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Back To School!

**Savannah Elementary Opens
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**Labor Day Weekend
"Pirate Pool Party"**

Saturday, Sept 2nd

National Night Out

Tuesday, Aug 1st



Pool Open Until Sept 24th

As Summer Comes To A Close - New Pool Hours

It's been a long, hot summer. Hopefully you've spent your share of it lounging by the pool. Get out there now- swim, splash and play- because summer is winding down. After Labor Day weekend, the pool hours will change to 10am-10pm Saturdays and Sundays only. Then, after September 24th the pool season will end.... until next spring!

Developer Plants Additional Trees Along School Property

Huffines Communities has donated and installed trees for the new Savannah Elementary on Magnolia Boulevard. The new trees are located along the streets around the school site and should compliment the overall architectural beauty of the school.

Residents May Now Save Money On Insurance Premiums

JC Hughes, Project Manager, would like to notify residents of some important information that should save them substantial sums of money on fire insurance costs.

He would like to advise the residents to immediately notify their insurance carriers of an improvement in their home insurance rating. The new rating is a #6 for Savannah, because they are within a 5-mile drive of Navo Fire Station and within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant (all homes in Savannah are designed to be within 500 feet of a hydrant). A homeowner's insurance carrier will need to have their underwriting department contact the "ISO - Protection Connection/Passport" division to verify the correct PPC rating.

New Landscaping- Brown Thrasher and Plantation Pkwy

In cooperation with and considering advice from the Landscaping Advisory Subcommittee, Huffines Communities will be funding a total redesign and reinstallation of the landscaped bed entries on FM-1385 at Brown Thrasher and Plantation Parkway. The new landscaping should brighten the entries on FM-1385 and provide a beautiful access point to the neighborhoods.

Calling All Scrapbookers

It's all the rage... scrapbooking! Would you like to get creative while preserving valuable memories and at the same time meeting and mingling with your neighbors? Join the Scrapbooking Club. Laugh, share and scrap 'til ya drop! Contact Kelly Ashby if you are interested.

Back To School - Savannah Elementary Opens!

The school year starts August 15th at 8am. That will also be grand opening day for Savannah Elementary!



Front Entrance

The school office opened for business July 5th. Hours are 8am - 3:30pm, Monday through Friday. Savannah Elementary has grades K-5 (Kindergarten is full day and students must be 5 years old before September 1, 2006). All elementary school age children living in Savannah and Paloma Creek will now attend Savannah Elementary instead of Providence Elementary. The phone number for the new school is 972-347-7400.



Gymnasium



Savannah Gators



lunchroom

Developer's Corner

Petition Drive - Propositions To Allow The Legal Sale of Beer & Wine

A petition drive is currently underway and supported by the Huffines Communities, along with representatives of commercial property fronting on Highway 380 adjacent to Paloma Creek, to place two propositions on the November 2006 general election ballot. Approval of the propositions would allow #1) the legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only; and would allow #2) the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only.

The petition drive requires the signature of 2,500 registered voters who reside within the boundaries of Justice of the Peace Precinct 5. JP-5 covers the entire northern half of Denton County, running east and west across the county and including all of the land north of Highway 380, except for one small area that is already inside the City of Denton corporate limits.

Approval of the propositions in November will encourage convenience stores, grocery stores,

and gas stations to locate businesses in JP-5 and on Highway 380 commercial property adjacent to our sister properties of Providence Village and Savannah and the neighboring Paloma Creek property.

The propositions specifically do not allow for the sale of liquor products because those are not the type businesses we are trying to attract. We kept the two propositions limited to the specific type of sales that we believe provide an asset to our communities and northern Denton County.

The Denton County Residents for Better Business is strongly encouraging registered voters in JP-5 to sign the petition and allow our residents to attract the service businesses we need along the Highway 380 corridor. We retained the services of Texas Petition Strategies to assist in our efforts to obtain the needed registered voter signatures and then to assist in the election effort for the November election.

