



February 2008

Olde Vineyard HOA Newsletter

The newsletter of

The Grape Vine

President's Message

Dear Neighbors,

Pam and I have had the privilege of living, thanks to the US Army, in many exotic (and sometimes not so exotic) locals. With my final posting here in the metro area, we could have chosen any of the Jackson 'burbs to call home. We chose Clinton, and in particular Olde Vineyard, for many of the same reasons you all did, good public schools, low traffic and easy interstate access, and quality yet affordable homes. When we first moved to Clinton, we did not expect to remain here after my retirement, yet we have done just that.

Last year I joined the Olde Vineyard Board of Directors because like many of you my home is important to me. The first thing I learned is that a lot goes on that I had taken for granted. As you read this newsletter, please keep in mind that the activities described herein are all the result of fellow volunteers, many of whom you know well, who are giving their time to help maintain quality and value of our neighborhood. We welcome comments and even criticism, but most of all, we welcome your participation.

Thank you my amigos for your support,
Manny Fuentes



City of Clinton Neighborhood Enhancement Ordinance

These ordinances encompass the majority of the HOA covenants, and as such make it easier to maintain the aesthetics of our neighborhood. Several items in the city's ordinance, which enhance the Olde Vineyard covenants include:

- ✓ Restrictions on parking trailers, boats, and recreational vehicles.
- ✓ Forbidding parking on the street on a recurring basis
- ✓ Forbidding parking on grass (lawns)
- ✓ Specific requirements for construction projects
- ✓ Types of fencing and maintenance of fences.

Although some of the requirements might engender a lot of discussion and inconvenience on the part of some individual homeowners, your HOA Board believes it is only through these ordinances that a secure, safe, clean and attractive neighborhood can be maintained. It is thus the position of the HOA Board that the City of Clinton's ordinances should be adhered to and supported. A link to the new City Ordinances can be found on our website.





Summary from the 2007 Annual Meeting.

It was a dark and stormy night ...but the weather did not stop some ___ homeowners from attending the annual Olde Vineyard Homeowners' Association Meeting held September 27, 2007 at the MSHAA building on Clinton-Raymond Road. For those of you that were unable to attend, the following summary covers the high points of the meeting.

1. Review of fiscal year 2007 expenses (see page 5).
2. Presentation of proposed budget for fiscal year 2008 (see page 5).
3. Covenant changes first proposed at the 2006 meeting were revisited. These changes, summarized here, will provide consistency across all five Olde Vineyard Phases.
 - a. All replacement roofing will be architectural shingles in colors, gray, brown, or black. Non-traditional colors (red, blue, white, etc.) will be prohibited.
 - b. Replacement window frames would be made of wood, vinyl, or wooden clad. Currently only wood windows are allowed in Phases 1 and 2.
 - c. Replacement mailboxes for Phases 1 and 2 will be black metal with grape sculpture, consistent with other phases of the subdivision.
 - d. Satellite Dishes would be allowed provided they do not exceed 24 inches in diameter and are not visible from the front facade of the property.
4. A ballot vote was taken on the proposed covenant changes. Any changes of the Olde Vineyard Covenants require approval of 75% of the affected homeowners. If you have not yet voted on these changes, please complete the enclosed ballot and return it to Manny Fuentes at 116 Arbor Drive.
5. The 2008 Board of Directors was presented and approved. (Note that the position of President, vacant at the meeting time, has been filled by BOD action).

Your new officers are:

President – Manny Fuentes, 924-5769
Treasurer – Anita Bridges, 924-3810

Vice President – Jerry Ellis, 925-0245
Secretary - Catherine Broome, 925-0199

Directors at Large:

Jenae Heep, 924-2074
Bob Pollard, 926-1058

Elisabeth Noel, 924-1771
Lana Feldman, 708-4117

The next meeting of the Olde Vineyard Homeowners' Association will be in the August / September 2008 timeframe. The more input and participation, the stronger our Homeowners Association will be. Please try to be there!!

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Projects Completed or Currently Underway in 2008.

