

# THE SAVANNAH WAY QUARTERLY

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## INTRODUCING *THE SAVANNAH WAY QUARTERLY*

The Board of Directors of the Savannah Way Homeowners Association, (SWHOA), is proud to introduce our community newsletter. Tim Danchess has volunteered to edit the quarterly publication, which will be published in November, February, May, and August. Special editions may be published more frequently on special occasions.

*The Savannah Way Quarterly*, which will report on neighborhood activities and happenings, will be published on our website at savannahway.com, and will be distributed via email. Due to budget constraints, only a limited number of printed copies will be available for distribution. Internet access is available at any branch of the Union County Public Library.

If you have an article or item of interest for upcoming editions, please submit it to Tim Danchess at least one month prior to publication. Electronic submissions, (email to TJD7@aol.com), are preferred, but any legible material will be accepted. All material will be considered and the Board of Directors reserves final rights to publish and edit all submissions. Please support the newsletter by contributing story ideas, recipes, craft projects, or any other items you would like to share with your neighbors. Future issues will include an introduction to new neighbors who have moved into our community since the prior edition. Let's make *The Savannah Way Quarterly* the best community newsletter.

## "FROM THE BOARD"

This section will feature a quarterly message from the SWHOA Board of Directors.

As many of our neighbors are aware, we have a new addition to the Board of Directors. In October Michael Cook resigned from the Board and the Directors, based upon the guidelines set forth in the Neighborhood Association bylaws, appointed Jim Parker to serve out Michael's term. We will all miss Michael and we want to thank him for all the hard work he has done to help our neighborhood association get up and running. We welcome Jim to the board and ask that everyone give him the support he needs as he prepares for his new role.

We want to thank everyone who has served on a committee these past several months and ask friends and neighbors who have not had an opportunity to serve, to please consider contacting one of the committees to see what you can do to help. The Pool Committee, chaired by Todd Correll did an outstanding job of managing the pool. The Welcome Committee of Anne Hamilton and Norma Kirkpatrick have ensured that all of our new neighbors are properly welcomed into our community. The Social Committee, chaired by Lara Cribb and Trish Danchess has done a very nice job of planning neighborhood social events, and the Garden Committee, chaired by Matt Nosal, has been hard at work making plans to beautify our neighborhood. The Architectural Review Committee, chaired by Kevin O'Brien, has worked tirelessly to draft the Architectural Guidelines, which will be presented at the next board meeting. And a Neighborhood Safety Committee is in the planning stages and can be contacted through Tim Danchess, Rob Wynn or Rob Merchant. Please take an active role in making our community the best it can be. The more help we have, the more we can accomplish together. It's your community so get involved!

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## SAVANNAH WAY GOES GLOBAL

Board of Directors

The Savannah Way Community has gone global - we are now on the World Wide Web. Savannahway.com is now up and running and has several features that you should check out. The website has useful neighborhood information as well as a page for pictures and other information. Steve Patterson is the Webmaster and is still developing the site and he needs your help. Send suggestions to Steve or the Board of Directors at the website. We are also looking for pictures to showcase our community so if you can help let Steve know.

We hope to make this the central repository for Savannah Way information while marketing our community to prospective neighbors. Each family in our community will have an email address at the site and we have made it easy for you to contact all of the Board of Directors with a single contact point .

Visit the website and let us know what you think. We believe this will prove to be an effective means of communication while advertising our neighborhood to prospective homeowners. Check back frequently for updates and remember, like the community itself, it's only as good as we make it. Let's make it great!

## HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Tim Danchess

The Neighborhood Association sponsored a Trick-or-Treat party on Halloween night and a good time was had by all. We had tremendous participation as all little ghouls and goblins, and some big one's too, gathered at the clubhouse for games, treats, and "the room of horror", before making the rounds through the neighborhood on a trick-or-treat hayride. We hope to have pictures posted soon on our website. You'll want to check out the orange-haired witch twins and the Wizard when you get a chance!

A big thank you goes out to the Social Committee for organizing the festivities, and a special thanks to Wes Shaw and LaRue Cribb for conducting the hayride. Thanks to the efforts of everyone involved we had a safe, fun-filled Halloween in Savannah Way.

## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

Tim Danchess

As the holidays approach we all need to be thinking about personal and home security. Did you know that crime rates for larceny and burglary typically rise during the last two months of the year? With a few simple tactics and some common sense crime prevention techniques, you can avoid being a holiday statistic:

- If you plan to go out of town during the holidays, let a neighbor know so they can keep an eye on your house. Put lights on a timer and either have a neighbor pick up your mail and newspaper or suspend delivery until you return.
- Check all window and door locks to ensure that they are locked and secure. Many of us may have had our windows open during the recent mild weather. Check to be certain all entry points are secure.
- Watch out for suspicious persons or vehicles. If you see something or someone that looks out of place, call 911 and report it to the police. It may turn out to be nothing, but we're all better off when we look out for one another.
- Remove items that may pique a thief's interest from plain view in your vehicle. Lock your holiday purchases in your trunk and keep all purses, cell phones, and other potential targets locked up and out of sight.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Look around before exiting your vehicle or leaving a store to walk to your car. Take note of people hanging out in unusual places. If something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't. Contact store security or call the police.

It only takes a few extra minutes to do the things I listed above. Isn't your personal well-being worth the extra effort? On behalf of all of the members of the Board of Directors I want to wish each and everyone a safe and joyous holiday season and a happy and prosperous new year.

## NOTEWORTHY NEWS

- Homeowners' dues will come due again in January. The Board of Directors appreciates the manner in which all homeowners have promptly kept their accounts current. The Board is asking that each homeowner consider paying the yearly fee of \$400 in January or making a \$200 payment then with the balance due in July. Alternate payment plans can be discussed on an individual basis. The Board thanks you in advance for your payment.
- The Board of Directors and the Pool Committee have been reviewing quotes for pool furniture. The order will be placed shortly after the first of the year so that the furniture will arrive in time for the opening of the pool next year. With additional equipment to keep up with and maintain, will come additional responsibilities. The Pool Committee will need all the help they can get so contact a committee member if you can help out.
- The winter months will pose a problem for the monthly Homeowners' meeting. As everyone knows, we do not have heated space at the clubhouse or a meeting room large enough to accommodate the entire neighborhood. For that reason, the January and February meetings will not be open for everyone to attend. The Board of Directors regret having to make this decision, but no other alternative has been found at this time. All minutes from the regularly scheduled meetings will be available for any Association member to review. The purpose for this decision is not to exclude anyone so if you have an issue you wish to address with the Board, please contact a Board member in advance so you can be scheduled to appear to make your presentation. If in the meantime an alternate solution to this problem is found, everyone will be notified. The Board thanks you for your understanding of this problem.
- Get your story ideas or other topics of interest to Tim Danchess by the end of January for the next edition of *The Savannah Way Quarterly*.