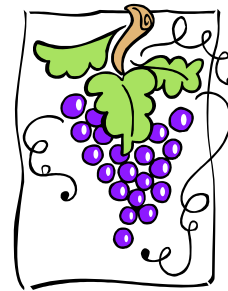


The Grapevine

The newsletter for Planters Row
Summer 2007



Comments from the President: Michael Robinson

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(Subconscious advertisement – Website!
www.plantersrow.net)

The Planters Row mission is to; **PROTECT** current investments, **PRESERVE** our community standards and **ENHANCE** our quality of life and community value.

The appearance of our community, its wonderful amenities, atmosphere and beauty is a direct result of the homeowners. As a member of this community one of your responsibilities is to adhere to the covenants.

Let's review two key sections of our covenants that

impact our community: exterior home maintenance and parking in your yard or street. Both of these covenants have a tremendous impact on our ability to attract new home owners as well as "preserving" our community appearance and "enhancing" our home values.

Exterior Maintenance - When a perspective home buyer drives through the community their first impression is the greatest 'selling/marketing' tool our community has to offer. If the community and the homes/yards appear to be clean, neat and well kept then it will be a community everyone will 'want' to live in. That 'selling' tool will 'protect' and 'enhance' everyone's home values.

How you present your yard is a key factor for home buyers in their decision to purchase a home in this community. If you don't believe maintaining your home/yard or parking in the street can impact your home's value ask someone who is currently selling their home.

Generally most homeowners in our community do a great job of maintaining the exterior of their home. You have kept up with cutting the grass, weeding the mulch beds, trimming the trees and bushes, etc. **Thank you!** But some homeowners have not and those of you who have not need to step it up a notch.
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PLANTERS ROW SURVEY

The board is asking for your feedback! We want to hear about the issues that concern you and what you want to see in the long term plans for your community. Don't miss the opportunity to share your thoughts and opinions. The results of this survey are anonymous and will be used by the board of directors to assist them in making informed decisions.

Please visit:

<http://plantersrow.net/survey/index.php?sid=3>
and complete the survey by Sept. 10th. The results will be summarized and presented at the September 11th board meeting. (We will continue to look at survey results until the end of Sept.) Also mark you calendar to attend the September 15th 'Meet your board' gathering (see details on the Social events Calendar).

(President's letter, Continued from pg.1)

Your Mailbox is another story, however.

Many homeowners need to focus on repairing and painting the mailbox. Make sure you use the approved Planters Row paint Sherwin Williams: TWT SW 2037 (Stone Lion). Contact Goldsmith at 297-4970 or me at 289-9698 if you need to replace your newspaper box or post. If you don't have time to make the necessary repairs, then we can even make arrangements to have the work done for you. All you have to do is write the check.

Parking in your yard or in the street

– Generally the same comments apply to this topic as to exterior maintenance. The board is in the process of finalizing a plan with the city of Mauldin to ticket those homeowners who repeatedly park overnight in the street or yard. This is an obvious safety issue and our community can not wait until an accident occurs before homeowners take this issue seriously.

Website, Website, Website – Have I mentioned the website? www.plantersrow.net

The website is a great tool for the board to share information with the community, but it is also a great resource and tool for homeowners to share information or voice a concern about your community.

Let's be blunt... If you are disgruntled, upset about something or want to see something changed, then don't be part of the problem by speculating and making assumptions as you discuss it with neighbors. That approach only undermines the Planters Row residents and our community culture. This is an outstanding community of people who care about others

and have chosen this community because of its wonderful amenities, atmosphere and beauty. Let's not mess with a good thing. Voice your concern in the proper manner. Choose to pick up the phone or email a board member or Goldsmith Property Management. If your concern is with Goldsmith then call me. You can contact any board member via the 'website'. There I go again mentioning the website.....www.plantersrow.net. Check it out and don't forget to register on the community bulletin board. It's super cool!



Photo by Teri Parrish

Ice Cream Social Toppings. Yummy!

What do you want to see in Planters Row? We need to gather your thoughts and ideas as we act and continue planning for the future. The board is working on a 3 year strategic plan for new development and will utilize the website survey (see this newsletter for more information) as a way to gather your input.

