

The Wedgefield News

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Ranger Drainage

By Virginia Cebula

Spring is coming! It's time to freshen up the landscape. As most of you know, this winter RDD contracted with a company to clear off the overgrown vegetation along the banks of Mallard Lake. They went out in boats and along the shoreline and removed the overgrowth. Some of the plants that were removed were noxious or invasive plants that potentially can harm the water quality of the lake. Now that the plants are removed, the District has arranged for new plantings to be installed along the lake shore that will help purify the water. Soon you will see Pickerel grass, arrowhead and small cypress trees planted in the water. They will grow and give more cover to the fish and other wildlife and improve the overall health of the lake. Hopefully, if this program is successful, we will be able to duplicate the plantings on all the lakes in the District

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The Presidents'

The Wedgefield Community is growing at the rate of approx. 20-25 new homeowners per month. Reason enough to get involved. The following speakers are tentatively scheduled to speak at our next three meetings

In April Bob Shephard was scheduled to speak on Parks and Recreation but was unexpectedly called out of town and will not be able to attend this month.

In May there will be Representatives from the traffic division to listen, once again from the residents of our community, on the speeding and safety issues. They will also have several ideas to put to the community on slowing down the traffic through our community.

In June, although it has not been confirmed as of this date, Commissioner Ted Edward will be the speaker for the evening. To update us on the widening of S.R. 520, heavy traffic on S. R. 50. People are asking me what can we do to help "Come out and let the speakers know what your concerns are".

Remember if we unite, we can be heard and perhaps make a difference.

**Board Of Directors Meeting
April 3, 2002 7:00 p.m.
Ranger Drainage Building**

**General membership Meeting
April 10, 2002 7:30 p.m.
Wedgefield Golf Club**

The Oberly Up-

This past Tuesday our attorneys served the property owners with a lawsuit citing four violations of our codes and covenants. It will now be up to the courts to decide where we go from here. A court date has been set, and we will keep you updated as it progresses. We have also had input from a variety of residents interested in seeing that our codes and covenants be revised so as to close the door from further incidents such as the Oberly issue. I want to thank all involved for their hours upon hours of hard work and dedication to this issue and assure you that we are moving forward to have these new amendments finalized, signed by the Developer and filed with the courts in a most timely manner. Which brings me to another thought. I have heard in the past and sadly recently such words as, "We live in the City; why would that effect us?", or "We live in the Estates; They don't care about our needs". Then there is the, "We live in the Reserve or Villas; We have our own homeowners association". News flash folks! **WE** all live in Wedgefield. Truth is that the WHOA is the only association within Wedgefield which has a legal voice in what happens in this community. We want everyone living here to be a part of what decisions are made about our future. Please consider joining and becoming a part of the solution, not the problem. The Wedgefield I live in is bordered on the south by Starry, the north by Macon, the east by S. R. 520 and on the west by the Econ River. Do we all live in the same Wedgefield? I urge you to join the WHOA and contribute your thoughts and time to making Wedgefield a better place to live for you and the children. I'm done! Please come to the next meeting!!!!

Codes And Covenants

Did you know?

Codes & Covenants Section 4.5 -- Parking, p2

Travel trailers, recreational vehicles, boats and trailers must be parked behind the front wall line of the home and upon a concrete slab (Observation is made for parking of above mentioned, behind the front wall line of the home -- thank you for a partial clearance. However, please be advised; **parking must be upon a concrete slab.** You are also obligated to park your travel trailer, recreational vehicles, boats and trailers on a concrete slab.

