

# Harbour Living

Newsletter for the Property Owners of Windmill Harbour

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## **Changing of the Watch at Harbour Masters Office**

As those of you who are marina owners already know, **Peter Evans**, our long time Harbour Master, has retired after 23 years leading that operation. **He is being honored at the annual MOA party on August 11<sup>th</sup>**. We thank Peter for his many years of dedicated service to Windmill Harbour. Throughout his tenure, our Harbour and marina have been the ship-shape, well-run, and beautifully maintained centerpiece of our community. On behalf of all of the residents of Windmill Harbour, we wish Peter and his wife, Beth, smooth sailing and many happy and healthy active years of adventure ahead.

We also welcome our new Harbour Master, **Rick Byrd**. Rick comes to us from Nashville, TN, where he was national sales manager for Ebbtide boats for three years. Prior to that, he was the general manager of Four Winds Resort and Marina in Bloomington, IN, for four years. Rick is a native of Louisville, KY. We welcome him and his wife Gail to the Hilton Head area and look forward to a productive and prosperous relationship with him and to all he will contribute to our community.

## **Fire Protection Solution Found for WH Marina**

Windmill Harbour has been working for some time with the Bluffton Fire Department to find an access route down to the marina. In the end, the consulting engineer from Thomas and Hutton has determined that none of the possible access routes will work with the size of today's pumper trucks. Therefore the Marina Association is pursuing permission for a portable pump and foam generating system mounted on a golf cart type rig. That type of system is now being used at Charleston City Marina and has been approved for use at Palmetto Bluff. That system would be housed on our premises full time for fire department use.

## **POA Board Seeks Members**

Our association needs leaders who are committed to enhancing our lovely island community. If you are interested in serving on the POA Board, please contact Bill Kamins at 843-681-5230.

## **WH Landscape Committee Selects Second Nature for 3-Year Landscaping Contract**

The current WH landscaping contract with Second Nature expired in July. The Landscape Committee Chairman Barry Uber and committee members Nancy Bachelder and Barbara Lindblad spent time this spring identifying the goals for the new contract and writing a detailed bid document. PAI assisted in distribution and assessment of bids. The bid document was given to multiple vendors in May with responses due in June.

The committee wanted to maintain quality in the every day functions of blowing, mowing, mulching, and irrigation maintenance, but also wanted to upgrade the appearance of plantings and turf at the front entrance and many other areas of the plantation. The bid document requested detailed proposals for turf, trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals as well as chemical application and pruning recommendations for each category. The document had specific dollar amounts built in based upon WH POA budgeted dollars.

Second Nature was selected as the vendor for the new contract due to their comprehensive bid response, their creative design recommendations and their ability to provide significant additional annual plantings of trees, shrubs and perennials within the budgeted dollars. The POA board ratified the recommendation of the landscaping committee at the July board meeting.

## **Windmill Harbour Entrance Plantings Win Award**

The Island Beautification Association visited all community entrances on HHI and awarded WH 1<sup>st</sup> prize for our entrance plantings. Our landscaping contractor, Second Nature, is to be congratulated for a fine job, especially since we were competing with much larger communities with much larger budgets. The committee found the "variety, color, harmony and textures employed in the plantings very pleasing". WH tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place with Port Royal and they also received an award. Although this award was announced in mid May, we received notification right after the May Harbour Living was sent to you, hence its inclusion in this newsletter.

## POA Board Actions

Lots of work has been going on around Windmill Harbour this summer to improve and maintain our operations. We replaced the mechanism that operates the back gate, which wasn't working properly and could no longer be repaired, as well as the security camera that monitors activity at that gate. Both improvements will ensure security of that entrance. General maintenance work has included repairs to curbing, installation of new drain covers, and some minor road repair due to a moving truck, for which we received reimbursement.

At its July meeting the board approved tree work on our common areas to remove suckers and lift the canopies. They also agreed to raise the maintenance fees for unimproved lots in the plantation to \$250 per year if the owners do not maintain the lots themselves. They also approved demolition guidelines on a trial basis for a house whose new owners wish to donate some of the materials in the existing home for charitable reuse.

## Sales Center to Open By September 1

According to Pat McKenna, COO of the Richardson Group, their sales operation, now known as The Richardson Group at Windmill Harbour, will move into their new sales center by September 1. An air conditioning problem caused the latest delay but was being remedied as this issue of Harbour Living was being written. Hardwood floors are being laid during the first week in August with the finishing touches to follow. We wish the group well with their move in plans.

### Contact Us on WH Website

[www.WindmillHarbour.org](http://www.WindmillHarbour.org)

You can now submit requests or questions directly to PAI by using dropdowns under Committees and Contact Us. These requests are visible to the public until closed and/or resolved.

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