It is critical that businesses along the Highway 380 corridor have the flexibility to offer beer and wine as part of a packaged grocery or convenience type store operation or have the ability to attract the franchise type restaurants that offer mixed beverages as part of their menu. Approval of the two petitions and further voter approval in the November 2006 general election will create a major attraction for some of the service businesses we need on Highway 380, and in northern Denton County.

Texas Petition Strategies will be working in northern Denton County during July to secure the needed signatures. Petitions are available for registered voters to sign in the Providence Village and Savannah clubhouses on east Highway 380 in Denton County. You may also contact J. C. Hughes with Huffines Communities at 972-207-2148, or email him at jchughes@huffinescommunities.com for additional information or location of an available petition to sign.

701 Savannah Blvd Ph: 972-346-3020
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Clubhouse Hours: & SCA Office Hours:
Mon-Sat 10am - 7pm
Sun 11am - 7pm
Clubhouse hours subject to change.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT
YOUR HOA ACCOUNT?
CALL PREMIER COMMUNITIES AT
866-424-8072**

Contest - Two Savannah Parks Need Names!

There are two parks in Savannah that need names. So here's your chance!

It's the "Name Our Parks" contest. The two parks in question are located at:

*Sea Pines & Magnolia

*Cherokee Rose Trail & Fishtrap

Residents of Savannah are invited to submit their ideas. Get creative! Each person who

submits a winning suggestion will not only have the satisfaction of knowing that a park will, from that day forward, be referred to by the name they submitted, but will also score a cool gift certificate!

So send your best ideas in no later than **August 31st** to administrator@savannah.com or call Deborah at 940-440-0077.

Do You Have Your Access Cards?

To access the pool, fitness center, tennis and basketball courts you will need a valid magnetic access card (SCA dues must be up-to-date in order to be eligible). You should have received two (2) when you first closed. If you have lost or misplaced them, please contact the Association Manager at 972-346-3020 or scamanager@savannahca.com (\$25 charge for replacements).

If you are a new resident, we encourage you to make an appointment with the SCA Manager. You will need to fill out some basic paper work and review Governing Documents (CCRs, Bylaws, etc). During your visit, you can sign up for your Access Cards and pool passes (if SCA dues have been paid). Please bring either your:

- current driver's license and closing papers, or...
- your driver's license with Savannah address

For questions about your SCA account, please contact Premier Communities at 866-424-8072.

Pay Your Dues Online...

Homeowners may pay their assessments by credit card. We accept MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express.

Visit www.SavannahCA.com and click on the image link that says "Pay Your Dues Online!" This link will take you to the Premier Communities website where you can follow the instructions to make your payment. *You must have your coupon handy because you will need your account ID in order to take advantage of this service.* The coupon is located at the bottom of your billing statement.

A convenience fee may be charged. If you have any questions, contact Premier Communities at 866-424-8072.

Be A Good Neighbor... Report Vandals & Suspicious Behavior

Vandalism costs everybody. When you witness destructive or suspicious behavior, don't be afraid to report it. Some worry about being a "nosy neighbor", but it is very important that each and every resident do his or her part to protect the safety, security and property of the community.

Call 911 to report criminal, destructive or violent behavior (committed by adults or minors). If you think you have information on vandalism that has already occurred, contact the HOA office at 972-346-3020

Say HELLO to your New Neighbors!

