



OCTOBER 3, 2018

## NEWSLETTER



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Pleasant Farm Home Owners Association Meeting will be held on Saturday morning, **Oct 13th** at the Community Pool area beginning at 9AM. Coffee and pastries will be provided. Agenda topics for discussion will be disseminated at a later date.

The Community Pool had a lot of activity this summer and for a little while longer you can still get your feet wet to escape the still very warm temps. But, all good things must come to an end. The pool will close for the season on **October 31<sup>st</sup>**.



## Pleasant Farm Entrance Renovations Update

A Landscape Upgrade took place at the Pleasant Farm entrance recently. The irrigation system was repaired and new sprinkler heads installed at the tip of the front entrance. A Pleasant Farm Sign, landscape lights and seasonal plants were installed. The plants will change out soon to reflect the season. The Bus Stop will undergo some minor repair and painting and then the project will be complete.

## Pleasant Farm Covenants Review Committee



For many months now we have had a committee painstakingly reviewing the existing Pleasant Farm Covenants and By-Laws. The original versions of these governing documents were created in the early 1970s. The most recent covenant amendment was in 1994. The committee is comprised of Chairperson Renee Barnard, Bob

Easter, Bill Spraker and Rebecca Tucker. The invitation for others to contribute ideas or suggestions was made at past HOA Meetings and an invitation was included in past newsletters. The existing governing documents for Pleasant Farm are posted publicly on our website at [pleasantfarm.org](http://pleasantfarm.org). The Committee has been meeting several times per month, combing through the legalese and “gobbledygook”, to come up with recommended changes and revisions which will reflect society in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The recommended revisions will be presented to the Homeowners at the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter HOA meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>. ALL homeowners in good standing will be allowed to comment and make suggestions prior to having the revisions reviewed by our corporate attorney. Therefore, all recommended changes must be submitted in writing to the Committee Chairperson at [covenantcommittee@pleasantfarm.org](mailto:covenantcommittee@pleasantfarm.org) by October 26<sup>th</sup>.

After a review by our corporate attorney, the proposed 6<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the Covenants will be drafted and voted on at the Annual Meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The recommended changes for the By-Laws will be voted on at the same time.



# VOLUNTEERS SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to personally invite all residents to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Community Meeting on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>. We have lots of important issues to discuss and these issues involve us all.

Please know that your input is wanted and needed at all of our community gatherings. An agenda will be sent out just prior to the meeting, so please review, then prepare yourself to discuss your thoughts or present your concerns to the Board of Directors.

As a reminder, the PFHOA Executive Board of Directors are duly elected homeowners (voted on by you). We are your neighbors who are willing to give of our time and expertise as we provide leadership and guidance in the execution of duties as delineated in the By-Laws.

Anyone who has ever served on the BOD knows that it is often a “thankless” job and many residents sometimes view the BOD as the “*enemy in the camp*”. NO ONE is paid to serve and no special perks are received. It is “Service before Self”. We all care about the community. This is our HOME. We want our community to be safe and tranquil. We want to protect the investment in our homes. We want everyone to be HAPPY and to get along.

Having said that, very often some decisions have to be made by the BOD that are not always going to be popular. These decisions mostly involve measures taken to enforce the covenants. Keep in mind that before legal action is taken in that enforcement, courtesy notices are delivered and the homeowner is given the opportunity to correct deficiencies. The BOD endeavors to treat everyone with fairness and dignity. Firmness is applied in those cases where the “gentle nudge” was not effective.

This rather long “personal” message is prompted by the recent resignation of our Board Treasurer. More so, it is to address her letter that was included with the delivery of your 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Statements which announced her resignation and reasons for resigning. She goes on to state that she is willing to discuss the matter in person or over the telephone. Further she states that her reasons for resigning, just 3 months before the end of her term, is that she has philosophical differences with me and “*how she and members of our neighborhood are treated*”, I assume she means “treated by me”. Keep in mind that I did not receive this letter with my statement. I learned of this letter from another resident of Pleasant Farm.

In that the former Treasurer chose to make her reason for resigning personal, I feel compelled to offer that I am also willing to discuss in the presence of the entire BOD, anyone’s concerns as it relates to her statement. Please note that she notified residents before the BOD could formally make the announcement. Please also know that in our official announcement we would have commended her for her

willingness to serve on the Board and would have thanked her for service to the community. As President, I will state now that on behalf of the PFHOA Executive Board “we thank you for your service as Treasurer and wish you well in future endeavors.”

I have recently been informed that rumors and “fake news” abound in the neighborhood regarding actions taken by the board in recent months. I would caution everyone that there are always “two sides to every story”. Don’t form judgements until you know the truth. This Board has been totally transparent in the conduct of its duties. Anyone who wants to address the Board may do so at any time by contacting the PFHOA Secretary to be added to the agenda. The BOD generally meets the second Tuesday of each month.

I consider myself and all the members of your Executive Board of Directors to be professionals, good stewards of our community and serving in the best interests of the homeowners who elected us to our positions. At the Quarterly Meeting we will also announce that nominations are being solicited for anyone who wants to be on the ballot for the 2019 term of officers. Those considering to be included on the ballot should submit nominations to [secretary@pleasantfarm.org](mailto:secretary@pleasantfarm.org).

Since January 2017 I have served as your President. Enough folks had the confidence in me to reelect me to the Board in 2018. I would offer that, while the job involves a lot of hard work and requires an enormous amount of time, I have enjoyed doing my part in helping to protect our investments and restore tranquility to a once vibrant family neighborhood. Your current Board, consisting of Vice-President Ken Barnard, Secretary Julia Price and ARB Representative Chris Swan, has contributed enormously to the many capital improvements and positive enhancements to our now thriving family community. It has been my pleasure to serve with this dynamic and energetic group of community leaders and look forward to continuing with our mission of community enhancements into 2019.



If you have any questions for individual board members or a general question, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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PFHOA Board – [pfhoa@pleasantfarm.org](mailto:pfhoa@pleasantfarm.org)

## Pleasant Farm Is Self-Managed

All correspondence, payments, inquiries, or concerns should be directed to: **Pleasant Farm, PO Box 624 Beaufort, S.C. 29901**  
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