As a member of Planters Row community, you may have a concern or issue. Are you assuming the board knows about it? Don't! We need to hear your ideas and your feedback. If you

want to have more input in the future direction of the neighborhood, you can do so in many ways. Become an active community volunteer, use the website to get information and provide feedback to the board (email us), take the upcoming survey, and come get to know your board of directors at the following event:

Meet Your Board: Saturday, September 15th 7PM.-8PM.

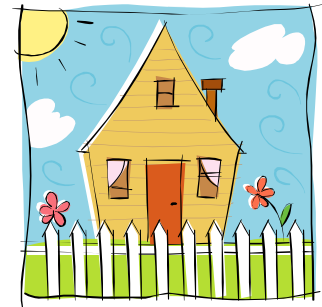
It's National Neighborhood Day, so come meet your Homeowners Association board of directors. You can share your ideas and concerns or just get to know who is serving you.

Architectural Control Committee Report

Ron Cole, ACC Member

News from the ACC—We are now fully into summer, with the activity level seen by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) significantly increased. Requests range from an impressive full scale professional landscaping makeover to painting projects. The “fix-up” and improvement season is off and running.

The ACC would like to offer a couple of reminders for this busy season. Please do not place grass clippings at or immediately adjacent to storm sewer drains. As we have our ever-present “popcorn showers” the tendency is for clippings to wash into the drains creating major blockage problems. Also, check your shrub sizes and keep them trimmed to prevent them from blocking traffic views around corners and at intersections. The “kid traffic” has increased and we need to watch out for the children (since they most likely will not look for us).



To help expedite your next project, the ACC would like to remind everyone to review their Planter’s Row Home Owners Association ACC Guidelines.

The current ACC guidelines can be found on the new web site, www.plantersrow.net. If you do not have access to a computer, a copy can be obtained by contacting any member of the Board of Directors or the ACC committee.

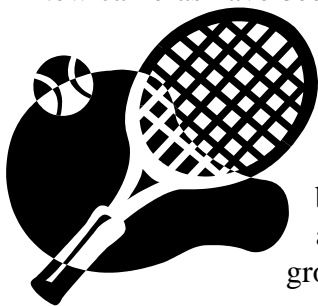
Remember, the guidelines are applicable to all and were established to provide for uniform maintenance and enhancements for our community, thereby preserving property values.

Tennis Court Update

Connie Warden, Member-at-Large

The tennis courts were resurfaced in May by Carolina Surface Coatings. You will notice that the courts have a new color (regulation blue), new nets, benches and awnings for shade. In the future, the courts will be numbered for reservation purposes.

New cameras have been installed for monitoring the courts by Security Concepts Inc. The courts have new warning signs. ***The courts are for tennis.*** Skate boards are destructive to the paint, finish, and court surface and will not be tolerated. Parents should be warned that violators will be prosecuted.



Feedback regarding maintenance and upgrades at the amenities area has been very positive this year. These improvements add to the desirability and property value of our neighborhood. Please take care of our common grounds.

Please Note:

You likely received a newsletter in your box called the *Community Connector, Planters Row Edition*. This is NOT the Planters Row Newsletter. While that newsletter can provide you with useful information, please be sure to continue reading ***The Grapevine***, the newsletter for Planters Row, for important updates from your community association. We *may* use the Community Connector to advertise upcoming events between newsletters but will continue to publish *The Grapevine* quarterly with information that is pertinent to our neighborhood and its rules and events. Thank you.

Planters Row Upcoming Events

To join the committee or volunteer for any one event, please contact Catherine at social@plantersrow.net or 567-0876

All events are subject to change. For the most up to date information, check out our newly updated website at plantersrow.net! and our new bulletin board in the drive circle at the pool.

Planters Row Summer Block Party

Saturday, August 25th: 7 to 11 PM

For all Residents of Planter's Row

DJ music provided by **The Party Machine**, **Free Shagging Lessons**, **Raffles** throughout the evening, and a **KIDZONE** open from 7-9PM (to include bouncy house, bubbles and chalk areas, hula hooping, and a visit from the fire dept). You may choose to get a sitter for the latter part of the evening. Families A-K please bring an appetizer and L-Z a dessert.



National Neighborhood Day Events:

Neighborhood Yard Sale:

Saturday, September 15th 8AM to Noon (rain date 9/22)

Gather up items you haven't been using and make some cash. We will advertise in the paper & place signs at entrances. You may participate in your yard or driveway or for those who have less items, you may join your neighbors in the pool parking lot. Bring your own tables. First come, first serve until available space is taken.

