, give me a call!

Same problem exists for our other contractor, Granite Ridge Aquatic Services, who treat our lakes for noxious weeds (alligator weed, floating hearts, etc). If they treat the lake with rain in the forecast, the chemicals do not have time to work and the rain dilutes the product to the point it isn't very effective. So, again, please try to be patient if the rains continue, but as always, if you do have a concern, don't hesitate to contact me. Thanks, everyone...see you next month!

Kids Fishing Fun Program

Woodside's fishermen are launching a program in response to our most frequently-asked question, "How can I take my children or grandchildren fishing?" Beginning September 1, "Kids Fishing Fun" will be headed by myself and Frank Shallo. A resident fisherman will accompany the parent/grandparent of up to two children (ages 10 and under). For three or more children, two parents/grandparents are requested to attend the outing.

The program will provide fishing tackle and advice and, if needed, life vests. The cost of bait and any donation to the program will be the responsibility of the parent/grandparent. Fishing will always be from the shore with live bait. We're looking forward to launching the fishing careers of many young anglers with this fun program. Contact me with any questions (649-9842 or e-mail at ziomekk@bellsouth.net). Ken Ziomek

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pat Shippey

Late Assessments and Budget Info

Our attorney sent letters to five lot owners and one estate owner who are delinquent in paying the 2013 assessment. This is the first step in the lien process. The addresses of the delinquent owners are listed below:

Lot 606, Phase IV - 1006 Anderson Mill Road

Lot 12-25, Phase III – 281 Golden Oak Drive

Lots 739/741, Phase I – 10 and 30 Chinkapin Court

Lot 7-43, Phase III – 158 Enclave Drive

243 Forest Pines Road

Lot 14-13, Phase III – 202 Silver Meadow Court

The 2014 budget process began in July. Each director is responsible for submitting income and expense projections in the areas of his or her responsibility. A preliminary budget will be ready for board review by the middle of August. The budget will be finalized in November after new directors have had an opportunity to comment on it.

Year-to-date income is slightly more than anticipated while expenses are slightly under budget. The cost to pave East Gate Drive from the circle to the East Gate entrance was \$19,000 less than anticipated. There was minimal tree damage from the July 15th storm and with all the rain we have been experiencing, irrigation water expenses are under budget.

DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Diana Peters

I Get By With a Little Help From My Friends...

A little bit of rain failed to dampen the fun at the annual Independence Day Celebration at The Village at Woodside. Thanks in large part to our sponsors: Brand Mortgage, Caldwell Design & Construction, Designer Builders, Floyd & Green, Furniture Connection and Edward Jones and Scott Singer, this year's event was a blast – a beach blast to be exact! With music by Tony Williams & The Blues Express, grilled hamburgers, inflatables for the children, a raffle and more, the event hosted well over 1,000 people. Those in attendance were able to meet and hear the emotional and remarkable stories of two wounded warriors from right here in Aiken, including how they have been helped by the Aiken-Augusta Wounded Warriors. Thanks to the support of our sponsors and those who came out for the fun, the event raised over \$4,500 for our wounded warriors!

Another cause that is near and dear to many in Woodside is the fight against Alzheimer's Disease. Woodside resident, Cindy Rudisill, knows all too well the cost of this despicable disease – she's not only a registered nurse, but also experienced her mother's fight with the Alzheimer's. On October 12, the Walk to END Alzheimer's will be held at the H. Odell Weeks Activities Center. Prior to moving to Woodside, Cindy was a team captain for similar walks in her hometown and is continuing that service here in her new hometown. Cindy extends a welcome to anyone who would like to join the "Flower Power" team to help make a difference in the fight against Alzheimer's. Donations to the cause are needed! If every homeowner in Woodside donated just \$1.00, more than \$1,800 would be raised to help END Alzheimer's! If you would like to walk or donate, please contact Cindy. Here are a few ways you can do so:

email: cynthiar1228@hotmail.com phone: home - (803) 514-2784 cell - (315) 559-0258

Or, when you are downtown, stop by Cyndi's Sweet Shoppe to donate \$1.00 and put your name on one of the flowers to be displayed. You can also go to www.alz.org. Choose 'find a walk,' enter your zip code and select Aiken. Then, go to the 'donate' tab, click 'find a team,' type in 'Flower Power' and it will lead you to the donation page. You can then make your donation online. All money donated will be under the team name 'Flower Power.' If you have any questions about the walk, where you can get more information, or help with Alzheimer's, please contact Cindy.