Violations for February 2002

General Total 25

Violation letter #1 14

Reported to Orange County Code Enforcement 11

Request for Attorney Intervention 2

Resolved 1

New Home Construction

Welcome Letters 14

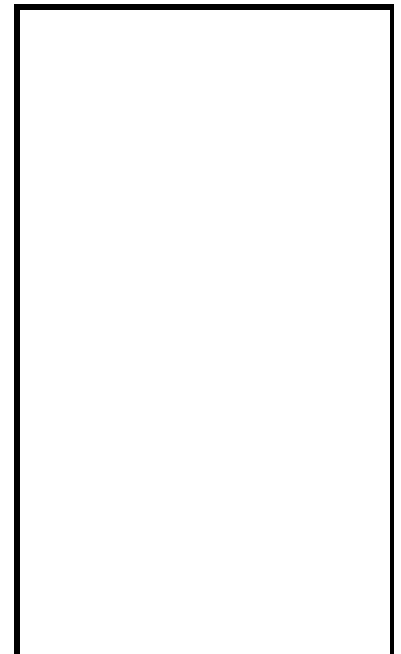
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Injunction 2

The Code & Covenant Committee meets the fourth Tuesday of each month (except July) at the home of Bobbi Leader, Director, @ 2438 Bancroft Blvd. Time is 7:00pm – sharp.

WHOA members are encouraged to attend. Come prepared to work. Residents from the City, Estates, The Reserve and Villas are encouraged to join WHOA and become part of this important decision making in **our** Community . We are making decisions on behalf of the Wedgefield Community; why not be a part of the decision-making process.



OKAY, SO YOUR TAXES ARE READY

NOW, for your Financial Planning

According to a consumer survey by the Certified Financial Board of Standards, the top 10 reasons that people begin their financial planning are:

1. Build a retirement fund;
2. Build an emergency fund;
3. Manage or reduce current debt;
4. Purchase or renovate a home;
5. Vacation and travel;
6. Build a college fund;
7. Provide insurance protection;
8. Accumulate Capital;
9. Shelter income from taxes;
10. Generate current income;

According to a survey of CFP, here are frequent financial planning mistakes that people make:

1. Neglect to set measurable goals;
2. Make financial decisions without understanding impact on other financial issues;
3. Confuse financial planning with investing;
4. Neglect to periodically reevaluate financial plan;
5. Think financial planning is only for the wealthy;
6. Think financial planning is something you do when you get older;
7. Think financial planning and retirement are the same;
8. Wait until a money crisis to begin financial planning;
9. Expect unrealistic returns on investments;
10. Think using a financial planning professional means losing control of financial decisions;
11. Believe financial planning is primarily tax planning;

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WEHA..... News From The Estates

Christmas In April.....

Yes, we are a little late in announcing the winners, but here they are:

First Place: Tim & Erice Ladd, 19401 Quarterly Parkway.

Second Place: Charles & Paulette Winegeart, 2716 Abbey Avenue.

Third Place: The Hamilton Family, 20407 Quarterly Parkway. The winners will receive gift certificates to Michael's Italian Restaurant and a free one year membership.

Honorable mention to:

Ed & Cathy Cearfoss, 20150 Quarterly Parkway.

Wayne & Nancy Edinger, 20805 Quarterly Parkway.

The Franz Family, 20854 Nettleton Street.

Scott Tannehill, 2692 Pine Glen Court.

Margaret Taylor, 20523 Maxim Parkway.

Nick & Kim Turko, 20914 Quarterly Parkway.

Dave & Monique, 20629 Mallard Parkway.

Thank you for adding to the beauty of Wedgefield and congratulations to all the winners

Mark Your Calen-

WEHA's general membership meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2002 – Ranger Drainage District facility at 7:00 p.m. Nominations for officers and directors will be held for election in May.

WEHA's annual **Fall fling** will be held in November. Anyone interested in hosting and/ or helping with this festive meet your neighbor event, come to the above mentioned meeting and sign up.

Do you have an article for this column? Call Ann at 407-568-7528

Wedgefield Garden Club

The Wedgefield Garden Club will have its next meeting on April 18, 2002.

The meetings are held at the Ranger Drainage Building and usually last only about an hour and a half. We have had some tremendous speakers this past year and hope to continue that tradition in the year to come.

The next meeting will offer a video entitled "This Old Pond," and we'll have an opportunity for open discussion of our "plant plights" and possible solutions.

Hope to see you there - and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. If we don't have an answer, we most likely will have a source!!!

