



## **SCHIEVELING PLANTATION NEWSLETTER**

**APRIL 2005**

### **Special Newsletter and HOA Meeting Concerning the Proposals Submitted by the Playground Committee**

#### **Next HOA Meeting**

**Thursday, April 28, 2005**

**7:00 PM**

**At the Club House**

Thanks to the Playground Committee, chaired by Amy Goldkin and Mollie Malleske, the Board received a timely set of proposals and a presentation for a playground for Schieveling Plantation. Because of its impact, the Board decided to call a special HOA meeting to receive input from our HOA members concerning the proposals. Such an undertaking is akin to trying to “hug a hippo.” There are many facets, possibilities, and reactions to consider.

The Board has decided that, for the present and future generations of Schieveling Plantation residents, there will be a playground. There can, however, be any number of permutations involving possible configurations, costs, and locations. Hence, the HOA Meeting on April 28, 2005.

You will find the initial Playground Committee Proposals attached to this Newsletter.

Please keep in mind a few points:

- ❖ We should not consider the playground only as a single generational concern. Besides being an added amenity for all of our homes, it will be a place for grandparents (or other relatives/people) to take children for an “outing.”
- ❖ Our demographics have already changed over the last couple of years with the welcomed addition of many infants and toddlers. And there are others on the way!
- ❖ At the present time, our budget for capital improvements is around \$15,000. That budget, formed by the initial \$150 all residents paid for their homes, will not increase appreciably over the next few years because most of the home construction and occupation has taken place.

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- ❖ **Whatever the final decision, there will be an opportunity for voluntary donations to help defray some of the costs. A fund has been established for donations. You may make donations by submitting checks, made out to “Schieveling Plantation HOA”, to Bob Jones (556-5566).**
- ❖ **You are looking at the initial Playground Committee proposals. The Committee is presently preparing other cost/configuration models for discussion at the April 28, 2005 HOA Meeting.**

**During the Committee’s April 7, 2005 presentation to the Board, the questions of “how big” and “what do they look like” came up. There were other questions as well. You will soon be receiving a number of photographs that will help to put the pieces of equipment in perspective.**