- Three missing street signs on Arbor Cove, Napa Valley, and Concord Drive have been replaced. The signs were purchased for a cost of \$600 from Custom Products of Jackson, and installed by the City of Clinton at no charge. Thanks to Catherine and Richard Broome (our City Engineer) for their help with the signs.
- Replacement of the four lanterns at the front entrance. These lanterns were installed over 20 years ago and through a combination of vandalism and the elements now need to be replaced. Also being evaluated is the ground faulting of the electrical outlets that continues to disrupt our Christmas lighting. Major work may be needed to correct this problem involving the replacement of the underground wiring. Your board will solicit a minimum of three bids for this project before proceeding with any repair actions. Jerry Ellis will be handling this project.
- Grass cutting and landscaping is the single largest expense for the subdivision. It has been several years since this contract has been competed. When the current contract expires in July, the BOD will solicit a minimum of three competitive bids for this work. If you know of any experienced, licensed and insured contractors who you can recommend for this work, please contact or refer them to Bob Pollard who will be leading this action.
- Fence and brickwork cleaning. This is usually done annually. Bob Pollard will be soliciting bids for this project.
- Christmas decorations at the front entrance. As you may know we experienced considerable vandalism to the Christmas decorations this year. Police reports were filed on two separate incidents. Following the second incident in which much of the garlands, bows and lights were essentially destroyed, the BOD removed the remaining decorations. The configuration of next years Christmas decorations will be changed, and will hopefully discourage further vandalism. Catherine Broome has volunteered to lead this project. If anyone has any suggestions or would like to help, please give her a call.



Please Help Keep our Entrance Free of Trash in 2008.

The Clinton City provides some trash pickup along the roadway about twice a month, but passersby seem to enjoy depositing their fast-food bags, beer bottles, soft drink cans, etc, at our lovely entrance. Please take a minute to help by picking up litter as you see it when passing by. The board members check the entrance frequently, but will greatly appreciate your help.

*~ Thank You to All Our Wonderful Neighbors in Olde Vineyard
Who Want Our Neighborhood to be The Best in Mississippi ~*





Homeowners' Association Dues

A record number (137) of Olde Vineyard Homeowners paid their annual dues for 2008, and several paid dues for previous years as well. This is a major achievement for our association, and reflects those resident's continuing commitment to maintaining a high standard of safety, cleanliness, and aesthetics in our subdivision. Sincere thanks to everyone who is willing to do his/her part to ensure that we all can continue to live in a secure, beautiful neighborhood!

The list of dues-paying neighbors is provided below. Listed by last name and address.

Jimenez, 104 Arbor	Furstenberger, 101 Concord	Caldwell, 319 Concord	Manuel, 306 Monterey
Rankin, 107 Arbor	Barker, 102 Concord	Dilworth, 321 Concord	Callegan, 307 Monterey
Koehler, 113 Arbor	Fitzroy, 103 Concord	Therrell, 326 Concord	Bufkin, 308 Monterey
Wyman, 114 Arbor	Cullinane, 104 Concord	Folkes, 330 Concord	Greer, 310 Monterey
Heep, 115 Arbor	Baldwin, 106 Concord	Finch, 400 Concord	Noel, 313 Monterey
Fuentes, 116 Arbor	Weissinger, 107 Concord	Ellis, 401 Concord	Weiss, 315 Monterey
Strawder, 117 Arbor	Deer, 109 Concord	Buie, 404 Concord	Majors, 317 Monterey
Noel, 118 Arbor	Hood, 110 Concord	Le, 405 Concord	Causey, 319 Monterey
Zhang, 107 Bordeaux	Skelton, 112 Concord	Bridges, 406 Concord	Yates, 104 Moselle
Pierce, 200 Bordeaux	Curry, 116 Concord	Kerut, 408 Concord	Ivey, 105 Moselle
Cerco, 201 Bordeaux	Smith, 118 Concord	Grace, 410 Concord	Burrage, 106 Moselle
Hudson, 202 Bordeaux	Montgomery, 200 Concord	McCracken, 411 Concord	Floyd, 107 Moselle
Gibson, 203 Bordeaux	McElvaine, 201 Concord	Young, 412 Concord	Singletary, 109 Moselle
Pinkard, 205 Bordeaux	Mobley, 203 Concord	Luong, 413 Concord	Broome, 110 Moselle
Hathorn, 209 Bordeaux	Bailey, 204 Concord	Morgan, 414 Concord	Davis, 113 Moselle
Home, 301 Bordeaux	Rutland, 205 Concord	Noel, 416 Concord	Pigott, 117 Moselle
Reed, 302 Bordeaux	Smith, 209 Concord	Long, 418 Concord	Patel, 120 Moselle
Cardin, 303 Bordeaux	Anothayanontha, 210 Concord	Anthony, 101 Inglenook	Goswami, 121 Moselle
Kala, 304 Bordeaux	Whitton, 212 Concord	Hood, 105 Inglenook	Allen, 103 Napa Valley
Sullivan, 306 Bordeaux	Stevens, 213 Concord	Denson, 103 Merlot	Stuart, 105 Napa Valley
Pate, 307 Bordeaux	Parks-McCord, 216 Concord	Rao, 104 Merlot	Ellis, 106 Napa Valley
Niceley, 309 Bordeaux	Robinson, 300 Concord	Walker, 105 Merlot	Warren, 107 Napa Valley
Oberhausen, 600 Cabernet	Lewis, 301 Concord	Rana, 108 Merlot	Donnell, 108 Napa Valley
Mauldin, 601 Cabernet	Scrivener, 302 Concord	Blackstock, 202 Monterey	Ford, 109 Napa Valley
Prassel, 603 Cabernet	Robinson, 303 Concord	Wright, 203 Monterey	Oberhausen, 110 Napa Valley
Carr, 605 Cabernet	Merkich, 305 Concord	Wimbish, 205 Monterey	Wright, 111 Napa Valley
Spikes, 607 Cabernet	Carr, 306 Concord	McDevitt, 207 Monterey	Brashear, 113 Napa Valley
Carr, 703 Cabernet	Gifford, 307 Concord	Proctor, 210 Monterey	Null, 101 Santa Clara
Cobb, 706 Cabernet	Mann, 308 Concord	Feldman, 211 Monterey	Pulliam, 102 Santa Clara
Woods, 101 Chianti	Williams, 310 Concord	Harrison, 215 Monterey	Grove, 103 Santa Clara
Loome, 102 Chianti	Aninias/Nichols, 312 Concord	Hensarling, 217 Monterey	Lynchard, 105 Santa Clara
Parks, 103 Chianti	Dye, 313 Concord	Okoye, 300 Monterey	McClendon, 107 Santa Clara
Kim, 104 Chianti	White, 315 Concord	Saxton, 301 Monterey	Dang, 103 Sherry
McColum, 105 Chianti	Pipper, 316 Concord	Kucia, 302 Monterey	Suber, 104 Sherry Cove
Adams, 108 Chianti	Pollard, 318 Concord	Shumpert, 304 Monterey	

