

The Grapevine



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November 2012 Grapevine "Notes from the President"

Fall has arrived!! We have certainly seen a dramatic change in temperatures in the last few days leaving little doubt that summer is gone for 2012. As I am writing these notes America is voting to see who will lead our nation for the next four years. This is a wonderful freedom that millions of people around the world do not get to experience. We are truly blessed to be able to live in this great nation.

Directors Election - Vineyards residents also have an important election coming up soon as we elect 3 new members of our Board of Directors. Three members of our present board—Carol Bursby, Dolores Ferron, and myself—are rotating off at the end of the year. The Nominating Committee has presented the following as candidates for election to fill these vacancies: Leslie Bruckwicki, Scott Castleberry, Angela Fulbright, Wally Futoma, and Dan McClenathen. A brief biography has been provided by the candidates and is printed in The Grapevine along with a ballot to be used for voting. Completed ballots should be placed in the mail box at the signboard at the front entrance. **Deadline for ballots is November 21.** I encourage each of you to participate in this important process. I appreciate very much these candidates willingness to serve our community. I also want to thank our nominating committee—Dorothy Warren, Chair; Ken Echols; Pat Goodrich; Mike Ferron; and Ivey McKinley—for their work in recruiting the candidates and overseeing the election. They have served us well!

Pool Resurfacing - Board members have spent some time in securing bids to replaster the pool. The plaster is wearing thin in several areas of the pool and the gunnite is showing in places. Several tiles are broken and the cowl around the pool is damaged. In short, the pool needs to be resurfaced. The board had previously decided to set aside \$5000 from 2012 funds to go with the balance required to do the work from 2013 funds. Bids have been received from 5 companies and the board has selected 3 companies to look



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at more closely to select from. Richard King is obtaining references and checking them. While price will be a big factor in the selection, the board may not select the lowest bidder but will try to determine who will provide the best results. We will need to make a commitment to the company selected to get on schedule for the work to be done around March 1. We have been warned that these companies get very busy around this time and we do not want to jeopardize the opening of the pool next spring.

New Flowers - The landscaping at the front entrance is really looking good. Our Gardens and Grounds Committee has just completed planting new winter flowers. Thanks to Dolores Ferron, Martha Burwell, and Ricki Graham for their work. Five Star Landscaping, our grounds maintenance company, has done an excellent job all year with the shrubs and pine straw and I think it looks better than it has in a long while. These guys have really done a great job in refurbishing the shrubbery. Thanks again to Dolores for communicating our desires to them throughout the year.

Housekeeping Issues - We continue to receive some complaints about a couple of housekeeping issues. Please be mindful of flower beds and landscaping around your home. Most of you do an excellent job in maintaining these areas but, unfortunately, there are a few that look unkempt. These detract from the overall appearance of the neighborhood and spoil the hard work that so many do in keeping their yards well maintained. We also have received complaints about some who are not cleaning up after their dogs-especially when they are being walked by children. Regardless of who is walking the dogs, it is the owners responsibility to see that that we are not leaving our pets waste in our neighbors yards. Please be responsible in this matter.

People at Work - As I look back over the year I am mindful of so many of our residents who work in various areas; many of them quietly and with little recognition. Our ACC Committee handles items throughout the year in a prompt and courteous manner. The Gardens and Grounds Committee also works all thru the year to maintain the appearance of the common grounds. Our Pool and Tennis people take care of pool operation and maintenance issues in those areas. The Social Committee did a great job with our pool party and other social happenings and The Sunshine Committee has quickly welcomed new residents and ministered to those who had special needs all during the year. The Neighborhood Watch group has maintained communication with our sheriff's department and kept all of us informed. Mary Baker has published each edition of The Grapevine and she and Norm have delivered it. Carol Bursby, our treasurer, has handled our finances



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efficiently and all of our board members have worked in a dedicated manner throughout the year. And there are many others who have stepped up to take care of things that come up all during the year. We are so fortunate to have so many dedicated residents who are always willing to lend a hand to make our neighborhood better.

Next Meeting - Our next meeting has been scheduled for November 29. We will invite the newly elected directors to the meeting and give them an opportunity to join holdover directors Jim Burwell and Richard King in electing officers for 2013. Since the next edition of *The Grapevine* is not scheduled until January we will post the names of new directors on the bulletin board.

It has been an honor for me to serve as a director and president of the board this year. It has been a pleasure to work with our current board and with so many of you who have served in various capacities. I know that when three are selected from this group of nominees to join Jim and Richard we will be in good hands. I wish you and your family a very good Thanksgiving time and a very happy holiday season.

Johnny

HOA Board Meeting, November 1, 2012

Johnny Stone opened the meeting. Those in attendance were Jim Burwell, Richard King, Carol Bursby, and Dolores Ferron. Minutes were taken by Dolores Ferron. This was a special called meeting to receive the Nominating Committee report and to discuss bids for replaster of the pool.

Treasurer's Report. The balance in checking as of the end of October is \$20,059.68 and in savings is \$12,574.54.

