



## **SCHIEVELING PLANTATION NEWSLETTER**

**JANUARY 2005**



### **Next HOA Meeting**

**Thursday, February 10, 2005**

**7:00 P.M.**

**At the Club House**

**NOTE: Douglas M. Smits, C.B.O., Director of Inspections, Chief Building/Fire Official, City of Charleston, SC will discuss inspections, procedures, etc., regarding permits. There will be a question and answer period; please come with your questions in mind.**

### **Acknowledgements**

**Debbie Wright (402-9848) recently stepped down as Club House Chair. Debbie was instrumental in organizing the procedures for reserving the Club House for parties and other functions and for maintaining its appearance, most often performing the cleaning chores herself. Debbie is also the Secretary for the HOA. She has graciously volunteered to back up Eileen Forsgren, the new Chair of the Committee. Thanks, Debbie!**

**Eileen Forsgren is the new incoming Chair of the Club House Committee. You can contact her at 852-9902 or at eaf\_45@bellsouth.net Welcome aboard, Eileen!! We look forward to working with you.**

**After serving as Chair of the Architectural Review Board (ARB) during its formative years, Bob Jones (556-5566) has relinquished that position. Bob, too, has left his mark on an important position that is instrumental in maintaining Schieveling Plantation as a premier place to live. Bob also serves as the HOA Treasurer. Thanks, Bob!!**

**Billy Hughes (556-5718) has agreed to assume the responsibilities of the ARB Chair. He brings unique experience as a builder to this position and is knowledgeable about construction and building requirements. Welcome, Billy!!**

**Some time ago, Tony Mangum (763-7982) resigned as Chair of the Maintenance and Grounds Committee. We had hoped to resign him; however, that was not possible. Among other accomplishments, Tony developed the Schieveling Plantation Lawn and Landscape Contract Request For Proposals (please see below under Committee Reports) and organized a very successful work party last March, resulting in the installation of over 50 cubic yards of mulch at Schieveling**

Plantation's entrance. Thanks, Tony!! Glen Zimmerman (763-0063) has been serving as Acting Chair of the Maintenance and Grounds Committee for the past few months.

Stephen Gavin (769-9877) has volunteered to serve as Chair of the Bylaws Committee. We look forward to his contributions on behalf of the community. Welcome, Stephen!!

Mollie Malleske and Amy Goldkin have volunteered to head up the new Playground Committee. Please see Item 5 under Announcements. Welcome, Mollie and Amy!! In addition to the residents, there is an increasing number of "little residents" who will directly benefit from your work.

Carolyn Hughes has agreed to head up a unique project that she recommended to the Board; the Board approved her suggestion. Please see Item 6 under Announcements. Welcome, Carolyn!!

Thanks to the Welcoming/Hospitality Committee for its decorating efforts for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. The results of their Christmas/Holiday work provide the photographs for this Newsletter.

Special thanks to Dale and Gary Tasker for donating their winnings from the 50-50 raffle held at the December 9, 2004 HOA Meeting. The winnings will assist the Welcoming/Hospitality Committee in continuing its work.

### Announcements

1. After much consideration, the Board of Directors has decided not to extend the use of our amenities to the residents of McLaura Bluff, the 44 lot development just to the North of Schieveling Plantation and connected to us via MacBeth Creek Drive. We notified Meridian Builders of our decision. In the Board's judgment, there were too many unknowns and variables that could have adversely affected our growing community. From conversations with residents, it is most unlikely that 75% of the Lot owners would vote for the necessary change in the Covenants and Restrictions to effect the extension of amenities.
2. A number of residents and non-residents have not yet paid their annual assessments. As stated on the invoices, payments received after January 1, 2005, allowing for the Holiday mail delivery schedule, will incur a late fee of \$25. Payments received after January 31, 2005 will accrue interest at 10% per annum. At the request of many residents, the annual assessment invoices for 2005 were distributed much earlier than last year.
3. Following a request made by one of our residents, the Board discussed and approved a plan whereby residents and non-resident Lot owners can submit "advertisements" for inclusion in the Schieveling Plantation Newsletters. There will be a fee to offset the cost of printing and mailing the Newsletters. At the present time, the labor involved in preparing and distributing the Newsletters is "free" so the cost should be minimal to cover the printing of all of the Newsletters and the postage costs of mailing about 25 Newsletters to non-resident Lot owners.
4. Please contact Glen Zimmerman (763-0063) if you are interested in running an advertisement(s) in the next and/or subsequent Newsletters.
5. The Board authorized forming a Playground Committee with the following in mind: The Committee would: (1) receive a set but adequate budget; (2) establish a time table to have something in place or well along the way by Spring/Summer 2005; (3) make recommendations to the Board regarding the placement of the playground, its components and configuration; (4) determine the estimated costs of the venture; (5) etc. Mollie Malleske (766-4691) and Amy Goldkin (769-6122) have volunteered to be Co-Chairs of the Committee. If you are interested in serving on the Committee, please contact Mollie or Amy.