TIFFANY ARMES
LORENE ARMSTRONG
MURRELL BALDA
CYNTHIA COATS
ROSETTA DANIELS
SONYA DANFORD
STACEY DAVIS
CARA DODGE
KENNETH GOLBA
BRYAN HARTMAN
GAIL HOGAN
KEN JACKSON
GEORGE & JESSICA JENKINS
DARRYL LAWRENCE

ROBERT & KAREN LEE
LISA LEITCH
JAMES LEVINS
ROBIN MARTIN
JONATHON MEADE
KIMBERLY MERRITT
BRIAN MILHIZER
DAVID MILLINGTON
COURTNEY MOORE
CHRISTINA & PETER OICKLE
JASON ORTEGA
TAVIA PALMER
TANA PALMERTON
DEL AND KARA RASMUSSEN

JOLYN RINEAN
JULIE SVOBODA
GARY TAYLOR
JILL THOMAS
MAURICE TREAT
MICHAEL TYZBIR
FELIPE ULLOA
BEATRIZ ULLOA
RONALD & ALEXANDRA VEREEN
EILEEN WANG
BRIAN WEST
KRISTIN WHATCOTT
JACOB WOODLEE
DEBBIE YEATS



Diana Brown

Onsite Association Manager
972-346-3020
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- ✓ Property Inspections
- ✓ Address Community Association issues
- ✓ Issue Pool Cards, Access Cards
- ✓ Orientate homeowners with the Association



Susan Armstrong

Activities Director/Assistant Mgr.
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scaactivities@savannahca.com

- ✓ Coordinate events with Social Committee
- ✓ Coordinate master calendar of clubs, classes, rentals
- ✓ Assist in the SCA office, Issue Pool & Access Cards



Gerry Wells

Manager of Grounds and Facilities
Oversees All Aspects of SCA Facilities & Landscaping

- ✓ Amenities centers (fitness areas, pools, pavilions)
- ✓ Water parks and lakes
- ✓ Common areas and grounds



Steve Karney

Facilities Maintenance
972-346-2828

- Assist in the maintenance of
- ✓ Amenities centers (fitness areas, pools, pavilions)
- ✓ Water parks and lakes
- ✓ Common areas and ground



Deborah Victory

Communications Director
940-440-0077 ext# 102
administrator@savannahca.com

- ✓ Coordinate newsletter submissions and design with Communications Committee
- ✓ Website registrations, maintenance



Kerri Kingsbery

Director of Onsite Management
Premier Communities

- ✓ Oversee all aspects of the management and maintenance of Savannah Community Association
- ✓ Oversee onsite SCA management team

Contest

Every newsletter will contain an address embedded randomly within an article. Find the address and, *if it is your address*, come by the SCA office during business hours to claim your prize! For example:

You can get a 1234 Savannah Boulevard deep green lawn by using a high nitrogen fertilizer.

The person who resides at 1234 Savannah Boulevard will have until **August 31, 2006** to claim the prize. Please bring a valid picture ID and current billing statement.

The gift certificates are sponsored by the Developer.

VIOLATIONS STATISTICS

There were 122 violations given for trash, restricted vehicles and yard maintenance.

For Emergencies Call 911

Denton Co. Sheriff's Dept
Non-Emergency 940-898-5700
Aubrey Fire Dept.
Non-Emergency 940-365-9785
Electricity: Co-Serve
1-800-566-2314
Telephone: Southwestern Bell
1-800-464-7928
Water: Mustang Water
940-440-9561
Garbage: Waste Management
1-800-772-8653
Cable TV and Internet:
Cebridge Communications
1-877-423-2743

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION



The Annual Memorial Day Weekend Celebration was one of the biggest and best events of the year. Everyone feasted on treats while listening to DJ Mike spin tunes. BB's Dance Club was a terrific highlight, strutting their stuff in several dance numbers. Games and facepainting were popular with the younger ones, and BBQ cooks compared their culinary skills. Congratulations to Kenny Nye, the Grand Prize Winner of the BBQ contest. As always, the cool place to be was the pool.



Many thanks to all the volunteers who help to make events like these so much fun for everyone!

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

On July 1st Savannah was all red, white & blue, stars & stripes as they celebrated the 4th of July weekend with a good old-fashioned parade. After the sun went down, everyone held their breath, hoping the weather would cooperate, and ... it did! Savannah residents enjoyed the long awaited fireworks show.



