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“FROM THE BOARD”

As we come to the end of our first year of service on the Board of Directors we would like to take a moment to thank all of our neighbors who have pitched in and helped, in one way or another, to make Savannah Way a great community. We've accomplished a great many things together as a neighborhood: the opening and maintenance of the pool; a Labor Day get together for the entire neighborhood; a safe Halloween and Trick or Treat party for the neighborhood children; an irrigation system installed at the clubhouse; and that's just to name a few.

We look forward to continued growth in the coming months and years as we continue to welcome new neighbors. With that growth however, comes additional responsibility on the part of each and every one of us in the neighborhood and an increased need to have everyone involved with the homeowner's association. If you have been one of the many that has taken an active role in neighborhood activities, we thank you for your time and effort. If you haven't had the opportunity to be involved we are asking that you consider doing whatever you can to help us make a difference in the neighborhood.

We are holding our annual meeting on Wednesday April 9, 2003 at 7:30 PM at Rolling Hills Country Club. There will be an opportunity for everyone to sign up to serve on one of the neighborhood committees at the meeting. The current committees and their chairs have done an outstanding job, but they need your continued support and help. Please consider joining one of the committees listed below:

- Pool Committee
- Welcoming Committee
- Social Committee
- Garden Committee

Also at the meeting we will recap the work that has been done in the neighborhood over the past year and talk about future plans. Additionally, we will be electing a new board member, as LaRue Cribb's term will expire this Spring. It is imperative that as many homeowners as possible attends the meeting and that those who cannot, are certain to vote by proxy. Everyone will be receiving a ballot in the coming weeks and are asked to complete a proxy vote and return it to one of the board members if you are unable to attend the meeting.

We are looking forward to another great year in 2003 and we will continue to work to make Savannah Way the greatest community in Union County. Open Association meetings will resume with the Annual Meeting in April. Remember that we meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the breezeway of the clubhouse so mark your calendars and we hope to see you at the next meeting.

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WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Tim Danchess

The Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new neighbors who have joined us since the last issue of the *The Savannah Way Quarterly*.

Will everyone please join us in greeting our new neighbors and in making them feel at home in Savannah Way:

On Telefair Lane

- Terry and Debbie Sholar
- Jim and Linda Donald
- Larry and Donna Stokes
- Rick and Andrea Atwell

On Monterrey Lane

- Dale Jordan
- Leo and Mary Anne DiPierro
- Syd and Ginny Gillimore (Syd and Ginny have been Savannah Way homeowners for more than a year, but have just recently moved "back home" from the United Kingdom.)
- Jackson Shaw, born to Terry and Wes Shaw in November. Congratulations Terry, Wes, and big brother Buck!

We're glad to have our new neighbors and we look forward to meeting and getting to know each of them better. We will be updating the neighborhood directory and will have the new information available for everyone soon.

A note to our new neighbors: The Board of Directors are in the process of identifying those who need access keys to the pool and clubhouse and we will be getting those and other information to you soon. Welcome to the neighborhood!

NEW POOL FURNITURE

Tim Danchess

If everyone recalls, the Williams Company generously donated \$2500 to the Savannah Way Homeowner's Association late last summer. Those funds were earmarked at the time for the purchase of pool furniture to be used by all residents. I am happy to report that the pool furniture has been purchased.

Thanks to Wendy and Kevin O'Brien who scoured the area looking for bargains and to Sam Wemberly and LaRue Cribb for providing vehicles for transport of the furniture and finding umbrellas, we will have a great looking pool this summer. And what's more, you won't have to bring your own chairs!

You may have already seen the concrete picnic tables and benches that were purchased. We also have umbrellas for the tables and a number of lounge chairs and upright chairs to be placed around the pool deck. We are excited about the acquisition which we feel will enhance the appearance of the pool and clubhouse while providing a convenience to all of our neighbors as we enjoy the pool this year.

Once a date is set to open the pool this season, we will make an announcement and call for volunteers to come and help clean the pool and get the clubhouse in shape and ready for use. The Social Committee will plan a little get together to mark the opening of the pool and announcements will be sent out once that is organized.

We would like to ask that everyone please help the Pool Committee and us to take care of the pool furniture and the facilities at the clubhouse. We will also need volunteers to help look after the furniture in the event of storms accompanied by high winds that may come up at a moment's notice. We will need to secure the chairs to ensure we don't incur any damage. Lastly, we would like to thank The Williams Company for the most generous donation that made this purchase possible. Enjoy!

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Tim Danchess

- The Savannah Way Homeowner's Association Annual Meeting will be held on April 9, 2003 at 7:30 PM at Rolling Hills Country Club. Light refreshments will be served. Please plan to attend.
- Homeowners' dues will come due again in April for those who have chosen to pay on a quarterly basis. The Board of Directors appreciates the manner in which all homeowners have promptly kept their accounts current. We thank you in advance for your payment.
- Please join me in thanking Keith and Anne Hamilton and Mark and Karen Ligon for their generous donation of Christmas wreaths to compliment the wreaths purchased by the homeowners association this past holiday season. It certainly helped to make the season bright! Thank you folks!
- Also, please join me in thanking a number of individuals, they know who are they are, that have worked hard on installing the irrigation system at the clubhouse. A special thanks goes out to John Del Bene and Jim Parker for coordinating the project and really doing the bulk of the work. We look forward to a lush, green lawn and healthy shrubs to showcase for visitors and prospective homeowners as they enter the neighborhood. Thanks also go out to Matt Nosal and the Garden Committee for the work they have done around the clubhouse and the entrance, including the purchase and planting of trees on the clubhouse lawn.
- If you haven't already, please familiarize yourself with the Architectural and Landscape Guidelines that the ARC worked diligently to compile this past Fall. It is critical that everyone is familiar with these guidelines and adheres to them to ensure that we promote a neat, well-maintained neighborhood that everyone can be proud of. A copy can be obtained at our neighborhood website at savannahway.com.

MEETING GUIDELINES

The Board of Directors

As everyone is aware, the Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday of each month and all neighbors and homeowners are encouraged to attend open meetings. In an effort to be as efficient and productive as we can during these meetings, the Board has established the following meeting guidelines in accordance with our association bylaws.

The board will conduct its business at the beginning of the meeting, and only board members are permitted to make and vote on motions during this time per the rules of parliamentary order and the tenets of the Savannah Way Homeowner's Association. There will be a public forum at each open meeting where all neighbors / homeowners may address the board and their fellow neighbors. Please remember that members of the board are the neighborhood's representatives, so if issues need to be raised, homeowners should contact a member of the board prior to a meeting with any issues or topics of discussion. Certain issues, (i.e. assessment of special fees, change of covenants, etc), requires a vote by the entire membership and the board will adhere to all regulations with regard to such topics. The board will only conduct routine business at the monthly meetings.

A typical meeting agenda will begin with the meeting being called to order by the President of the association or his designee. The minutes of the previous meeting will be read and after any discussion, the board will vote to approve the minutes. Once approved, the minutes become a permanent part of the association record. The second topic will normally be the financial report and once again after any discussion the report will be accepted and will become part of the permanent record. The board will continue in this manner until it has addressed all of the issues on the agenda and had an opportunity to address any further issues that may have been raised by homeowners and residents. After that time, the floor will be open to discussion among the members of the association in attendance.

We hope this helps to clarify the role of the Board of Directors and permits everyone to understand the purpose of the monthly meetings. The Board thanks you for your continued support and participation with the association.

Get your story ideas or other topics of interest to Tim Danchess by the first of June for the next edition of *The Savannah Way Quarterly*