Meet Your Board: Saturday, September 15th 7PM-8PM.

Come meet your Homeowners Association board of directors to share your ideas and concerns with us.

Family Movie Night: Saturday, September 15th 8PM

Bring your family to the cabana for a movie on the lawn we all can enjoy. Bring your coolers, blankets, & lawn chairs. We will show a family-friendly movie.

Fall Festival: Saturday, October 27th, 4-6 PM

Now a highly anticipated event in Planters Row! Bring the kids for hayrides, crafts, cookie decorating, face & hair painting, & games. More information to come. Please volunteer!



The Social Committee will meet next on Sept. 19th at 7PM at Lava Java. Please RSVP to social@plantersrow.net if you would like to join us!



Volunteers of the Season

Mary & Ron Cole

The Planters Row Homeowners Association would like to say thank you to Ron & Mary Cole!

As an active member of the newly reinstated ACC committee, Ron has helped with reviewing ACC submittals and updating the ACC guidelines. He's been our "Mr. Fix-it" up at the cabana and for neighborhood work days. As a member of the Community Liaisons Committee, Ron played an instrumental role in Mailbox day, and he is always eager to lend a hand at social committee events. We are especially grateful for his grilling skills, put to use at the July 4th celebration.

Ron's wife Mary served as an active social committee member, always going beyond our expectations. Thanks to both Mary and Ron for all they have done to make Planters Row a better place to live!

Homeowner Advertising in *The Grapevine*



Advertising contracts are now complete. We no longer solicit advertisements from local businesses. However, if a Planters Row homeowner owns a business and would like to advertise, the charge is \$25.00 per business card to cover the cost of printing. Please inquire to Jennifer Byrne at newsletter@plantersrow.net or 458-8342.

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Social Committee Report

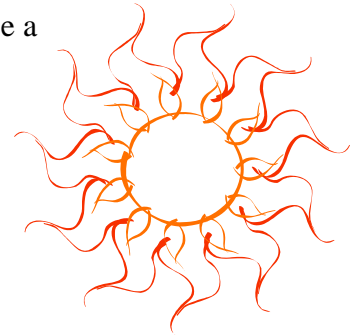
By Catherine Morin, Social Committee Chairperson

The Social Committee has been very busy this Spring and Summer. We've had an Ice Cream Social, a Luau, Teen Movie Night and our annual July 4th Celebration. The weather didn't always cooperate, but we still had a lot of fun. It was nice seeing old friends and getting to know our new neighbors. It's a great way to build support networks and to find out what's going on in your neighborhood.



Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with the events. We couldn't do it without you! Volunteers are always needed... even if you don't have a lot of time to spare. A big thank you goes to Eastwood Homes for being so generous. They provided the bounce house for the Ice Cream Social and the beverages for the July 4th Party.

Our next upcoming event is the **Beach Blast Block Party**. We'll have a DJ, free shagging Lessons, raffles with items donated by local businesses, and even a visit from the Mauldin Fire Department! For the kids, there will be a special Kids Zone area with a bounce house and lots of bubbles and chalk. So, bring a chair and your dancing shoes. You won't want to miss the great Beach Music from The Party Machine.



Please look at the Event Calendar in the newsletter for other upcoming events. You can also go to www.PlantersRow.net to check out the latest information regarding upcoming events.

The mission of the Planter's Row Social Committee is to help all homeowners feel at home in our neighborhood. The ladies of the Social Committee really enjoy planning the events for the residents of Planter's Row. We truly feel that it makes our neighborhood a better place to live. Please take a moment and fill out the survey at www.planterrow.net. This will give us a better idea of what types of events are of interest to you.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00 at Lava Java. So grab a cup of coffee and help us plan the Fall Festival! Please call or email Catherine Morin (567-0876 or social@plantersrow.net) if you are interested in attending the meeting or volunteering for any of the events.



