



## **SCHIEVELING PLANTATION NEWSLETTER**

**JANUARY 2007**

### **Next HOA Meeting**

**Thursday, February 8, 2007**

**7:00 PM**

**At the Club House**

### **Main Agenda Items**

- ❖ **The election of three members to form a Nominating Committee will be one of the prime business items at the February 8, 2007 HOA Meeting.**

**Article X of our Bylaws states:**

**Section 2. Prior to an election, a nominating committee of three members of the Association shall be elected at the regular meeting immediately preceding the Annual meeting in May of each year. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate a candidate, whose consent to serve has been obtained, for each office to be filled. Additional nominations shall be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee shall first have been obtained.**

**Section 3. Officers shall be elected by ballot for a term of one year or until their successors are elected. A majority vote shall elect. If there is only one nominee for any office, the election for that office may be by voice. The term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting. No member, except Treasurer, shall serve more than two consecutive terms. However, with a minimum of a one-year break in service, the member will then become eligible for re-election to that office. No member may hold more than one office at a time.**

- ❖ **Over the last couple of years, there has been interest in establishing a "picnic area" somewhere on HOA property. Brian Shull will give a report at the February 8, 2007 HOA Meeting. There are at least two areas that can be considered: (1) somewhere near the pool area; (2) and in the HOA area at the end of Rhett Butler Drive. After discussion, we can decide what the next steps should be. As in the past, funding is a question. A couple of years ago, members of the community gathered together to throw several trailer loads of mulch at the Schieveling Plantation entrance and up Rhett Butler Drive**

toward the club house. About two years ago, a few folks helped to pressure wash the club house, saving a substantial sum of money. Some of them also stained all of the deck areas around the club house after the pressure washing was done, saving a substantial amount of money. Again, an example of what “sweat equity” can accomplish; another advantage is the opportunity to meet neighbors and work together.

Please attend this meeting and get involved with Schieveling Plantation’s future.

### Acknowledgements

1. Thanks to Karen Blackman, Carol Breit, Liz Criswell, Eileen Forsgren, Cody Green, Lucy Green, Jan Mele, Linda Oxford, and Bonnie Zimmerman for decorating the club house for the Christmas/Holiday Season. Among other new decorations, a brightly lit Christmas tree provided good cheer, not only for our Annual Christmas and Holiday Party, but also for the folks who rented the club house during this festive Season.
2. The 2006 Annual Christmas/Holiday Party, held on December 15, 2006, was a resounding success. It was a great pleasure to see a marked increase in attendance this year. Many of our new Schieveling Plantation Members attended and shared in the opportunity to meet neighbors in a very hospitable environment. To the delight of the children (and all others), Santa Claus made his annual appearance. The food, drink, and camaraderie were outstanding. Special thanks to the Hospitality Committee for organizing the event. Special thanks, also, to all of those who attended.
3. Bob Jones and Jim Hughes spent some time fixing the pool gates, finally getting them to swing shut completely. Thanks Bob and Jim.
4. Another round of thanks for Bob Jones. He fixed the outside bathroom doors so that they now swing shut, activating the automatic locking mechanisms that were installed toward the end of our last swimming season. Bob also joined a committee of three to clean up the club house after the fantastic Annual Christmas/Holiday Party.

## Committee Reports

### Architectural Review Board (ARB) Committee

Again, we ask HOA members to check with the ARB Committee before starting major projects such as deck, fences, installation of satellite dishes, taking down trees etc. This will eliminate so many problems and hassles down the line.

### Bylaws Committee

Nothing to report at this time.

### Club House Committee

Things continue to go well at the club house. In 2006, we rented the club house 34 times. We have been able to use some of the funds to purchase several different types of items, ranging from cleaning supplies to additional Christmas/Holiday decorations (which are basically one-time expenditures).

### Compliance Committee

During the discussions about the Compliance/Fine System that was adopted unanimously last year, we decided that all Lot Owners and Residents would start with a “clean slate” at the beginning of each year. This “roll over” does not include major items that are outstanding such as fines and ARB infractions.

The Committee thanks you for your cooperation during this past year.

There was an interesting article, “The Scoop on Poop”, in the January 9, 2007 edition of The Post and Courier about dog litter. Although cast in an Isle of Palms setting, a few interesting items: (1) “But once it rains, yard waste can find its way into the water system, too, she says, and that’s possible whether you live on a barrier island, by a retention pond or almost anywhere else, because water is never far from us. It’s not a strictly coastal issue, she says, but a national and international concern.” (2) “The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency warns on its Web site that leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks. Likewise, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control last year launched a Scoop the Poop awareness campaign that focused on the coast. “When nature calls, don’t get caught” warns posters that point out that untreated dog waste can enter waterways and marshes either directly or indirectly through storm drains.” (3) As part of its efforts, DHEC partnered with Keep Charleston Beautiful, a city of Charleston division that is trying to get the word out about “dog litter.” In Charleston, a ticket for not picking up after your dog can cost up to \$1,087.”

In Schieveling Plantation, we continue to have dog and cat litter problems. The end of Fair Spring Drive has literally become a “dumping ground.” Please pick up after your pets.

### **Hospitality Committee**

Please see the information above regarding the 2006 Christmas/Holiday Party.

### **Maintenance and Grounds Committee**

In December 2006, Chuck Tremann sent a letter to Atlast Quality Electric regarding a proposal to maintain the entrance and club house lighting. As of the date of this Newsletter, we have not received a response.

During 2006, we spent funds to maintain some of the trees on HOA property. Given our 17 acres of HOA property, we will have to be prudent in what pruning and maintenance can be accomplished.

### **Pool Committee**

The Committee is discussing repairing the cracked pool decking and determining the best approach to accomplish the task. Blue Waters, our pool contractor, has been involved.

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