

# The Grapevine

The newsletter for Planters Row  
*Late Summer 2008*

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**Letter from the President:** Michael Robinson

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The financial stability of Planters Row is strong. As a community we should be proud of this achievement and be assured that our community will continue to be a wonderful place to live. The board thanks everyone who has met their community obligation.

Please note that the Income Statement which includes budgeted, actual and future planning was added to the website at [www.plantersrow.net](http://www.plantersrow.net). It is updated monthly following the board meeting held on the second Tuesday of each month.

Let's begin our review with the **Income** section. Year to date the projected budgeted income is off by less than 1% representing \$1825. With continued collection efforts we certainly expect to meet or exceed our projected budgeted income. The total income is currently 5.7% over budgeted income. The additional income is the result of a revised policy aggressively collecting prior years' delinquent dues, legal fees from prior years and accumulated interest from the reserve account.

The delinquent rate is currently 6.4% and is continuing to fall as our collection process brings homeowners current in their dues for 2008. **Expenses** are on budget for the year. Reserve allocations have been made to pay for the parking lot slurry and another allocation will be made to pay for improvements to the Cabana restrooms.

Overall, the community is on pace to meet its budget which includes a year end contribution to the reserve account. The purpose of the Reserve account is to fund major site improvements as outlined by the Reserve study that projects the life of common area amenities and when repairs or upgrades are scheduled.

**Animal Control** - The PRHOA board has received several serious complaints of dogs barking at all hours and being loose in the neighborhood. As a dog owner and a runner there is nothing more frightening than loose dogs that leave their property when other dogs approach. Please keep your dogs leashed or in a fence. Anyone that notices a loose dog should contact Mauldin's Animal Control.

The Mauldin animal control ordinance indicates it is unlawful for the owner of any animal to keep or have an animal that

- (a) chases, snaps at, attacks or barks at pedestrians, bicyclists or vehicles
- (b) barks, whines, crows, or howls in an excessive, continuous or untimely fashion.

Violations can result in a \$150.00 fine and impounding of the animal.

**Vandalism** - As in any community of this size vandalism can be a problem. Over the course of the summer there has been some minor damage but more importantly there have been some bike thefts and suspicious activities. Fortunately our security cameras have been able to identify some of the offenders leading to police involvement. Because of the cameras, offenders have been prosecuted and some of the stolen bikes have been recovered.

**Projects and Traffic Control** - We have one more project that is outstanding for 2008 and that is to repair and paint the street signs throughout the community. Speaking of signs, 'What happened to the proposed installation of the new Stop Signs'? Good question. Unfortunately after almost two years, the City of Mauldin did not approve the signs. Their response to our speeding and traffic control is that there is not a significant enough issue that would warrant stop signs or additional measures. As a community our only recourse is for you to contact the city. It appears that the city will only respond if a large number of residents voice a concern. The City of Mauldin welcomes your feedback.

And finally I'd like to thank everyone for making this community a great place to live. As the summer comes to a close and with the kids back to school it is even more important that you drive safely and obey the speed limits and community covenants by not parking in the street.

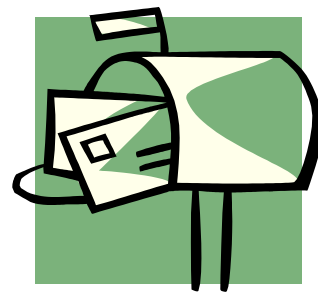
Thank you for helping us *Preserve, Protect, and Enhance* Planters Row!

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## Planters Row Liaison Committee Report

The current project of The Liaison Committee is this fall's Mailbox Day. The appearance of mailboxes helps set the overall desirability and marketability of our neighborhood. With the real estate market being as it is, we homeowners need to do everything we can to make Planters Row attractive to buyers. Even if you are not selling your home at this time, we have neighbors who are trying to sell their homes in this difficult market. This is why the board and the Liaison Committee have teamed up to help you keep your mailbox looking sharp. We will set up in the pool parking lot to provide you with the resources you need to easily fix your box. We will provide free paint (enough to paint your box), and other materials will be available to buy. Here are the details:

**FALL MAILBOX DAY**  
**Date: September 20, 2008**  
**Time: 8AM-Noon**  
**Place: Cabana Parking Lot**



Homeowner Advertising  
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If a Planters Row homeowner owns a business and would like to advertise in the newsletter, the charge is \$25.00 per business card to cover the cost of printing. Please inquire to Jennifer Byrne at [newsletter@plantersrow.net](mailto:newsletter@plantersrow.net) or 458-8342.

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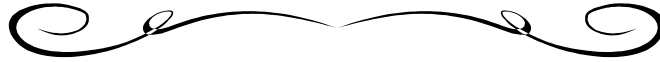
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# Social Committee Report

By Catherine Morin, Social Committee Chairperson



The Social Committee has lots of fun things planned for the end of this Summer and for the Fall. Please check out the Calendar of Events for all the information.

Volunteers are needed for the Fall Festival. Teen volunteers are welcome too. If you would like to help out in any way, please contact Catherine at [social@plantersrow.net](mailto:social@plantersrow.net) or 283-0881.

The next meeting of the Social Committee will be Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at Liquid Highway on W. Butler Rd in front of Bi-Lo. New members or homeowners interested in helping with one individual event are always welcome!

All events are subject to change. For up to date info including rescheduling of events due to the weather or lack of volunteers, go to [www.plantersrow.net](http://www.plantersrow.net).

