



# Irongate Homeowners Association

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## **From the President:**

We had some rough spots this year, but we seem to have smoothed things out a bit.

What has been accomplished so far in 2018:

- ◇ Installed new flag pole and flag at front entrance
- ◇ Damaged front entrance wall was repaired and missing sign piece replaced
- ◇ Trimmed trees and removed old shrubs at front entrance in preparation for some new landscaping
- ◇ Trimmed trees and removed dead trees at the Recreation Area
- ◇ Repaired water line and asphalt in Recreation Area parking lot
- ◇ Installed new and added light fixtures with LED lighting at the front entrance
- ◇ Repaired lighted sign board at front exit
- ◇ Cleaned pool decks, sidewalks, building and signs
- ◇ Thanks to volunteers—put down mulch at entrance and cleaned out the median (and mulch) at Medway Square.
- ◇ Held two 'Chat with the Board' events

Planned, but not yet finished:

- ◇ Paint and spiff up Pool house, bathrooms, pavilion
- ◇ Install security cameras at Recreation Area
- ◇ Clean up the Middleburg Square median

What we NEED from YOU:

- ◇ Please consider volunteering for a committee or one of our special projects.

A HUGE Thank You is sent out to Shelisa Fowler for her 10 years of dedication to our community pool as it's Pool Manager. She will be greatly missed.

*Pam Poelker, President*

## **From the Pool Committee:**

2018 was an excellent Pool season! We had a total 75 Memberships and we hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the pool. Unfortunately, we did have to endure a couple of closures due to maintenance issues and inclement weather, but we were able to extend the pool season to October 14<sup>th</sup> and a good thing too because it stayed quite warm enough for swimming right up until the day the pool closed!

The Neighborhood Appreciation Cookout was a big success. This year, hamburgers were served in addition to Hot Dogs and everyone enjoyed them very much. This year's Water Slide was HUGE and a ton of fun.

2019 will bring some changes. A new Pool Manager is needed as well as Pool committee members to assist with taking care of the pool and its members. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact our HOA President Pam Poelker.

We hope everyone has happy and healthy winter season and we look forward to seeing everyone next year!

*Shelisa Fowler, Outgoing Pool Chair*

## **From the Vice President:**

We have heard and seen your comments on email, from phone calls and from Facebook posts. And as a board we have decided to add a personal level of notification of potential violations. We are planning to introduce immediately a new first notice—which will be a 'courtesy letter' and not a violation.

The first time that a homeowner receives a notice from the HOA, it will be in the form of a 'courtesy letter' that will clearly address the possible violations and give explicit instructions on what is expected in terms of notifying/contacting the BOD with questions and the results of remediation, etc. This will also reduce fine related violations, therefore reducing overall administrative costs.

If the initial 'courtesy letter' does not result in some type of remediation or communication with the homeowner, THEN a first violation will be issued to begin the actual violation process. One-off violations can still be reported at any time by neighbors or BOD member and issued to homeowners in the form of a 'courtesy letter.'

We don't believe that this violates the C&R's or bylaws in anyway, but rather adds a more friendly method of encouraging compliance. We will have discussion on this at the November 1st meeting and I encourage everyone to attend and let us know how you feel about this.

I have enjoyed my time on the Board and I look forward to acting as an advisor on an as needed basis.

*LeAnn Lester, Vice President*

## **From the Treasurer:**

We will be reviewing the 2019 budget at our meeting on November 1st, as well as giving an update on the 2018 financial status

*Angie Penrod, Treasurer*

## **From the Architectural Review Committee:**

The request process works quickest if submissions are emailed directly to the committee at IrongateARC@gmail.com. If you need to submit an ARC request and you are not able to use email, please contact the Helpline before you use the US Mail. We will happily work with you in person to get your request approved quickly. Using the US Mail adds a couple of weeks to the processing of requests.

*Tim Stock, Member at Large (ARC Committee)*

**Irongate General Membership Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 1, 2018**  
**7:00 pm**  
to be held at  
Summerville Church of Christ  
413 Old Trolley Rd, Summerville SC  
*(across from LA Motors)*

**Current Slate of Candidates  
for the Board of Directors**

Eric Barnett, Essex Drive  
Gary Graham, Savannah Round  
Maria Paulsen, Wampee Curve  
Tim Stock, Medway Square

There are five (5) opening positions. Nominations will also  
be taken from the floor of the annual meeting on November 1st.

Other Committees that still need volunteers:

*Welcome Committee*  
*Violations Committee (chair & members)*  
*Landscape Committee*  
*Pool Committee (Chair & members)*

**Sign up sheets will be posted at the meeting.**

# Volunteers!

In 2018 we had a huge contribution to the neighborhood by volunteers! I can't thank you all enough for your help and while I run the risk (guaranteed) of leaving some of you out — here is a personal shout-out.

- Donna Drake—landscape advice/Yard of the Month
- Shane Bice—heading up the mulching of the 'hood
- The mulching crew—Michael Balaban, Daryl Freshman, Eric Church, Joshua Perry, and the Machados.
- On-the-spot helpers—everyone that stepped in to help a neighbor, whether it was cutting up a fallen tree, edging your neighbors walks, cleaning out storm drains, calling in suspicious activity, keeping each other updated on FB about trash, power outages, reporting street lights and potholes, organizing 'trunk or treat,' etc.
- Rob Ahleman—our 'Crime Watch' guy
- People who called in for mosquito spraying requests.
- Marty Montjoy—installing new flag pole
- Bobbi Jo Duck—keeping an eye on the American flag
- Tom Jeffries—getting us a deal on the new lights from Quoizel
- Facebook page Administrators—Ron Jones, Holly Frost, Joshua Perry
- Don Wright and Maddy Perry—painting the sign posts
- The AWESOME Pool Committee—Shelisa, Theresa, Cheryl and others.
- and for everyone that I missed — THANK YOU TOO.

Irongate is a FANTASTIC neighborhood because of YOU ALL.  
Thank you and please don't stop stepping up.

*Pam*