Other Memorial Weekend Fun



5K Run- 1K Walk

Folks of all ages participated in the 5K Run, 1K Walk that started the big day of Memorial Celebration events. Some came with small children in strollers and some even brought their dogs along.

Outdoor Movie

The Movie Under The Stars was the animated hit, "Madagascar". It was a lovely night and a wonderful way to end a fun-packed day. So popular, that many are hoping to do another outdoor movie in the future.



Mmmm... waffles!

On the morning of June 10th, the Waffle Breakfast was the place to be. Volunteers worked hard in the kitchen preparing hot waffles that diners could top with any of a variety of tasty toppings.



Reminder... Water Those Thirsty Trees

Trees and shrubs are one of your largest landscaping investments. With the dry warm weather we are seeing recently, numerous trees and shrubs in yards are dead or dying. Special care must be taken save them, but you need to be proactive.

At the first sign of stress, pour water to the tree or shrub. If you have any problems setting your system, please contact your builder for information on who to contact for instructions in setting your sprinkler system to provide a sufficient amount of water. At minimum, use a water hose or soaker hose to add additional water to the tree or shrub.

Be On The Look Out For This Dangerous Pest!



Black Widow Spiders are easily recognizable, with their shiny black color and red hourglass pattern on their undersides. Their favorite habitats are the undersides of ledges or rocks, in woodpiles... anywhere a web can be spun. So be careful when picking up and moving debris. Look before you reach and always use gloves.

Signs that your pet has been bitten by a Black Widow include swelling, nausea, muscle tremors, paralysis and/or difficulty breathing.

If a person or a pet is bitten, medical attention should be sought immediately.

Format Change

Get ready for a change. The Savannah Times will be changing its look. You will soon see a whole different newsletter. In keeping with our growth as a community, this newsletter will take on a more "newspaper" style layout with more information and more input from the community at large.



We will also begin accepting advertising. If you or your company would like to take advantage of this opportunity, call Deborah Victory at 940-440-0077 ext 102.

COMING SOON...

Fall Festival

This year's Fall Festival will happen on Saturday October 21st.

Fun for the kids will include a bounce house, face painting, a train ride and games.

There will be arts and crafts- handmade jewelry, handbags, candles and much, much more! Vendors, reserve your space now.

If your company would like to participate in the sale of food and drinks, log onto www.savannahca.com for vendor applications. You must have an approved application to participate. Vending opportunities are open for arts, crafts and food vendors only.



Show your creativity in the Pumpkin Carving Contest and the Costume Contest.

Get out your flour and eggs and start baking! Cakes and pies baked and donated by residents will be the prizes for the biggest cake walk ever to take place under one roof!

Casino Night

Savannah residents are invited to come out the Clubhouse on the evening of November 11th to enjoy a Mardi Gras themed Casino Night.

Keep checking the HOA website, www.savannahca.com for updates on this and other upcoming events.



Advisory Committee Seeks Volunteer

The Savannah Advisory Committee is seeking a new representative for Wisteria Village. The goal is to have two representatives from each village and Wisteria currently only has one.

The requirements are as follows:

1. Understand the Association's governing documents and become educated with respect to applicable state and local laws, making recommendations accordingly.
2. Hold regular meetings with the other committees and community members, as needed, to discuss committee needs and activities as well as current community issues and concerns and bring recommendations on such to the Board of Directors.
3. Balance the needs and obligations of the community as a whole with those of individual homeowners and residents.
4. Encourage and foster a sense of neighborliness and community by bringing a team atmosphere to the community.
5. Report activities to and perform work at the

direction of the Board of Directors.