Woodside residents contribute thousands of hours and dollars a year in support of their community. THANK YOU!!

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2013 BOARD NOMINEES

GREG BURKES

Greg Burkes has been a Woodside resident since 1989 and is employed at Savannah River Nuclear Solutions. In his 24 year career there, he has experience in Supply Chain Management, Financial Operations, Business Systems and is a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt. An Army veteran, he has a BS in History and Political Science and a MS in Management. Married to Lynn for 29 years, they have three children, all Clemson students. Greg has been an Elder at South Aiken Presbyterian Church and Vice Chair of the Aiken Annexation Study Committee. He has volunteered for the Aiken Kidney Benefit, Project Graduation and has performed in community theater in Aiken. Greg wants the board to continue to keep

Woodside the great place to live that it is.



JOE GAWLIK

Joe and his wife Gini moved to Woodside from northern Virginia last year after extensive investigation of numerous gated gold communities in the south. Originally from Chicago, Joe graduated from the University of Dayton with a BS in biology but, due to the Vietnam war, he signed up for the U.S. Navy Aviation Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as a Combat Air Intelligence Officer. He retired after a 20-year career in Naval intelligence that began with service in Vietnam and ended with him being a major program manager responsible for acquisition and installation of intelligence systems aboard aircraft carriers and large amphibious ships. He received a Master's

degree in National Security Affairs (Middle East) from the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School and is a board-certified Weapons Systems Acquisition professional. He spent his next 21 years as a contractor supporting the national intelligence community. In industry, he served in senior and executive management positions for several small businesses which were subsequently acquired by larger businesses including General Dynamics and Northrop Grumman. His expertise is in strategic and tactical business development with the intelligence community, specifically in reconnaissance and surveillance systems. Joe's people skills and business acumen ensured his successful industry career from which he retired last year. Joe seeks board involvement so he can assure that the values he found in choosing Woodside remain in place. Moreover, he also wants a voice in addressing the many issues facing our community: property values, bang for buck vis-à-vis POA assessment, security and traffic, attracting new residents and the overall community ambience of Woodside.



JIM HANSEN

Jim graduated from Purdue University with a BS in Metallurgical Engineering and later from Ohio State University with an MBA in Finance. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard ship during the Vietnam conflict and then spent 32 years in the glass industry with Owens Corning, including a short period in Aiken in the 1960's. Jim held a number of positions in research and development, manufacturing and distribution which senior management included responsibilities. He has served community, church and volunteer boards in several cities and, for two years was the chairman of the Kansas City United Way board of directors. Jim and his wife Joan

moved to Woodside six years ago. They have four children and 11 grandchildren in Missouri and North Carolina and are members of St. John's United Methodist Church. Jim would actively support efforts to insure a functional and safe infrastructure, and high standards of property maintenance, both common and private, to insure the continued value and marketability of Woodside.



JOHN ROGERS

John received his BS degree from The College of the Holy Cross. He received an MBA degree from Northeastern University and is a graduate of the executive education program at the Harvard Business School. His career in finance spanned 40 years. Early in his career he was a CPA for Price Waterhouse & Co. (PWC) and later had responsibilities as the CFO for companies in the Northeast. John was active in his community as an officer with the Lions Club, and as Chairman of the Town Finance Committee.

John and Nancy moved to Woodside three years ago from Massachusetts to enjoy this vibrant community and the areas many

attractions. He is currently an active volunteer with Aiken's SCORE chapter where he counsels start-up businesses.

He would like to ensure that the POA Board is preparing for the future, while not forgetting that the residents are the most important part of this community. His goal is to see that we remain a vibrant neighborhood for all residents and believes his background and experience will be a strong resource for the board.



