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CHAIRMAN - Tom Brown

It is evident by the downturn in new construction, renovation and property sales, the current fiscal crisis is negatively impacting many of the property owners in The Pointes. I believe that many of us welcomed in the new year with the hope that our Nation's leaders would soon be able to implement new fiscal strategies and programs that will lead us out of this recession. Let's all hope they are soon successful.

During the past three months, the Pointes experienced several rather severe storms that downed a number of trees. One storm resulted in two large trees falling across and blocking Peninsula Drive. Neighboring homeowners quickly responded and began clearing the roadway until relieved by the Newberry County Public Works and Public Safety Departments, who made short work of the clearing and debris removal. Since Newberry County owns and is responsible for the maintenance of all roads in The Pointes, property owners should immediately call them at (803) 995-3555 to report any mishap that impedes roadway traffic or is a matter of public safety in The Pointes.

Another matter concerning downed trees came to the attention of the Board when a property owner reported that a large tree from a neighboring vacant lot had fallen across his property. This owner petitioned the Board to undertake action to have the owner of the vacant lot (from where the tree fell) remove the fallen tree. After discussing this matter with our Management Company and insurance representatives, it was concluded that, in most cases, a tree falling on another's property was considered to be an accidental happening and,

as such, removal of said tree would be the responsibility of the affected property owner and/or their insurance company. However, if the impacted property owner first notified an adjacent property owner in writing concerning a tree on his/her property that was suspect of falling and causing damage, then the adjacent property owner, in this instance, may be liable for damages and the tree removal.

A number of trees fell that were growing in the SCE&G conservation easement, with some falling into the lake and others onto private property. The Board was advised by a SCE&G representative that they would conduct an on-site investigation of all reports concerning downed trees on their property and, at their sole discretion, take appropriate action. It was noted that SCE&G did dispatch crews to cut up and remove the trees that had fallen into the lake and, in most instances, cut up the trees that had fallen on the land but they did not remove the resultant logs and branches. Property owners should report any instance of fallen trees in the conservation and/or "360" area directly to SCE&G at (803) 217-9221.

Please mark your calendars for the PPPOA Annual Membership Meeting that will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 29, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at the Lake Murray Public Safety Complex. The election of new Board of Director members and approval of the annual budget will be on the agenda. An official notice concerning this annual meeting will be sent out in February. Hope to see you there.

TREASURER - Carol Matney

Currently, the Board is in the process of collecting information to aid in the preparation of our proposed 2009-2010 Budget. We are looking at the rising cost of landscaping and electricity and also the never ending expense of our irrigation system. I want to thank those of you that sent in your ideas regarding our surplus of funds. If you have suggestions, please send them to me as soon as possible. Even though our annual meeting isn't until the end of March, the agenda and proposed Budget must be ready to mail out in February. Time is getting short. Currently we have in our CD \$52,808.51 and should add an additional \$500.00 +/- in interest January 25, 2009. The checking account balance on December 31, 2008 was \$6,196.97. You can reach me at any time or submit your ideas to: c2matney@yahoo.com. Happy New Year!

ARC - Dennis Leslie

The ARC continues to receive requests for roof repairs and roof replacements as more and more of our neighbors discover that they have sustained some damage from the recent storms. These requests can be handled very quickly if the color and style of shingle remain the

same. However, if the style or color changes, we need to see a sample. In either case, you must contact ARC for approval before work begins.

Walt and Sally Mazzei's home at 11 Belle Isle Lane is complete and they were able to move in just prior to the Christmas holiday. A hearty welcome to both of them.

Richard and Louise Gerken's house continues to progress on Middleton Place with completion due this Spring. Also, construction is set to begin on Wilson and Wrenn Fairey's house (lot 109) on the corner of Peninsula Drive and Alston Place.

WEBSITE - Don Paczynski www.the-pointes.org

As a home or lot owner, staying on top of things like up-to-date BOD meeting minutes, Treasurer reports, By-Laws, Newsletters, status of new homes planned or being built, recent changes to regulations and policies, and homes/lots for sale will help you stay abreast of things and can be found by logging on to The Pointes website (www.the-pointe.org). Also available on the website are copies of the latest Covenants, Regulations, ARC Guidelines, and other pertinent information for reading and printing. If you are currently selling a home or have a lot for sale, please check that page on the site for the correct data regarding price and contact point. Further, you should include the site address in any advertising so prospective buyers can get a feel for the neighborhood. Members Only data, like financial data and BOD minutes, are available for those Members in Good Standing who ask for the access codes to those pages. If you have any questions, please call 364-9359 or email the webmaster at: lkmurraybassman@earthlink.net.