6. Submit newsletter articles, as needed, to the Communications Committee.
 7. Honor the confidentiality of the information provided to the Advisors Committee by Savannah residents, which includes names and addresses.
 8. Make recommendations to the Board of Directors in good faith and honor the decisions of the Board of Directors.
 9. Suggested membership of 2 residents per village maximum and a minimum of a total of 3 residents at all times.
 10. Actively serve on a committee for 1 year and be a resident of the community for at least 1 year. Exceptions will be handled on an individual basis for new villages opening up.
 11. Good standing within the community with all assessments paid and no CC&R violations.
 12. Must attend all Advisory Committee meetings and Board of Director meetings, exceptions to be handled on an individual basis.
- Interested?
Contact scaactivities@savannahca.com.

New Urgent Notice System Goes Into Effect

The Savannah Community Association is implementing a new system to alert residents concerning urgent information.

Through this new system residents will be sent email alerts in the case of situations such as water shortage, freeze warnings or big events in the community. When you see one of these alerts in your inbox, be aware that it contains an urgent notice to residents. *Click on it right away!*

If you haven't received a notice through your email yet, be sure to **contact the Communications Director at administrator@savannahca.com**. When you get your confirmation request, be sure to confirm & "opt in" to this very important & useful service. If you neglect to opt into the service, you will be missing out on vital information. Below is an example of the confirmation request you will receive.

Your e-mail address homeowner@savannahca.com is currently on the mailing list for Savannah Community Association. In order to receive any future e-mail messages from Savannah Community Association, you must confirm your subscription. To do so, please click the link below.
[confirm my subscription](#)

Sincerely,
Savannah Community Association

Committees Make It Happen!

Do you have a special interest or talent? Be a part of what makes this place great and join the committee of your choice. Volunteering your time and talent is a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors and give back to the community. Here are just a few of the committees you might join...

Communications Committee keeps the entire community informed of important community events, as well as city, state, and county items of interest to homeowners. Members also help with the community website and newsletter, *Magnolia Times*.

Safety Committee takes a leadership role in working with local law enforcement and organizing a crime-prevention network of block captains for every street in the neighborhood so that residents may watch out for one another. Members also communicate safety information to the community.

Social Committee fosters a cohesive community by 1521 Cotton Gin Drive organizing fun events for the entire community so neighbors can meet and socialize with each other.

Landscape Committee works toward increased property values in the community by educating and encouraging owners in the community to keep their properties well maintained, through articles in newsletters and yard-of-the-month programs.

Hospitality Committee helps to organize events which promote fellowship and support throughout the neighborhood.

See Committee Email Addresses ➡

Landscape Committee

The Landscape Committee is proud to announce the June Yards of the Month.

Peachtree Village:
1316 Stone Mountain

Wisteria Village:
1200 Cobblestone

Thank you to the winners for doing an outstanding job keeping Savannah beautiful! To see winners announced for July, check HOA website.

CLASSES

Clubs and classes are independent of the HOA. The HOA does not endorse or promote these classes. They are offered for the benefit of Savannah residents. Please contact individual club and class leaders to confirm times/dates, class availability and FEE information. Most classes require minimum enrollment.

- Master Han's Martial Arts - Tue/Thu**
Charles Humphrey
- Jazzercise - Mon/Wed**
Vicky Clay
- Tennis Lessons- Thur am, Sat pm**
Zach Rouse
- Women's Boot Camp - Wed/Fri**
Kristi Dear

CLUBS

Want to start a club? Contact the Activities Director at 972-346-2828 or scaactivities@savannahca.com

- BB Dance Club—Wed**
Bridget Brainard
- Early Childhood Club-Wed**
Heather James
- Savannah Honey Bees— 3rd Mon**
Contact Activities Director
- JR Girl Scouts- Lynette Luke**
- Club Nuestra- 2nd Sunday 7pm**
Celli Nye
- Fifty Plus Club**
Hannah Wheele
- Potluck Dinner Club—4th Friday**
Kristin Whitley
- Scrapbooking**
- Singles Club-Mindy Torres**

SCA COMMITTEES

- Advisory Committee**
peachtreeadvisors@savannahca.com
1. Kellie Yeats
2. Teraysa Crockett
wisteriaadvisors@savannahca.com
1. Druetta Russell
2. **Need VOLUNTEER!**