Committee Reports

- **ACC:** Some trees were taken down on lot #44 with ACC approval.
- **Garden and Grounds:** Daffodil bulbs have been purchased and will be planted at the appropriate time. Winter flowers have been planted with thanks to garden committee members—Martha Burwell, Ricki Graham, and Dolores Ferron. The light for the sign on the homeowner side of the front entrance is out, has been looked at, and should be fixed soon. The light on the pool side of the entrance has been fixed.



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- **Neighborhood Watch:** Nothing new to report.
- **Pool and Tennis:** Johnny Stone obtained five bids for resurfacing the pool in the spring. The bids ranged from a low of \$12,365.85 to a high of \$15,360. The board decided to keep three out of the five for final consideration. Richard King is going to look into getting references from each of the three companies so we can make a final decision as to which company would do the best work and be the best to work with.
- **Social:** Nothing new to report
- **Welcome and Sunshine:** The board continues to give complements to Norman Baker for the outstanding job he does for welcome and sunshine and to Mary Baker for the outstanding job she does on the Grapevine.
- **Old Business:** There is nothing to report on the litigation. The stump from the Leland taken out on Napa has been ground.

New Business: The five nominations for the selection of **three** new board members are: Angela Fulbright, Wally Futoma, Leslie Bruckwicki, Dan McClenathen, and Scott Castleberry. A Grapevine is scheduled to go out around the 12th of November which will have bios of each of the nominees and a ballot. The ballots will be due by the 21st of November. A sign will be placed in the sign box at the front entrance around the 16th to remind everyone to vote.

Next meeting is November 29, 2012.

HOA Board Meeting, October 2, 2012

Johnny Stone opened the meeting. Those in attendance were Jim Burwell, Richard King, Carol Bursby, and Dolores Ferron. Minutes were taken by Dolores Ferron.

Treasurer's Report. The balance in checking as of 7/31/2012 is \$21,202.71. The balance in savings as of 6/30/2012 is \$12,573.28. Recent costs included replacing the lock at the pool and clear cutting of weeds on Nuckolls road.

Committee Reports

- **ACC:** Nothing new to report.
- **Garden and Grounds:** Daffodil bulbs have been purchased and will be planted at the appropriate time. Winter flowers will be planted within the next month depending on how



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current flowers are looking. The light for the sign on the pool side of the entrance is out and will be replaced if needed.

- **Neighborhood Watch:** Nothing new to report.
- **Pool and Tennis:** A new lock for the pool gate was installed and failed. It has been replaced. The board discussed moving the pool closing to as soon as possible. We will first look into getting some bids for resurfacing that will to be done in the spring. We want to get some bids before the cover is put on.
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- **Welcome and Sunshine:** The board continues to give complements to Norman Baker for the outstanding job he does for welcome and sunshine and to Mary Baker for the outstanding job she does on the Grapevine.

Old Business: There is nothing to report on the litigation.

New Business: Three board members will be retiring this year. They are Carol Bursby, Dolores Ferron, and Johnny Stone.

The board approved a committee of five people for the nominating committee to begin nominating potential new board member replacements. They are Dorothy Warren, Chair; Angela Fulbright, Vice-Chair; Ken Echols; Mike Ferron; and Pat Goodrich. They will present a slate of 5 candidates for these offices. A ballot and bios of the candidates will be included in the November edition of The Grapevine. Final date for returning ballots will be November 21. A Special edition of the Grapevine will come out later this week to alert the neighborhood of the coming election of officers with more detail about the process. The Grapevine will also remind homeowners that the annual Vineyards yard sale will be the weekend of October 12th and 13th. We will also put an announcement in the box by the pool.

Also, there was discussion by the board about complaints by some neighbors about landscaping issues on lots #28 and #67. It was decided that the homeowners in question will be sent a letter from the board alerting them about specific covenant and architectural violations.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 18.



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From your Welcome & Sunshine Committee:

Please notify Norman Baker (770) 886-0439 or Dennis McAlister (770) 886-6446 when you know of new neighbors moving in, a loss of a family member, or neighbors who have fallen ill, been injured, etc. We are your official spokespersons to welcome new neighbors to the Vineyards and to lift the spirits of those neighbors not feeling well. Thank you for your support.

From the Editor: Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those of you who are celebrating. If you would like to advertise your business, community events, or articles of interest in *The Grapevine*, please submit your logo and information in a format compatible with Microsoft Word (earlier version, please) to Mary Baker at email listed below. Our aim is to publish every other month.

Mary Baker, 770-886-0439
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Men's Weekly Breakfast. Come join in with this group of men who meet weekly on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast at the **Atlanta Bread Company** to exchange ideas and plan for various events like car, boat, woodworking shows, and the like. Call Mike Warren (770-889-7222) or Larry McKinley (770-888-7681) for more information.

ATTENTION COMMENTS & CITICISMS ATTENTION

List your top 2 or 3 issues you want addressed by the board—short term or long term:
Email to Jim Burwell or tear off and place in lock box at entrance:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please note your Lot # when casting your ballot.

