

# THE SAVANNAH WAY QUARTERLY

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## “FROM THE BOARD”

Recently, the Board of Directors have entertained several complaints about inappropriate public behavior in the neighborhood and reports of actions that violate various neighborhood covenants and rules, and even violations of the law. As a result, the Board has resolved to address these issues in a uniform manner to ensure that everyone is treated fairly and to preserve the integrity of our neighborhood covenants, and all rules governing use of Savannah Way Homeowner's Association property. Our purpose is not to become the neighborhood “police”, or to appear to be overbearing and consumed with petty details, but rather to ensure that our community remains an attractive, safe neighborhood and one in which we all can enjoy.

To that extent, we encourage all neighbors to participate in monitoring the community and making note of problems as they observe them. If an immediate threat to public safety or some other unlawful act is observed, we ask that you notify the Monroe Police Department immediately to report the incident, providing as much detail as possible. In other instances we ask that you note the date and time of occurrence and report it to

one of the Board Members. The Board will investigate the complaint and take action if warranted.

In cases where the Board finds sufficient reason to believe that some violation occurred, a letter will be sent to the offending party on behalf of the Savannah Way Homeowner's Association detailing the violation and to serve as a warning that future violations, of any kind, may result in the forfeiture of rights to utilize Association amenities such as the pool and clubhouse. Future violations could also result in legal action being brought against the offending party.

The Board of Directors take no pleasure in having to resort to such measures, but past warnings have gone unheeded and repeat offenses have occurred. It is the obligation of each and everyone of us, as members of this community, to make certain that we abide by the rules and that we respect our neighbors by refraining from committing acts that could constitute a nuisance or in some cases a risk to public safety.

We appreciate the support of everyone in our efforts to make certain that Savannah Way remains the great community it has come to be. We cannot do this alone and we urge you all to be as active as you can in neighborhood activities and to look out for one another so that when trouble does rear its ugly head, we meet it straight on and defeat it before it becomes a lasting problem. By working with one another, we can overcome any obstacles that may appear and we can remain proud to be a part of our neighborhood.

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## SMALL MISTAKES – BIG PROBLEMS?

Savannah Way Homeowner's Association

Board of Directors

Small mistakes or slight errors in judgment could lead to significant consequences. What starts out as a harmless “bending” of the rules could lead to results never envisioned and certainly not intended, but nonetheless, results that could have lasting effects on more than just the offending party. What are we talking about? That's what you're thinking right?

We wanted to take this space just to cite a few common pool infractions we have either observed or that have been reported to us recently and explore the possible consequences in the hope that all of us will think about things in a little different light in the future and will comply with the pool rules, which were created to meet local and State laws and regulations, and to ensure a safe, pleasant environment for all to enjoy. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**Infraction:** Glass containers in the pool area – even in the pool itself.

**Possible consequence:** A cut foot; glass in the pool, which would require the draining of the pool to ensure that all of the glass was removed.

**Infraction:** Pets in the pool area

**Possible consequence:** County Inspector observes dog in the pool area and revokes our permit to operate it.

**Infraction:** Pool gate left unlocked.

**Possible consequence:** Pool inspector finds gate unlocked and revokes permit and / or imposes a fine on the association. A worse scenario is that unauthorized and unsupervised persons gain easy access and have an accident leaving the association liable for damages because of negligence.

## WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Wendy O'Brien

The Board of Directors and the Savannah Way Homeowners Association would like to welcome all of our new neighbors who have joined the community since the last edition of *The Savannah Way Quarterly*. Please join us in greeting the following neighbors and making them feel at home in Savannah Way:

On Monterrey Lane:

- Paul and Linda Jordan

On Olgethrope Lane:

- Carroll and Julia Griffin

On Dahlonga Court:

- Artie Teasley and Fran Crook and their children, Ashley, Alex, Kendall and Cole

On Savannah Way:

- Paulette McIntyre

On Telefair Lane:

- Jeremy and Melissa Hiatt and their daughter
- Robert and Nichole Mathieson and their son, Tristian
- Brian and Blair Traywick and their two sons, Conner and Bryson

The Board would also like to extend our sympathies to Paulette McIntyre for the recent loss of her father, and her nephew. Our thoughts and prayers are with Paulette and her family.

*Special note to New Neighbors: While we have had so many new neighbors join our community since the last edition of our neighborhood Directory, and we anticipate adding a few more new neighbors within the up-coming month, we are planning to issue a New Neighbor section for our Savannah Way Homeowners Directory in early September. If you have not yet completed your directory sheet that our Welcome Committee left with you, we would like to encourage you to fill it out and return to us by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Your sheets can be dropped off at the Clubhouse mailbox, faxed to Wendy at 704-226-1652, or e-mailed to wobkob@aol.com.*

## NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP A BIG SUCCESS

Tim Danchess

On Saturday July 12, 2003 we conducted our first Savannah Way Neighborhood Cleanup Day and I am proud to report it was a huge success. More than 25 neighbors turned out to pitch in. All the vacant lots in the neighborhood were cleared of trash and debris, the berm behind the pool was weeded, and pine needles were spread in the flowerbeds and around the shrubbery at the clubhouse. Entire families volunteered their Saturday morning to contribute to a good cause and serve the neighborhood. Thanks to the great turnout, we accomplished the tasks in just a couple of hours and the neighborhood looked better for the effort.

The Board of Directors are planning on making this a semi-annual event to take place in the Spring and Fall. We will do a better job of advertising in advance in the future to allow everyone to make plans and we'll make certain that everyone is notified. We organized this event in just over a week and the only notification was via email so we know that everyone didn't receive the message. We apologize for the last minute notice, but in spite of that, we are still extremely pleased with the level of participation and we look forward to an even bigger turnout in the Fall. A big thanks goes out to everyone who had the opportunity to help this time. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we appreciate everyone's support and everything you all do to help make Savannah Way a great place to live.

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

## NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Tim Danchess

- Tuesday August 5 is National Night Out - Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Watch awareness evening. While we are not organizing an official event, I would like to encourage everyone to turn on your front porch lights and get out and walk through the neighborhood that evening and greet one another. The safest neighborhoods are those where everyone looks out for one another. Let's be one of those neighborhoods. And speaking of Neighborhood Watch – there have been several recent occurrences of petty vandalism and mischief in the neighborhood. Real estate signs have been uprooted and placed on porches, yard decorations and other items have been moved, and unlicensed drivers have been seen driving vehicles in the neighborhood. I encourage everyone to be observant of your surroundings and report suspicious activity to the Monroe Police Department. It's better to be cautious than to be sorry.
- Once again I would encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with the Architectural and Landscape Guidelines. Please remember that before planting any shrubs, constructing any structures, or removing any trees, that a plan should be submitted to the Architectural Review Committee for approval. The ARC and the Board of Directors appreciate your cooperation.
- As always, the Board appreciates the manner in which everyone has kept their homeowner's accounts current. Third quarter dues should have been paid by mid-July and fourth quarter dues will be expected by mid-October.