

The Wedgefield News

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The President's Pen

By Chuck Leader

Now that the park issue has been resolved and will soon be the responsibility of Orange County Parks & Recreation Department it is time to focus on another important issue within our community. **Police Protection, not only for our homes, but also for our safety.** At the May meeting we were happy to see not only our Commissioner in attendance, the local representative from Public Works Traffic Division, but also the local Sheriff Commander. During the meeting the Sheriff Commander spoke briefly about off-duty Deputies patrolling our streets on the odd hours when many violations are being committed. The information is available for anyone to examine and setup a program with the local commander. The approx. cost would be some where around \$25.00 per hour on a (4) four hour basis. I would certainly appreciate more coverage out here in the late evening and also early morning. **I'm willing to invest in our community, How about everybody else?**

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WHOHA General Membership & Board Of
Directors Meeting
June 12, 2002, 7:00 p.m.
Wedgefield Golf Club
Virginia Cebula will be
our guest speaker.

Codes And Covenants

I know and you know that the WHOA is not a mandatory Homeowners association. I know this because whenever an individual who is not abiding by the codes and covenants receives a letter about a particular infraction, they will immediately tell me, I don't belong to the WHOA and therefore I don't have to live by these rules. First and foremost, let's understand that membership in the WHOA has absolutely nothing to do with abiding by the codes and covenants that were filed by the original developer over 30 years ago. Everyone who lives within Wedgefield is bound by these documents. If your builder or real estate agent failed to inform you this was a deed restricted community, that in no way releases you, the property owner, from this responsibility. Have questions? Need answers? The appropriate arena for these questions is the monthly membership meeting. WHOA does not have a management company to administer our codes and covenants. Residents volunteer their time and energy to help keep this community a nice place to live and, equally important, to maintain and increase your property values. So the next time you see something that isn't right, why not mention it to your neighbor. Ninety nine percent of the residents agree and live by the rules. Why can't we all? Come to our next meeting and see what the WHOA is doing for your community.

Statistics for March

Violations/General

Letter #1	19 (3 resolved)
Disputes	none
Injunctions	1
Atty. Asst.	none

Orange County Violations

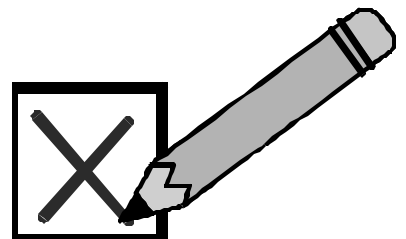
33 (8 resolved)

Violation/New Home Const.

Driveway Permits	6
Welcome Letters	6
Violation Letters # 1	6
Violation Letter # 2	15
Plans reviewed	8
Disputes	none
Injunctions	1
Atty. Asst.	2

We may not be a mandatory association, but a positive few volunteers can accomplish much more than a paid management company. (Statistics from the Orange Homeowners Association)

The Codes and Covenants committee meeting is held the fourth Tuesday of each month, except July, at 7:00 p.m. Members are encouraged to get involved and non members are encouraged to join and become part of the decision-making process. Come prepared to work. Mark your calendar.



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I Know It's Dry, But When to Water

Irrigate only when plants need water. During the summer established plants need no water for three to five days after a rainfall or water application that distributes at least three-fourths of an inch of water. Many landscape plants demonstrate their need for water by wilting. If they continue to wilt during the evening, water them the following morning. Some herbaceous plants, such as impatiens and coleus, typically wilt during the heat of the day, even though the soil contains adequate moisture. These plants transpire (i.e. they lose water vapor from their leaves and stems) faster than their root systems can absorb water from the soil. There is no need to water these plants unless they remain wilted during the evening. Some plants show no early symptoms of drought stress. If drought conditions continue, however, they may exhibit injury symptoms such as browning of leaf margins or tips and/or leaf drop. Plants should be watered before the appearance of injury symptoms, since at this stage of drought stress they may become severely damaged or even die. Plants in sandy soils exposed to full sunlight may need water every three to five days. The same plants placed in some shade or in soils of finer texture may need water only once a week or perhaps less often. Monitor the lawn closely. If it shows signs of wilting, it needs attention. Water immediately if grass leaves curl at the edges or turn a dull bluish-gray. Lawns should be watered early in the morning, when wind and temperature levels are low. Irrigating during the late morning, at midday and during the afternoon usually results in increased water loss from evaporation. Strong winds that create unequal water distribution are also more likely at these times. When you decide to water, be sure to comply with local and regional water regulations. In many areas, irrigation is allowed only on certain days at during specified hours. You can save a lot of water by following these guidelines.

