



# Schieveling Plantation News

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## Neighborhood News

### OFFICER ELECTIONS

Elections for HOA officers will occur at the upcoming HOA meeting. All positions are up for re-election but the President and Vice-President positions must be re-filled as the current members have reached their term limits. The nominating committee has been busy beating the bushes for candidates and has found one well-qualified individual for each position. Todd Dunagan is running for President and Linda Spates for vice president. To learn more about these individuals, you can read their bios on page 2. If any one else wishes to offer their name up it is not too late to do so, just contact Bob Jones ([km4qv@hotmail.com](mailto:km4qv@hotmail.com)) or bring your bio to the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Rules for voting are published on the neighborhood website.

As always, there is also a need for people to serve on committee level positions. We are currently in need of a chair for the landscape committee as well as extra bodies on the clubhouse committee. If you are willing to help out, contact Wendy Ketchum at 475-9616 or email: [wendy.ketchum@comcast.net](mailto:wendy.ketchum@comcast.net)

### SCHIEVELING E-MAIL GROUPS

We've recently finished setting up the Schieveling email groups. This project was undertaken so that we can maintain one single remote address book that everyone has access to. Previously we were all maintaining our own neighborhood lists and many of them were out of sync. This is a new system for all of us and it may take a few attempts to iron out the kinks but hopefully with this system in place, we won't have anybody slipping through the cracks on important messages. Please see page 5 of this newsletter for specifics.

### EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Last year's egg hunt was a huge success so we're following a similar game plan. We'll meet at the clubhouse at 4pm for pizza and games while the Easterbunnies hide the eggs - then we'll head over to the playground for the egg hunt. Please bring 20 pre-filled eggs per child. Pre-wrapped candies work the best. Pizza will be provided. Please R.S.V.P. to Jenny Davis ([davisjj1@cofc.edu](mailto:davisjj1@cofc.edu)) if you plan to attend so we can get an approximate head count. Juice box donations will be happily accepted.

Please send Newsletter  
comments & suggestions  
to Jenny Davis  
513-2327  
[DavisJJ1@cofc.edu](mailto:DavisJJ1@cofc.edu)



## HOA Officer Elections will be held at the April 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting

### Meet the Candidates

#### [Linda Spates \(vice-president\)](#)

My name is Linda Spates and my husband Wayne and I recently moved to Schieveling Plantation. I was born in Washington, DC and grew up in Maryland. For the last 29 years, we lived in Walkersville, MD, in Frederick County, where we raised our children.

We lived in Discovery, a resident managed home owners association. DHOA is a community of 635 homes, two-thirds of them townhouses, the rest single family. This type of mixed community involved a number of on-going issues such as parking and snow removal, which the Board of Directors dealt with. I served on a number of association committees including social, facilities (including use of the pool and rec center), and by-laws, as well as holding committee chairmanships. In addition I served as a member of the Board for many years, and held the offices of vice-president and president. I also served as association secretary on a fill-in basis when needed.

#### References:

Louis Traini, former President of the DHOA 301-845-8918 Anita Matovich, secretary/office manager, DHOA 301-845-2050 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8am-noon.

#### [Todd Dunagan \(president\)](#)

Originally from Roanoke, Virginia, I'm a graduate of Virginia Tech. I spent numerous years in the Northern Virginia area employed in the information technology field. I moved to Columbia, SC for a job in 2002, met my wife Heidi there and we relocated to Charleston and Schieveling in December of 2006. I currently work for my company, Dunagan Software as a Systems Architect and Software Developer.

Heidi and I had our first child in October of 2008 and her name is Rory Kathleen. Heidi and I truly appreciate living in such a great neighborhood as Schieveling and we certainly don't take it for granted.

I look forward to contributing and hope to help the community keep it's place as one of the best and most beautiful neighborhoods in Charleston.

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## Upcoming Events & Activities

### Book Club

The next book club meeting is scheduled for March 19th. This month's book is Plum Spooky by Janet Evanovich. New members are welcome! If you are interested in joining the book club, contact Jan (571-5407 or 701-2403 or [janinamele@comcast.net](mailto:janinamele@comcast.net)).

sellables outside and be prepared for our usual high turnout.