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For anyone who has not paid their homeowners' dues for the current operating year, it's not too late. Please send your check today made payable to the Olde Vineyard Homeowners' Association at the address below. Or visit our website and print an invoice to submit with your payment or to keep for your records.

Olde Vineyard Homeowners Association
Attn: Anita Bridges, Treasurer
406 Concord Drive
Clinton, MS 39056



Update on the Olde Vineyard Website

Board member Lana Feldman is developing a website for Olde Vineyard. The site is under construction with limited navigation and resources. Once complete, the site will be a great way to keep up with what's happening in the neighborhood. The site will include highlights from ongoing projects; links to city, county, and state sites; downloads of Olde Vineyard Covenants and City Ordinances; plus a list of service providers (painters, lawn service, electricians, handymen, etc) recommended by your neighbors. Visit our website at: www.oldevineyard.com. Please take a look and let Lana, Manny, or Jerry know what you think.

Neighborhood Directory

Several years ago, the HOA published a directory of residents to include residents' home telephone numbers as well as emergency information in the event of a home fire, home damage, or other events. The information would be gathered from public records (phone directories) as well as from homeowners. We would like your comments on this project and would also welcome volunteers to help. Please call any board member with your suggestions. There would always be an opt-out option for those residents who choose not to have their information listed. The directory would be on the website as well as in hard-copy form.

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2006-2007 Year-End Report for Olde Vineyard Subdivision		
Beginning Balance - 1 Oct 2006		\$5,532.34
Income:	Annual dues	\$12,200.00
Expenses:	City of Clinton	\$148.03
	Farmer's Lawn Care	\$7,070.00
	Entergy	\$436.31
	Mailing	\$537.16
	A-1 Kendrick Fence	\$3,171.48
	Nationwide Insurance	\$350.00
	Long Electric	\$702.42
	StorageMax	\$336.00
	Olive Branch	\$870.98
	Monthly bank fee	\$50.00
	Walsh Painting	\$575.00
	Annual night out	\$170.07
	Extension cords/lights	\$101.01
	Total Expenses	\$14,518.46
Ending Balance - 9 Sept 2007		\$3,213.88

OLDE VINEYARD SUBDIVISION BUDGET FOR 10/1/2007 - 9/30/2008	
Income from Dues Budgeted (estimated):	<u>\$17113.88</u>
Expenses Budgeted:	
Lawn care, including mowing, seasonal flowers, mulch, pine straw, tree trimming	\$6,200
General Maintenance/repair (light bulbs, irrigation system, electrical)	1,200
Electricity for lights in front area and island lights	600
Water for irrigation system	200
Printing costs and labels (newsletters, financial reports, etc.)	400
Welcome Wagon - printing of packet for new neighbors	100
Neighborhood Night Out - expenses for drinks, food, paper plates, etc.	200
Postage - Stamps for paying bills and for newsletter	400
Christmas Decorations (Olive Branch)	1,000
Storage unit for Christmas Decorations	370
Fence repair / cleaning Columns & Painting	1,000
Four replacement lanterns at front entrance	1,500
Liability insurance for common area	600
Reserve / emergency repair fund	3,343.88
Total Expenses	<u>\$17,113.88</u>