Architectural Standards Committee
asc@savannahca.com

Communications Committee - 2nd Thu
Chair: Charlie Harding
communications@savannahca.com

Hospitality Committee - 3rd Tue
Chair: Jodie Linton-Prickett
hospitality@savannahca.com

Landscape Committee
Chair: Brian Lee
landscape@savannahca.com

Pool Committee - 2nd Mon
Chair: Traci Hite
pool@savannahca.com

Safety Committee - 2nd Sat
Chair: Shirley Williams
safety@savannahca.com

Social Committee - 2nd Tue
Chair: Celli Nye
social@savannahca.com

Sports Authority Committee
Chair: Charlie Burton
sports@savannahca.com

Savannah Softball Team Takes Trophy

In the playoff game against Providence, Savannah's softball team came out on top with a score of 10-4, winning the trophy and bragging rights. The winning pitcher was Chrissie, aka: "Lady Nolan". The MVP was Chad, aka: "The Brute", for playing outstanding defense.



Coach Ron was quoted as saying: "Winning championships? Simple! You hit the ball, you catch the ball and some days it rains."

Go Savannah!

Savannah Wildlife

This group of hungry mouths was discovered in a small tree in homeowner Brian Lee's backyard. How nice of them to pose for this picture!

Please remind children that there is wildlife in Savannah. Don't ever tease, chase or try to catch wild animals and if they find a nest, let it rest... don't touch!



Check www.SavannahCA.com for the latest details!



Shiver Me Timbers! Party Like A Pirate This Labor Day!

Ahoy Maties!! Come walk the plank on September 2nd from 2-5pm at the pool, for a pirate-style goodbye to summer. Join us for snacks, treasures and music. There will be two Pirate Costume contests - one for the children and one for the adults at 2:30pm poolside.

Watch for more clues on www.savannahca.com for the big Savannah Pirate Pool Party.



National Night Out

The Safety Committee is proud to invite you to join in the fun on our annual National Night Out, August 1st from 6pm-9 pm.

Bring an appetite and enjoy some hot dogs, drinks, and popcorn (first come, first serve) on us while the kids play in the bounce house, explore the fire truck, a police car and get the opportunity to meet McGruff the crime dog.

In addition to the fun, there will be local representatives from the Sheriff's dept, Fire Department, Texas Dept of Transportation (TXDOT), Red Cross, Animal Control, and Premier to answer questions. Learn safety tips from the firemen and the sheriff's department to help keep our community safe and crime-free.

So come on out and join us in the Pavilion area on August 1st to meet your neighbors and find out what you can do to help keep our community a safe and friendly environment for all! Contact scaactivities@savannahca.com if you need more information.

Early Childhood Club

Every Wednesday at 10:30 pre-school age children are treated to fun activities in the clubhouse theater. Bring your little one and see how much fun they are having in Savannah's Early Childhood Club. Parents must attend.

For more information, contact Heather James .



ROAD & BRIDGE PAVING REPORT

By Cynthia White, County Commissioner

A couple of years ago, Denton County went from a modified Centralized Road and Bridge System to an Ex-Officio Road and Bridge System. There were several reasons for taking this step, a few of which include increased Commissioner involvement and increased efficiency with Road and Bridge Funds.

Of course, as the Commissioner with the most road mileage (roughly 400 miles of county maintained roads out of 650 are in Precinct One) I am very involved in the Road and Bridge activities and initiated the change from Centralized to the Ex-Officio with Commissioner Carter who essentially has the rest of the road mileage (Pct. 3 has .5 mile of county maintained roads and Pct. 2 has 3.5 miles of county maintained roads).

As an Ex-Officio Road Commissioner, I am directly responsible for all Road and Bridge activities in Pct. 1 in addition to being directly responsible for the budget of Road and Bridge for Pct. 1. While this actually demands more time on my part, prior

to the institution of this system, I was doing quite a bit of the work without the authority for direct over site.