6. Acting upon a recommendation made by Carolyn Hughes (556-5718), the Board approved a unique proposal whereby Carolyn would approach the Developer of Schieveling Plantation, a couple of Builders that have built in the subdivision, and perhaps a few suppliers and ask that they donate a “Charleston Bench(s)” and perhaps a “Charleston Juggling Board” to place in our park area (the area between Rhett Butler and Shem Butler Drives that falls on both sides of the sidewalk that connects the two Drives). We could place a plaque on each bench/board stating “Donated by \_\_\_\_\_”. Carolyn will head up the project.
7. “Arff Arff, BarkArff, BarkBark, Arff, ArrfBarkBarkBark, ArffArffArffArff, BarkBarkBarkBark!!!”

This request was sent to us by several of the many, many pet family members residing in Schieveling Plantation. Roughly translated, it says, “We cannot speak for ourselves, but we also want to be responsible members of the community. We are urging all of our human family members to abide by City and County Codes. During our walks, please pick IT up and avoid unsightly and unhealthy DEPOSITS. Thank you!!!”

## Committee Reports

### Architectural Review Board

We remind you that our Covenants are legally binding to every resident. They provide for and require ARB review and approval of all projects prior to commencement of work. Anything that affects your neighbor’s view of your property requires this process. This includes fences, satellite dishes, decks, gazebos, color changes, etc. The purpose of these requirements is to protect your property values and provide for an aesthetically pleasing environment for all of us. There are HOA fees for some projects as listed in our ARB Guidelines. It is always easier on everyone if you first check with the ARB before embarking on any project.

Please note that Charleston City building permits are required for all construction projects. Learn more about this subject during the presentation at the February 10, 2005 HOA Meeting.

### Club House Committee

Eileen Forsgren, as announced above, will be taking reservations for Club House activities. She will continue to use the Check List as a means of ensuring that the ensuing rentals and clean-ups will run smoothly.

### Compliance Committee

We remind all homeowners:

“No resident’s motor vehicle shall be parked or left on any street overnight or on any property shown on the plat of Schieveling Plantation, other than a driveway.”

“Trash, garage [sic], or other waste shall be kept only in sanitary, covered containers. Such closed, sanitary trash containers shall always be stored in such a manner that they cannot be seen from the street or adjacent property.”

“All pets must be secured by a leash or lead at any time they are permitted off the owner’s premises.”

### **Maintenance and Grounds Committee**

- 1. After reviewing five bids made in response to the Schieveling Plantation Lawn and Landscape Contract Request For Proposals, the Board approved contracting with Dabney and Sons Lawn Care. The present lawn service, Charleston Lawn Company, Inc. will provide services until the end of January 2005.**
- 2. The Board authorized expenditures for revamping Schieveling Plantation's irrigation system which should take place in the next couple of weeks. The present system had fallen into disrepair, and the original system did not provide adequate irrigation for the grounds. Suncoast Irrigation is the contractor.**
- 3. If you are interested in serving as Chair of the Maintenance and Grounds Committee, please contact Glen Zimmerman (763-0063).**

### **Welcoming/Hospitality Committee**

- 1. We had a great time at our December 19, 2004 Holiday Party. It was fun to celebrate the Season with our wonderful neighbors and friends. For those of you who are interested, you can access photographs of the gathering at:**

[http://zimmermanmemories.us/Christmas\\_2004\\_Schieveling\\_Plantation.htm](http://zimmermanmemories.us/Christmas_2004_Schieveling_Plantation.htm)

- 2. The Committee will plan another get together in the spring. Please look for more information at a later date.**