Photo by Teri Parrish

See you at the **Beach Blast Block Party!**

To celebrate the opening of the pool for the 2007 season, A Planters Row family enjoys their build-your-own ice cream sundaes at the ice cream social, organized by the Planters Row Social Committee

Communications Report: Joey Dominick, Member-At-Large

Over the past six months, the Planters Row Homeowners Association Board has been working hard to make sure Planters Row is a community to be proud of and a great place to live. To help us achieve this goal, it is vital to have communication and involvement between home owners and board members. Thanks to our new president Michael Robinson we now have an up-to-date and functioning website. If you haven't visited it yet, the address is www.plantersrow.net. You will find a list of current social activities, pictures of past activities, as well as, a place to register to receive emails of upcoming events and important information. You will also find a link to all the board members email addresses. Feel free at any time to contact us via email if you have a suggestion or comment. Another resource the board developed to get homeowner opinion on a variety of items is a survey. Please visit our website and follow the link. Participation of all homeowners is vital in the success of this survey. If you have any problems completing the survey online or if you do not have internet access, contact myself or another board member. The board appreciates all homeowners' input to assist in current and future planning. Thank you in advance for your participation.



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Classifieds Section

Complete Yard Services by trust-worthy neighborhood teen: Call Jarrett Upton at 420-8394 for more details.

Need a sitter? Responsible 15-year-old who lives in neighborhood is available. Andrea loves to work with children and teach them Spanish. Call Andrea Alonso at 430-8040. References available.

Mailbox need Repairs or Painting? Don't have time to do it? Call the Robinsons, the Planters Row paint squad. We'll prime, paint and number your mailbox for \$30. We can replace your newspaper box for an additional \$35. Call us at 864-289-9698 or email at robinsom.michael@yahoo.com

The PRHOA Board of Directors and Social Committee would like to say thanks to Teri Parrish of Mind's Eye Photography for providing her services at Planters Row Events. The photos in this newsletter were taken by Teri. Her business card is on pg. 4 if you'd like more information on her availability.



Photo by Teri Parrish

Neighborhood children enjoy the festivities at the ice cream social and July 4th celebration.

Quarterly Successes:

Jennifer Byrne, Vice-President

It's hard to see all that's been going on in Planters Row just by driving through it. Since the President's Letter is always very full, this new column will keep you up-to-date with just some of the wonderful success stories going on in our community. You will see that a lot of our projects have come to fruition recently. Many more are in the works.

- We had a very successful 1st "Mailbox Day": over 75 homeowners came by for free paint and to order new numbers and parts. Since then, mailboxes throughout Planters Row are looking sharper, an important part of keeping up the aesthetics and desirability of our neighborhood. Thanks to the Community Liaison Committee volunteers!
- After a mass emailing requesting help, seven volunteers turned out 2 weekends ago to prime and paint 40 new wooden sign posts. These posts will soon be installed by the city for new signs and to replace old metal ones. The continuity of signs in the neighborhood should also help improve the overall appearance of our community. Thanks to the Community Liaisons Committee for all their hard work mapping out street signs and working with the city to get this accomplished. It was quite a challenge!
- Our July 4th party was the most efficient and fun one yet! This was in thanks to better volunteer involvement from the board and social committee. We've tried many new activities this year and improved on our favorite yearly events.
- Additional cameras were added to the cabana which have significantly improved security and reduced vandalism in that area.
- We revised the guideline for collecting homeowners dues, and the delinquency rate of unpaid dues is down from this time last year.
- Maybe you have noticed that the common areas and monuments at all entrances look "prettier". This is due to increased efforts for better communication between the board and landscaping company and the volunteer hours of the Wardens.
- We created the Planters Row survey on the website to gather community feedback.
- Redesigned the website and created a process to update it regularly.
- Volunteers have been very busy up at the cabana and surrounding area. Here are some things that were accomplished: painted, repaired, and installed new picnic tables, replaced boards and painted playground benches, replaced boards and painted Cabana garbage receptacle, installed new doggie station, installed a new community communication board in parking lot, installed shelving in the pool room for storage, painted pool storage room, installed landscape edging around the tennis courts and the cabana.



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- Installed new drainage system around tennis courts.
- We are continuing to revise the process to address covenant violations.
- Obtained \$35,000 donation from Eastwood homes for Amenities development.
- Required Eastwood homes to replace mailboxes to meet covenant standards

This newsletter was compiled and edited by Jennifer Byrne, your PRHOA VP. If you have questions or would like to contribute content, please contact her at newsletter@plantersrow.net