ROADWAY CLEANUP - Pat Sowinski

The next area roadway litter cleanup will take place on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. This is a community service action and is an opportunity for all residents of The Pointes of Plantation Pointe to both keep our area neat and tidy and to help preserve our property values. We need as many volunteers as we can get to assist in this worthwhile endeavor. Meet us at the entry wall and enjoy the camaraderie of your neighbors as we spend about an hour or so picking up litter along Circle H Woods and Hollands Landing Roads. Bring a pick-up tool of sorts and we'll supply the gloves, bags and water. Please check your email Friday evening, February 6th for any changes in the schedule due to weather. Feel free to call me at 364-9394 or email me at patsowinski@yahoo.com if you have any questions or suggestions.

SECRETARY - Mary Ellen Warren

Please call or email me with any changes to your email, street address, or telephone number so that we will have the most current information. My telephone number is (803) 364-3822; email address is jrmewarren@bellsouth.net

The Annual Meeting of the PPPOA Membership is scheduled for Sunday, March 29, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. The notice and your proxy, along with the proposed budget will be mail sometime around the middle of February. Return of your proxy is important for us to reach a quorum (51%) required by our By-Laws to conduct business. If a quorum of 51% is not reached at the first meeting, a second meeting will be scheduled requiring only a quorum of 26%. When you receive your packet, please take time to fill in the proxy and return it even if you plan to attend the meeting.

The next Newsletter is scheduled to be distributed in April.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBOR!

We welcome Walt and Sally Mazzei of 11 Belle Isle Lane to The Pointes. The Mazzei's moved here from Laredo, Texas. Walt retired from Caterpillar after 38 years of service including product development and plant management. Walt and Sally have five children, three daughters and two sons. Two of their children live in South Carolina - a son in Lexington and a daughter in Georgetown. They are grandparents to seven with the eighth expected in July, 2009. Sally searched all the lakes in North and South Carolina before deciding on Lake Murray for their new home. Walt is looking forward to fishing as the weather warms.



Congratulations!

John and Ellen Menzo (Belle Isle Lane) were blessed with a 5th grandchild on January 8, 2009. Jason Patrick weighed in at 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 3/4 " long. He joins a 7 year old sister, and a brother, 11 years old. The Menzo's daughter, Gina and her husband live in Charlotte. All are doing very well.

Pam & Norm Dudek have another great grandchild in the family. Pam's

granddaughter, Kristi and her husband, Jeremy had a baby boy on October 25, 2008. Ethan Michael weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. and was 19" long. He joins brother, Lucas who is 22 months old.

SOCIAL - Pam Dudek

The Pointe's Annual Christmas Party was held at Mid-Carolina Country Club on Friday, December 5, 2008. Guests were greeted at the door by Pat Sowinski and Elaine Allcut and given their Christmas Mouse hand made by the Social Committee members. The hall was beautifully decorated, creating a very festive atmosphere. Everyone had a great time with the games - guessing what was in the Christmas stocking and playing pass the Christmas gift (a version of musical chairs). The food was delicious and plentiful. The door prizes were hand decorated wine bottles with lights inside and wine bottle oil lamps all put together by the Social Committee.

On Sunday, December 14, 2008, a cookie exchange/ladies get together was held at the home of Mary Ellen Warren. There was a great variety of cookies, along with a champagne punch. Everyone enjoyed a chance to relax and visit with neighbors during the busy holiday season.

Social Committee Members:

Pam Dudek (364-3967), Elaine Allcut (364-4246), Betty Brown (364-3326) Carol Matney (364-9067), Pat Sowinski (364-9394), Mary Ellen Warren (364-3822)

Upcoming Events:

January

Sunday, 18th 1:00 p.m. Bowling Party at Anchor Lanes, Irmo

Wednesday, 21st 11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch at Café on Main in Prosperity

February

Wednesday, 18th 11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch at Copper River and a movie

Saturday, 21st 6:30 p.m. Dining Out at Gilligan's in Lexington

March

Wednesday, 18th 11:30 p.m. Ladies Lunch at Bellacino's in Irmo

Sunday, 29th 3:00 p.m. Annual PPPOA Membership Meeting at the
Lake Murray Public Safety Complex