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## Photos from the Season

- At the ice cream social to celebrate the opening of the pool season, the parking lot became a playground for the neighborhood kids.
- Board member, Joe Parrish, fulfills his civic duty by preparing (greasing) the watermelon for the annual game of "watermelon wrangle" at the July 4<sup>th</sup> party.
- Thanks again to all our hard-working grillers this year. In the heat and humidity, this is the toughest job of the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities. But as always, the food was great!



## Friendly Reminders



☑ **Please store your trash and recycling bins in an area that is not visible from the street or from a neighboring property.** The only time the bins should be left at the street is Thursday evening. After trash service is completed on Friday, return bins to their “hidden” storage area.

## Mom and Tots Group

If you are interested in starting a neighborhood playgroup please contact Becky Rzepka at [bdrzepka@charter.net](mailto:bdrzepka@charter.net) or 627-7729

If you are interested in renting a professional grade pressure washer to maintain your property, the cost is a \$50 rental fee. The rental agreement and further information on the rental process is available online at <http://plantersrow.net/Pressure Washer Rental.html>. Or you may go to [www.plantersrow.net](http://www.plantersrow.net) and click on the communications link at the top of the homepage. Let's keep Planters Row looking sharp!

## **ATTENTION: REVISED CITY ORDINANCE**

The city of Mauldin has changed its policy on collection of grass clippings **effective immediately**. The ordinance reads as follows:

“Grass clippings and leaves will be separated from yard rubbish and other refuse. It shall be free of rocks and other extraneous material. **Grass clippings will not be picked up unless they are placed in a disposable plastic bag.** The plastic bag shall be tied, closed and placed on the city street right-of-way adjacent to the property.”

The city changed the policy for multiple reasons including:

- Leaf collection equipment is not made for vacuuming grass clippings and resulted in damage to equipment.
- Grass clippings may contain fertilizer and other chemicals that could be unsafe for the environment, and
- Grass clippings create additional maintenance costs by stopping up storm drains

Additionally, please be considerate of where you place your yard bags and leaf piles so as to not impede the flow of traffic or impinge on your neighbors' property.

# PRHOA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Kid's Day

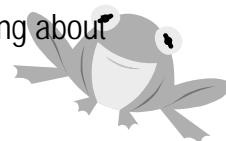


Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at the cabana

Ages 5 and under: 10:00

Ages 6 and up: 11:00

Join Planters Row Resident Carol Broadus from USC Upstate's Watershed Ecology Center. Children will see and hold live animals and artifacts from all over the world while learning about different habitats and adaptations. Snacks and beverages provided.



## Yard Sale

Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

8-12

We will advertise in local paper and post signs.  
You may set up in the pool parking lot if you wish.

## Family Movie Night

Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

We'll be watching "It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown" followed by "The Wizard of Oz". Bring your cooler, a chair and/or blankets to the grass near the tennis courts.



## Fall Festival

Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

4:00-6:00pm at the cabana

Crafts, face & hair painting, games, and treats. More info. to come.

## Santa Claus

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00

Santa Claus is coming to Planters Row

Come to the cabana to visit Santa Claus. Bring your cameras!!!

Cookies and Hot Chocolate will be provided.



Volunteers are needed for all events. If you can help in any way, please contact Catherine at [social@plantersrow.net](mailto:social@plantersrow.net)



**GUYS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD** - We are looking for suggestions to get you guys out of the house. Would you like a poker night at a local establishment or guys' cookout right here? Without a clubhouse we are limited on some of our great ideas, but we are open to any suggestions that we can accommodate within our facilities. Please contact [social@plantersrow.net](mailto:social@plantersrow.net) with any suggestions or to lead an event.

### Classifieds Section

Carpooling to Greenville Tech Charter High School: If you would be interested in joining a carpool to the main campus of Greenville Tech Charter H.S., please contact Leah at 288-8428 or 423-0279.

Others looking for carpools should feel free to use the website discussion board to find each other.

Please check the website [www.plantersrow.net](http://www.plantersrow.net) for further classified postings.

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- Liquid Highway: 201 W. Butler Rd. Coffee, gelato, & novelty treats (in front of Bi-Lo)

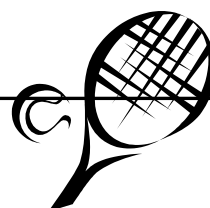


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If you are interested in joining with other neighbors to attain group tennis lessons for either yourself or your youth, please contact Teri Parrish at [parrishfam123@gmail.com](mailto:parrishfam123@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Teri is speaking with an instructor, and the prices will depend on the number of students who enroll. The cost should be very reasonable if a few more students enroll.



## NOTICE

- Please be advised that serious crimes are very rare in our neighborhood, but there has recently been a rash of crimes of opportunity. Several bikes have been stolen from yards and open garages. Please remember to keep your garage doors closed and put away items of value to you.
- If you are solicited by a representative from AT&T who tells you that you are being overcharged, please be aware this salesperson works for an independent sales company and may misrepresent himself and his purpose to get you to change your services. Call AT&T before you do anything.



## MORE PICTURES OF THE SEASON

- The annual July 4<sup>th</sup> event is traditionally one of the largest events of the year. The kids look forward to the games every year.
- The games at July 4<sup>th</sup> included Tug of War, which got very competitive again this year.
- The silliest event on July 4<sup>th</sup> is the Watermelon Wrangle. Here, the men of the community fight over a greasy melon. The game usually doesn't end until the watermelon busts open.

Thank you to Teri Parrish of My Minds Eye Photography for providing the photos for this newsletter.

**Don't forget Mailbox Day on September 20<sup>th</sup>!  
More information is on Page 2.**