Wedgefield Golf Club

Don't forget the Club is open to the public for lunches everyday and Friday nights we have a dinner special from 5:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. Call 407-568-2116, ext-13, to hear our Friday specials. We also have banquet facilities available for parties and weddings. Call Cindy at 407-568-2116, ext -16.

Wedgefield Garden

The Wedgefield Garden Club meets the third Thursday of every month, 7:00p.m. at the Ranger Drainage building. Everyone is invited to attend. June 20th Tom MacCubbin (Orlando's own "Plant Doctor") will be speaking on "Successful Victory Gardens". Mark your calendars now and plan on joining us for a very informative evening - we really do want a terrific turnout for this celebrity!! There will be no meeting in July or August when we'll take off for the "heat of the Summer" The September meeting is scheduled for September 19th and we'll announce the speaker/topic in an upcoming newsletter issue. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns - our members truly are a knowledge bank" and if we don't have an answer - we probably can find a source for one. Candy Murray, President, 407-568-7436

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(San Diego, California) – “We are introducing new ways of lowering the potential for wildfire loss in America’s fire-prone communities”, said David Halstead of the National Wildfire Coordinating Group in San Diego, California. Mr. Halstead, who represents the National Emergency Management Association, was referring to his work with approximately 60 homeowners and fire professionals attending a national Firewise meeting. Participants represented communities in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Michigan, Montana, New Mexico, South Dakota and Utah. Testing of two new Firewise programs began in 2002-- Firewise Communities/USA and Firewise ARCView. They were showcased and discussed on March 27 and 28. Each participating community received a recognition award from Firewise, a national program designed to provide homeowners and fire professionals with alternative ways of addressing the issue of wildland/urban interface fire loss. Firewise is sponsored by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group, a consortium of the country’s wildland firefighting agencies. Members include the USDA-Forest Service, the Department of Interior, the National Association of State Foresters, the U.S. Fire Administration and the National Fire Protection Association. Should you have any questions regarding Firewise you may contact the following people. Mary Prescott 407-568- 5161, Don Payne 407-568-1188, Brad Grainger 407-568-4874 or Don Leavitt 407-568-2317

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PRESENTS ALMOST TRUE (but not quite factual) STORIES ABOUT WEDGEFIELD

The last time we met we were discussing how we ended up with the name Wedgefield, and we learned it started with "The Bloomer Purchase of 1812." Take notes now, this is important; you will be tested at the next R.D.D. Meeting, held every Tuesday and Thursday night 7:00 p.m. the Hooters on Lake Underhill, (The R.D.D. board never shows up, but there is a great buffet.)

I often get questions regarding street names, like "Rob, tell us how we ended up with a street named Desire; and I naturally respond, "Okee Dokey." We do not have a street named Desire, but we do have a street named Yam. Yes, Yam Street. Sorry, but I am not picking on the Yam Street residents. Hee Hee, Haaa, Ha, HA!!! Ahem, sorry. Now, where were we? Oh, yes, Yam Street. Now, the only logical response I can come up with is this: I don't know! But since I am not accustomed to logic (having to deal with Orange County Government on a daily basis), I make stuff up. (Stuff is a wonderful thing, by the way; we put stuff on our lawns to make it greener.) Yes, I am getting there. Yam Street. Well, if you haven't noticed, the streets start out on the north end of Wedgefield with Macon Parkway and south to Majestic, Mallard, Maxim. (Notice the pattern) They all have the letter "A" in them -- No! They all begin with the letter M -- or as the kids say, "EM." Now we go to Yam Street, then to Natchez, on to Nettleton, Northcliff, Oberly, Ortega, Paddock. See the pattern? Hey, wait just a minute, since when did "Y" come before "N."

Well, story has it that Colonel Sanders (you didn't take notes from last time did you) would ride around on horseback naming streets with his assistant Wembly riding ahead of him. The Colonel would yell out street names and Wembly would write them down. When they came to the street in question, the Colonel yelled out MAY STREET. Wembly, having a hearing problem, said "What!" And the good Colonel said "MAY STREET!" Well, this exchange went on for several minutes, and finally the Colonel wrote down on a piece of parchment the word "MAY." Wembly, looking back at the Colonel in his rear view mirror mounted on his horse, naturally saw "YAM;" and, well, as they say, "the rest is history." I for one think that the community should start a petition to rename Yam Street to the Colonel's original intentions of May Street. And since Yam Street is the shortest street in Wedgefield, we should have no problem trouncing the opposition. And besides, if we ever going to get that Hooter approved on the corner of 520 and Macon, we will need a small victory to get the community united! I will keep the community informed of this stuff as we go forward.

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