

THE SAVANNAH WAY QUARTERLY

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“FROM THE BOARD”

Another year has zipped right by us and before you know it we will be upon our Annual Homeowners Meeting. We have booked a room again this year at Rolling Hills Country Club and the date of the meeting has been set for April 14, 2004. We have a lot of news to share with you at the meeting and we will recap the many projects we've initiated and the achievements we've accomplished over this past year so you won't want to miss this event. Further information will be forthcoming.

With the close of this fiscal year, two of the Board members' terms will expire and we are soliciting nominations to fill the seats currently held by Jim Parker and Tim Danchess. We would like to see a well rounded field of nominees this year so we encourage you to get out and speak with your neighbors and get your nominations in by March 7. A nomination form is included in this edition of *The Savannah Way Quarterly* with instructions for its return. The only thing we ask is that you seek permission of your candidate before placing their name in nomination. The reason for this is so that we can ensure that all candidates on the ballot intend to serve if elected. The election will be held at the Annual Meeting on April 14.

And finally, we wish to thank the many neighbors who have so selfishly served on one of our various committees over this past year. There are far too many to name here, but please know that the Board of Directors appreciate the time and effort you put forth to help make Savannah Way a great place to live. For those of you who have not yet had an opportunity to serve on a committee, sign up sheets will be available at the meeting in April so please come on out to the meeting and get involved. It's our neighborhood and it's only as good as we make it so let's make it great.

OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Tim Danchess

I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for allowing me the opportunity and privilege to serve our neighborhood over the past two years as a member of the Board of Directors. I have chosen not to place my name in nomination for re-election as I've resumed graduate studies at UNC-Charlotte and I fear I could not devote the time I would need to be effective as a board member.

On reflection, we've had some growing pains as a budding community but ultimately we've grown as a neighborhood and will continue to grow into something that we can all be proud of. We have great neighbors, many of whom are more than willing to pitch in and lend a hand when the clubhouse lawn needs seeding, or when we have a clean-up day, or just when you need your mail picked up while you're out of town. I've even had occasion to come home from a week's vacation to find that a neighbor had mowed my lawn so that I didn't have to worry about it upon my return. I've been inspired by the cooperative effort I've seen and I leave the Board with the confidence that we have come a long way together and will continue in that vein of cooperation and helping spirit.

With that I say once again thank you for allowing me to serve our community in this capacity. I promise to stay involved and I'll certainly make myself available when others need a hand.

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NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC

Tim Danchess

The Board of Directors has recently heard from several neighbors on their concerns about cars speeding in the neighborhood. The Board is currently exploring several options to address this concern. Among those options is a possible petition to have the speed limit posted at 25 MPH on neighborhood streets and /or installation of speed humps at strategic locations. Speed humps would have to be constructed at the Association's expense and would have to be approved by the City of Monroe. Further research will be conducted to determine the feasibility of that option given current city ordinances and the cost involved in such a project before any recommendations are made.

In the meantime we can solve this problem among ourselves quite simply. We all must remember that this is a pedestrian friendly community. Many neighbors enjoy taking walks through the neighborhood and we also have a number of children in the community who walk or ride their bikes and scooters along the sides of the streets. It's everyone's responsibility to ensure the safety of all of our neighbors and we can do that by simply making a conscious effort to slow down when we enter the neighborhood or leave our driveway. I ask you to think about this for just a minute. Given the size of our neighborhood, if you were to slow down to 25 MPH when you enter from Fowler Secrest Road as opposed to 35 MPH, how much longer would it take you to get home – ten or 20 seconds perhaps at the most? Is that really that long of a delay? Isn't taking just a few seconds longer well worth the effort if it makes our community streets safer? I believe so and I challenge each and every one of us to think about that each time we get into our vehicles. With everyone's conscientious effort we can quell this potential problem and make our neighborhood streets safe for all.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Jim Parker

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:

Allan & Jennifer Presson
3021 Monterrey Lane

Charles & Vender Redfern and children Bobby & Lazonte
2821 Monterrey Lane

Fasahaie Woldegiorgis (Joseph) & Nigisti Beraki and children Kidane, George, Sarah, & Kibret
2801 Monterrey Lane

Ernie & Kerry Rogers and daughter Lillian
3000 Monterrey Lane

Jay & Jacqueline Broom and daughter Suzannah
2904 Dahlonga Court

Donnie & Tracy Dover
2908 Dahlonga Court

James & Barbara Haughey and son Jesse
3004 Telefair Lane

Jake and Allison Fales
3005 Telefair Lane

The Board of Directors also offers condolences to Leo and Mary Beth DiPierro on the passing of Mary Beth's mother in January.

Would you like to help with the writing / production of *The Savannah Way Quarterly*? Do you have a story idea, a recipe you would like to share with your neighbors, or do you just wish to be creative? Contact Tim Danchess at TJD7@aol.com to sign up to help. Remember this is your neighborhood news source so let us hear from you.