Apalachee Plantation HOA

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Board of Directors What they do.

The Apalachee Board is a volunteer nonprofit group drawn from residents of our subdivision. The HOA elects members to the Board. These members are responsible for the management of all aspects of the association. A major responsibility is to establish rules and enforce rules for the neighborhood. For instance the Covenant Enforcement Our Board is also responsible for overseeing the collection of monthly dues from homeowners and managing that money in ways that benefit the entire neighborhood. The open Treasurer's position will work with SMG to make sure that financial records

We need you!!!

Volunteer for an Open Board position Secretary or Treasurer Contact Helen@smgmgmt with questions or to volunteer.

Rules mentioned in the box on the right. These Covenants are established by the Declaration Documents, the By-Laws and other governing documents. They are designed to keep the look of the neighborhood consistent and up to a certain quality control standard. The Board has hired SMGmanagement of Atlanta LLC ("SMG") to help us in publicizing and enforcing the rules created by the Covenants and By-laws.

are properly kept and maintained. **Board Positions and their duties: President**, Jeff Ausburn, Chairs Board of Directors and HOA meetings. **Vice President**, John Nagel, Works with ACC Committee to ensure actions align with HOA policy; acts o special projects for Board; serves as backup for President.

Covenants

As discussed at the May 14th HOA meeting, the Board has voted to begin enforcing various covenants that will help keep **Apalachee Plantation and strong** and viable community. First covenant violation notices will be sent in June with regular inspections to follow throughout the year. All covenant violations should be corrected immediately upon receipt of the notice. If the violation is not corrected or is repeated within a 3-month period, a fine of \$25 per month until it is corrected will be assessed against the property. Please remember that our Covenants were created to protect the residents of our community, and not to make things difficult for homeowners. We appreciate your immediate attention in correcting these violations.

- 1. Parking for extended periods on the street, facing the wrong direction or blocking neighbor's driveway.
- 2. Visible trash cans.
- 3. Lawns cut and weeds removed from lawns & flower beds.
- 4. Property in need of maintenance (pressure wash).

This list is not inclusive. See website for greater detail.

Secretary, (VACANT), Records minutes of HOA meetings (1 per year), Record/publish minutes of BOD meetings (2-4 per year). Treasurer, (VACANT), works with SMG to track revenues and expenses; prepare operating budget, assist with keeping official resident list. Webmaster, (VACANT – NEW Position), Update and maintain website and newsgroup; renew domain name and recommend website hosting. Architectural Control Committee, (VACANT – NEW POSITION), coordinate with BOD and SMGmanagement about change requests (i.e., fence) for residences and landscaping. Schools are out and kids are biking and playing in street. Speed Limit is 25.



PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

Posted on Website

Although turnout was disappointedly low, we did have valuable discussions on the status of Apalachee Plantation, safety in the community, updates on retention pond, traffic concerns (primarily parking) and the general status of our community. A critical issue presented was a Proposed Amendment to the By-laws regarding Term of Office of Board of Directors: In odd-numbered years the Members in good standing shall elect two (2) Directors and in evennumbered years the members shall elect three (3) Directors. Each Director shall serve a two-year term, and shall serve until the expiration of his or her term and thereafter until a successor is elected or until the earlier disqualification, death,

resignation, or removal of such Director.

To approve this Amendment, please email Helen@smgmgmt by June 30, 2013.

Board Plans for 2013

1. Quotes for fencing around retention pond for safety reasons. 2. Obtain quotes re landscaping contract to include annual maintenance of retention ponds. 4. Refurbishing the entrance sign, including landscaping. 5. Find volunteers to serve on Architectural Committee or other committees that would benefit Apalachee Plantation. 6. Locate web support person to assist Kathryn

Dawal with website and communication expansion. Do you have a recommendation? Email helen@smgmgmt.com.

Q What happens if I don't pay my HOA Dues or if I am past due?

A. There is a **minimum** late fee charge of \$30/month for past due association fees. If after proper late notice(s), your dues are still not paid, a lien may be filed on your property. Not only do you incur legal fees, court costs, etc., a lien on your property means you cannot sell your property without paying all charges associated with the lien. It may also have a negative impact on a homeowner's ability to get credit. Dues statements go out 30 days before due and interest/late penalty begins 30 days after due date. Contact helen@smgmgmt.com with questions or concerns.