**Ladies Night Out** - The next event is scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup>. As of yet, we are still in need of a hostess. To volunteer contact Sandy Bray (769-0173) as soon as possible

### SPRING YARD SALE.

Its time to clean out your closets and garages, the community yard sale is scheduled for Saturday April 25th from 8:00 am to noon. Advertising and signage will be taken care of, all you need to do to participate is get your

**HOA Meeting** - The next one will be April 30th, 7pm at the clubhouse. Come prepared to vote

## Welcome New Schieveling Neighbors!

Aurthur & Virginia Beane - 684 Fair Spring Dr  
Dennis & Shirley Lesieur - 694 Fair Spring Dr.  
Heather & Bill MacInnes - 504 Shem Butler Ct.  
Melanie Schiessl & Damian Valvo - 637 Fair Spring Dr.

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## Pool & Clubhouse News

### Swimming Season

It's just around the corner! The pool officially opens on May 1. New drain covers will be installed before that date (as per DHEC regulations) and the pool committee is in the process of purchasing a few more lounge chairs so we should be in good shape for swimming season

### Clubhouse

The new cleaning contract is working quite well. After a bit of a slow start, more residents are renting the clubhouse for various functions. Bob Jones installed new lights at the front door. Ric and Liz Criswell continue to monitor the

maintenance needs. Thanks to the three of them.



## Announcements

### HOA Website

The website is updated continually. Check it for scheduled events, pictures from past functions, and community news.

### Line Dancing Anyone??

For a little change of pace, we are considering having a community night of karaoke and/or line dancing. Before we make any commitments, I am interested in knowing how many of you would attend an event like this. Just drop a line to let me know if you are interested-  
janinamele@comcast.net

## Schieveling Google Groups

Two different groups have been established

- 1) Schieveling-plantation-hoa
- 2) Schieveling-plantation-neighbors

If your address is in the neighborhood directory it is currently also in both groups\*. When someone sends a message to a group, it is automatically sent to the e-mail addresses of all members of that group. The HOA group is set up so that only those who are conducting official HOA business (the board and committee chairs) are able to post messages. If you receive a message from this group it is official HOA business.

The second group, Schieveling plantation neighbors is set up so that all members are able to post messages. You can send a message to everyone in the neighborhood by addressing your message to [schieveling-plantation-neighbors@googlegroups.com](mailto:schieveling-plantation-neighbors@googlegroups.com). If you are hosting a ladies/guys night out, Halloween party or other neighborhood event, want to ask your neighbors for a babysitter/contractor recommendation or start a conversation on any topic that is relevant to life in Schieveling this is the place to do it. Please be aware that replying directly to a message that comes from this group results in your response being sent to all group members. Unless your response is of specific value to the entire community please respond to the sender directly.

The value of this system is that it gives everyone access to one single, address book that is always up to date and should help to keep us all better connected and informed about what's going on the neighborhood. Please refrain from forwarding jokes and other non-relevant items and use discretion about what topics are appropriate to send to the entire community.

\* If you would prefer not be a member of the group you can remove your name by clicking on the unsubscribe link at the bottom of any message that is sent from the group.





## COMPLIANCE

Because we have welcomed many new residents to Schieveling Plantation over the past year, the following may be useful information:

Maintaining community aesthetics, property maintenance, property values, security, and other items covered by our governing documents can be trying at times - to all parties concerned. Everyday, we deal with a set of requirements that the HOA has the legal obligation to enforce and with which our residents have the legal obligation to comply. After spending many, many hours researching compliance systems, preparing drafts for Schieveling Plantation Resident input and for legal review, meeting with Residents, and voting twice (unanimously) to implement our Compliance/Fine System, Schieveling Plantation adopted one of the most liberal compliance systems in the country.

It is a graduated, multi-step process that is designed to resolve issues as informally and amicably as possible. On top of this, everyone basically starts off with a clean slate on January 1. Unlike most compliance systems that have a one-strike-and-you're-out approach, our multi-step system allows for the very thing that happens to many of us - the occasional extenuating circumstance, slippage of mind, or forgetfulness. We only take real action (suspending the use of certain community amenities and levying fines) after the fourth infraction for a specific area.

Getting back to business, we ask residents to help with the following situations. We still have too many people who do not pick up after their pets or keep their pets on their premises, particularly a few cats. At last we are approaching another beautiful Charleston spring. The community will appreciate each individual caring for his/her lawns and property as the growing season approaches.

A big thanks to all who help make our community such a pleasant place to live.

Glen  
14 March 2009

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