MARY SHULTZ

Mary's career encompassed 23 years of increasing responsibilities in finance and contract management for Lockheed Martin and Verizon Corporations. During this time she held various executive management positions with budget accountability. Her proven contract negotiating skills on outsourcing and software licensing agreements resulted in significant cost reductions. Prior to her corporate experience, she was the dean of a private college preparatory school and also worked in Italy for several years for a publishing company. Her education includes a B.S. in Physics from Elizabethtown College and an M.Ed. degree from Pennsylvania State

University with additional graduate courses in finance. Mary and her husband Bob moved from Alexandria, Virginia in December 2011 following her retirement from Verizon. While in Italy she developed a passion for cooking, a hobby she pursues today. Since moving here she has become a master gardener through Clemson University; is an active volunteer for the First Tee of Aiken as both a level one coach and a member of their board of directors; and she has led the Women of Woodside's Holiday Home Tour, raising funds for their charitable missions. She is also an active golfer and participates in the women's golf association. She firmly believes in giving back to the community and will work diligently for Woodside. Mary's commitment and contract management experience will benefit the board in addressing what she sees as their primary concerns. Those include maintaining the beauty of the environment while balancing costs; ensuring the safety and security of residents; and planning in an adequate and knowledgeable way for future reserves to cover infrastructure repairs and maintenance. Mary looks forward to serving the community if elected.

Watch for your ballot, arriving soon in your mailbox



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Welcome To Our New Residents

Stephen & Gretchen Bozarth 178 Cottonwood Creek Lane Moved from: Massachusetts

Matthew & Elizabeth Dahlheimer 152 Willow Oak Loop

Jeff & Natalie Jurvis 187 Rock Maple Court Moved from: Woodbury, MN

Kathleen Rachick 128 Yellow Pine Road Moved from: Naperville, IL Susan Reifenrath 106 Boxwood Road Moved from Trenton, SC

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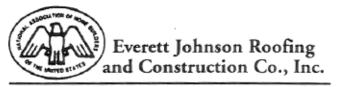
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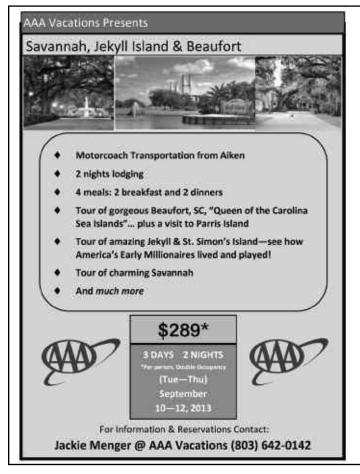
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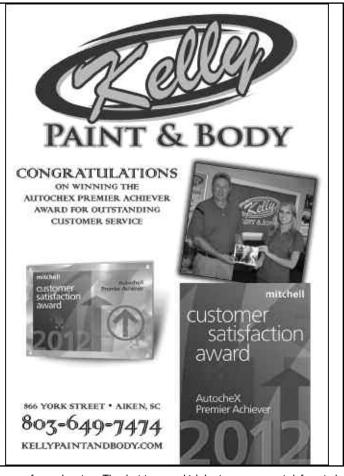
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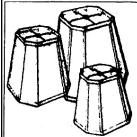




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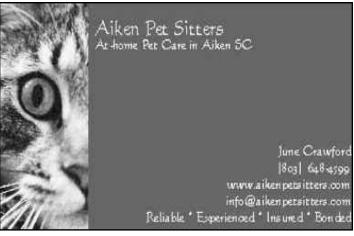


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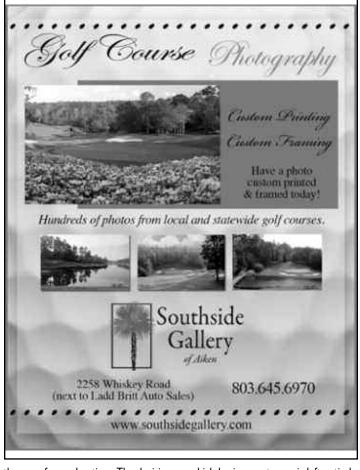
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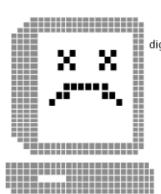
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Hello! Things are looking great in the orchards and in the garden. With all the rain, the peaches are a little bigger this year but, unfortunately, not quite as sweet. The fruit has really started to mature in the last week. We have begun picking sweet corn (finally). Bud opened his stand on Monday, June 14.

Ruth has made a remarkable recovery from her surgery that was on July 9th. Thank you for your prayers and concern for her and our family. We really appreciate it – we love talking with regular customers –and getting to know all the new ones each year!

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