Candy Murray
President
407-568-7436

Garage Sale

By Tom Minter

John & Laura McLean did a great job organizing and running the Annual yard sale. Hats off for a job well done! Thanks to John & Diane Kitsch for helping out selling and serving up that great food. To Bill McLean for cooking and whoever else I may have forgotten. We would also like to thank all the folks who donated baked goods for the Firewise Bake Sale; another rousing success!! It is always a pleasure to see all the new residents getting involved in community events and showing their support for the WHOA and FIREWISE.

Firewise

Last year Wedgefield became one of only **seven** communities nationwide accepted into a pilot program called **FIREWISE Communities USA**. As part of this program, Wedgefield is helping to establish the criteria that other communities across the country will have to meet in order to become certified as a **FIREWISE Community**. During the past several months as a group we have investigated ways to reduce the risks of wildfires to property and homes in Wedgefield. We invite you to attend our next monthly meeting at the Ranger Drainage District building on Tuesday, April 16th at 1:30 p.m. The major topic of discussion will be our March trip to San Diego, CA to meet with other FIREWISE communities. Wildfire does not distinguish between City lots and acreage. The fires of 1998 proved that Wildfires affect all of Wedgefield.

8th Annual Golf Out-

The WHOA 8th Annual Golf Outing will be held at Wedgefield Golf Club on May 4th, 2002. There are still a few openings available, so put together a team and send us a check to: WHOA Golf Outing, 2558 Ballard Ave., Orlando Florida 32833. You do not have to be a resident of Wedgefield or a member of WHOA to sign up.

We are also having our first Golf Ball Drop!! We are selling 500 tickets @ \$10.00 per ticket. Five hundred golf balls numbered 1 thru 500 will be dropped from a helicopter the day of the golf outing. The ball landing closest to the flag stick will pay \$750.00, second closest \$500.00, and third closest \$250.00. The ball landing the farthest from the stick will pay a final \$500.00. The winner need not be present to win!!

So put together that team and give us a call to either sign up to play in the outing or maybe you just want to buy some tickets for a chance at all that money. For more information you can call Tom & Char @ 407-568-5504 or John & Laura at 407-568-8310. We look forward to hearing from you.

Miscellaneous

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On March 15th the Wedgefield community lost a friend.

Mr. Michael Daniel was killed in a tragic accident in Wedgefield, and he will be missed by all that knew him and many that never had the chance. Mike was the caretaker of the Hal Scott Regional Park that adjoins the Wedgefield property west of Dallas Blvd. I am sure that many of you that never had the privilege to meet Mike have walked the trails of that beautiful parkland in all of its peace and tranquillity. He was the consummate watchman over the park, and it was not uncommon for him to be chasing poachers around and out of the preserve at three in the morning. This was his life and this is what he enjoyed doing, not for any accolades from the community or the people that use the preserve, but for the sake of doing it (and to remind those who dared, just who really owned the park, the taxpayers)

I have many fond memories of Mike and the simple life that he led. He was selfless in all things, to the point that if you needed anything at anytime, he would be the first to respond. "Mike, can you help out with the Children's Fishing Outing." "Mike can you pull a car full of U.C.F. students out of a ditch ." (At two in the morning) When the fires decimated our state, he was standing on top of his post calling in the crews to the fires just starting around us. Yes, this was his job, but he took it way beyond that. It was personal to Mike because he loved Wedgefield. I can recount countless events that shaped my memories of Mike, but the one that is the most poignant to me is standing in the emergency room with his wife and not being able to respond in kind. Of all the effort and life he gave to this community, I could do nothing to help him, his wife, or their two young girls. Godspeed Mike, we will miss you.

As a community, I ask that we respond the same way Mike would have responded to our needs. We are in the infant stages of starting a community fund for his family, and I am asking for your help. Mike was ten feet tall and bulletproof in life and like most of us at his age, was not prepared to die. I ask these things not because he is more deserving or better than the rest, but because he leaves behind a family in need. Send your contributions directly to Janene Daniel at 4500 Dallas Blvd Orlando, FL 32833 or drop contributions off at the Ranger Drainage District office and make checks payable to Janene Daniel.