I am happy to report that for the past two years, the system has been extremely successful. I have weekly meetings with the Administrative Foreman and set aside time each week to drive my roads (I actually did this before the system was instituted as well). When complaints come in, many times I will drive out and take a look at the problem first hand and will follow up with checking out the problem after it has been resolved. Our level of service to the residents has increased. Our average time to respond to a RFA (request for assistance) is 7 days with 90 % addressed within two days (some of the complaints are drainage related and require input/plans/evaluation from our engineering department).

All the employees in Denton County Road and Bridge East (our formal name) have done an outstanding job this year (last year too but I am focusing on this year!). They paved a record number of

mileage; 42 miles! The average mileage of road upgrades under the Centralized System was around 11 miles! We also partnered with several cities in Precinct One in accordance with County Policy to help upgrade roads within cities. This is a policy executed via an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (ICA) designed to help smaller cities where the county will provide the labor and the city will cover the cost of materials. This year Road and Bridge East completed approximately 6.5 miles of upgrades within cities.

Keep in mind that the Road and Bridge crews are also maintaining 400 miles of county road which includes pot-hole patching, mowing, tree trimming and drainage projects. I am very proud of all our Road and Bridge employees. They really have gone the "extra mile," so to speak! If you see one of the guys on your road, and have a chance please give them an "Atta boy!" They are working hard for you!



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S AVANNAH S P O T L I G H T

meet Kellie Yeats

Native Texan, Kellie Yeats made Savannah her new home in December of 2005. Along with the look of the homes, the clubhouse and the pool, Kellie says she enjoys Savannah for "what its future and potential represents."

After moving to Savannah, Kellie was ready to get involved in the community. She said that meeting her neighbors was important. She wanted "to make new friends, and help everyone be at ease, " Kellie explained.

Kellie quickly took an interest in making sure that the community was on the right path. She is currently one of the advisors to the board of directors from Peachtree Village. "I have always been the one to resolve issues of those around me and felt that this would be right up my alley. I also like to be involved in things around me that affect me and those that I care about," she said.

According to Kellie, she spends about 25 to 30 hours a month on her advisory commitment in the community. She works closely with the Board of Directors. "The Advisors relationship with the Board of Direc-

tors" Kellie explained, "is to pass information to them from the homeowners, committees, and such and then to pass the information received from the Board back to the homeowners, committees, and such."

She is more than ready to listen to her neighbors and keep the flow of information open. "The way the residents get information to the Advisors is by phone, in person, or email," she said.

Kellie's commitment to the community has branched out beyond her advisor role on occasion. She has been serving as Savannah's resident ump in the 380 softball league. This isn't her first stab at being an umpire. Kellie has previously done games for the YMCA years ago and enjoyed it. "I think I have this nagging urge to do things where people will not like me. I like being the underdog and proving what I am made of."

Kellie, who is related to famous Irish Poet William Butler Yeats, has a wide-ranging background. "I was born in Oak Cliff and moved to Ovilla and attended school in the Midlothian district. I had two full scholarships, one for Tennis and the other for Basketball, but instead joined the Army two months after gradu-

ating from High School and was shipped to South Carolina for basic training. My permanent duty station was in Washington State after I was a recruiter's aide for three months," she said. Kellie recently graduated from the University of North Texas after a 20-year pursuit of her degree. "You can say that I have perseverance!" says Kellie.



Her career history includes positions in customer service, accounting, and the IRS. "I have literally had every job that there is to have," she said. Currently, Kellie works for a firm that represents people before the IRS. She resides in Peachtree Village with her dog, Parker. Kellie loves all types of sports, reading mysteries, playing with her dog and building things.

"I love people of all types, shapes, and sizes and try my best to represent each person to the other Advisors and to the Board as though I were representing myself."