LOT # _____

2012 ELECTION BALLOT

[Five residents have submitted Bios for the three positions which come available for next year's board. Please select three (3) from the 5 candidates by checking the boxes below and place this form in the lockbox on the back of the entrance bulletin board by Wednesday, November 21]

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Leslie Bruckwicki</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Scott Castleberry</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Angela Fulbright</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Wally Futoma</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Dan McClenathan</u>

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<u>Leslie Bruckwicki</u>	<u>Scott Castleberry</u>	<u>Angela Fulbright</u>
<p>My husband Mark and I moved to the Vineyards in September of 2009 after his company, Lafarge, transferred him from Michigan.</p> <p>We have a son who followed us down here and has a small business in Atlanta. We are looking forward to his upcoming marriage in June of 2013.</p> <p>I graduated from Southern Methodist University in Dallas with a degree in Business. I worked several years in retail management and currently work part time for a retail projects company.</p> <p>We have really enjoyed the community here and hope to become more involved with the association. There is still so much more to explore and learn about this area and Georgia in general. It has been and continues to be a wonderful experience</p>	<p>My name is Scott Castleberry. I've lived in Forsyth county for 24 years, the Vineyards for 16 years.</p> <p>I attended both Shorter College and Auburn University and owned and operated a small business for 25 years. Health issues forced me into early retirement in 2004.</p> <p>I am at home most days and thereby available to handle Board business when necessary. I have previously served 1 term on the HOA Board.</p>	<p>My children and I have lived in the Vineyards for 17 years. This has been a great place to raise my family! We love the location with easy access to 400 and 20, the large lot sizes, the peace and safety of this area, and especially our neighbors!</p> <p>I have a BA in Journalism from UGA, a CapM (project management) certification, and a private pilots license. I am currently a Client Relationship Rep at QTS, one of the largest privately owned data center companies in the US, where I am responsible for managing and growing ~100 client accounts.</p> <p>I previously served on the Vineyards board as VP in 2005 and 2006, and look forward to serving again if elected.</p>

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Wally Futoma

My wife Georgeia and I have lived in the Vineyards since 1994.

Over the years I've participated in many subdivision activities including Newsletter, Pool Committee chairman, ACC member and chairman, Treasurer and President. Residents who've lived here a while may recall some of the accomplishments we achieved while I was President including founding of the Neighborhood Watch program, initiation of the subdivision website, and paving the way for the Nuckolls road cleanup (continued by the next president, Jim Symington).

As far as my background, I graduated from Adelphi and did graduate studies at Adelphi and Hofstra. I was VP of Marketing for Leasco Capital Equipment and then ran my own computer business for many years back in New York, until we relocated to the sunny south and bought our house here in the Vineyards. Since coming here I've been the computer business and most recently ran an automotive leasing and consulting business.

We've seen many changes in the subdivision over the years and I believe it's important for all of us to stay involved in keeping our subdivision a great place to live.

Dan McClenathan

I've been married to my wonderful wife (Chris) for almost 30 years. We have 3 children, Matt 28, Ashley 27, and CJ 14. We have 4 grandchildren.

We are from Michigan and moved to the Vineyards in 2005. We are very happy here and we really like our neighbors.

I am a self employed controls engineer.

Chris is a THE home engineer.

Architectural Control Committee
Application Request Form

Homeowner's Names: _____
Lot #: _____ Address: _____
Telephone: (H) _____ (ALT) _____

Please check the improvement you would like to make. Beside each improvement is a list of numbers that corresponds with the required attachments necessary for ACC review. The numbers in BOLD print identify the applicable standards that correspond with the improvement and are located in Chapter 3.00 of this manual. Please be sure to include all required information or the request will be returned causing a delay in the review process.

_____ New Construction (1,2,3,4)	3.01, 3.02	_____ Other (1,2,3,4)	3.10
_____ Deck (1,2,4)	3.03	_____ Satellite Dish/Antennae (1,2,3,4)	3.11
_____ Building Addition or Exterior Modification (1,2,3,4)	3.04	_____ Exterior Detached Structure (1,2,3,4)	3.12
_____ Fence (1,2,4)	3.05	_____ Exterior Lighting (1,2,3,4)	3.13
_____ Parking Pad (1,2,4)	3.06	_____ Retaining Wall (1,2,3,4)	3.14
_____ Walkway/patio (1,2,3,4)	3.07	_____ Hot Tub/Pool (1,2,3,4)	3.15
_____ Play Equipment (1,2,3,4)	3.97	_____ Mailboxes (1,2,3,4)	3.16
_____ Landscaping (1,2)	3.09	_____ Flagpoles (1,2,3,4)	3.17

Information and Attachment Required to Process Application

1. Plot Plan with improvements shown, drawn to scale including all dimensions of proposed improvements and distances to property lines.
2. Materials List (for landscaping requests, include lists of plants to be used with locations shown).
3. Indicate color(s).
4. Provide a picture, scaled drawings or manufacturer's literature indicating overall size, i.e., length, width, and height. (Top view looking down and front/side view looking at improvement.)

Detailed specifications and Description of Request: (Attach additional sheet(s) if necessary)

Materials List: (attach additional sheet(s) if necessary)