Sincerely,

Rob Goderis

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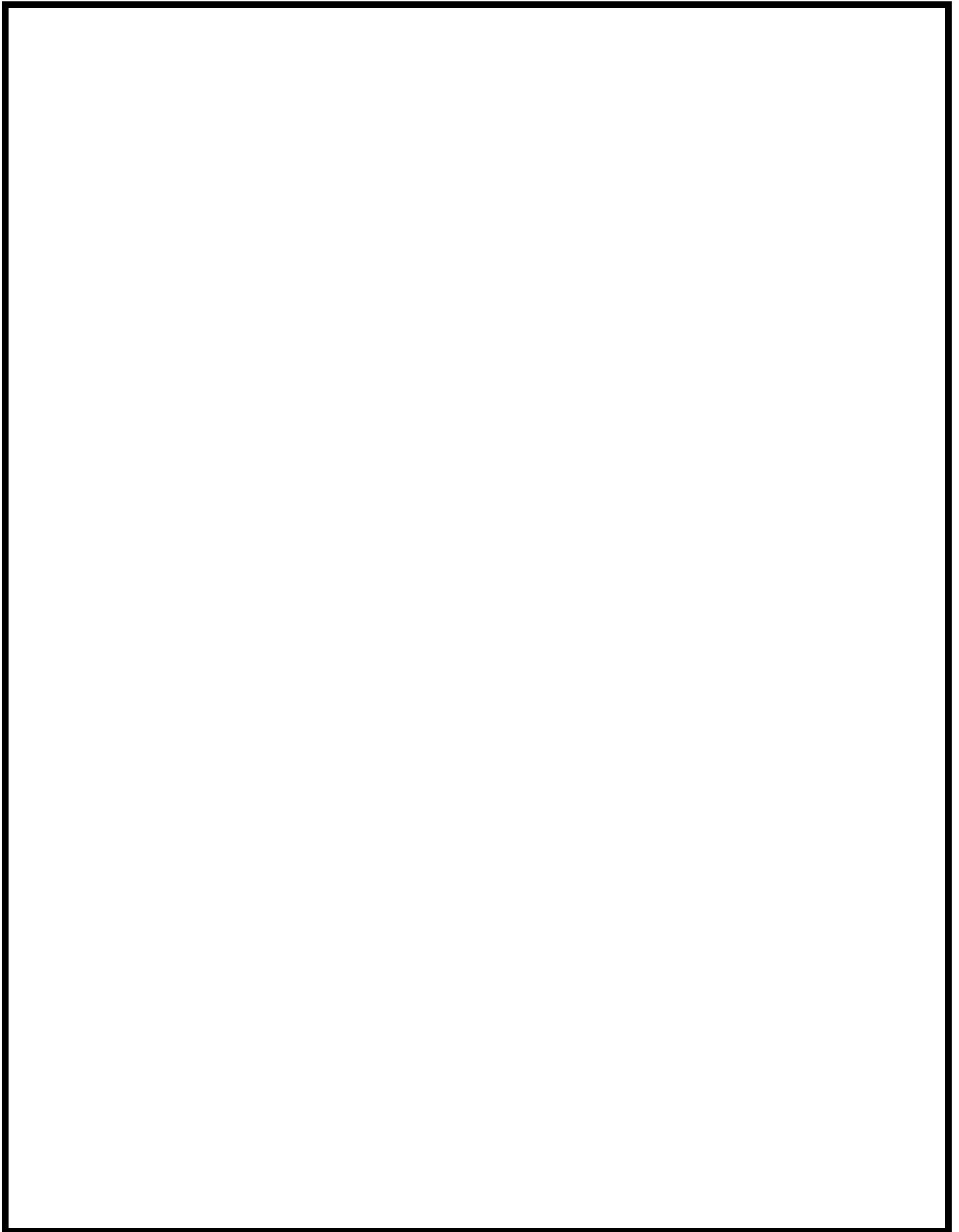
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