



THE RUPA RELAY

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P.O. Box 24318 St. Simons Island, GA 31522 FEBRUARY 2008

TOWN HALL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008 7:00 PM, SEA PALMS

PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT OF THE TREE ORDINANCE

BY DON GARDNER

Exofficio member and advisor to the Board. Full time UGA faculty and Agricultural and Natural Resources agent for UGA Cooperative Extension, Glynn County.

**Introduction of Members of the Tree Board
Including new Chairman—Meredith Trawick**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO
OUTGOING CHAIRMAN
RANDY DOBSON**

Join us for a presentation and discussion of a comprehensive tree plan for Glynn County with emphasis on St. Simons Island and to learn of the economic, ecological and social benefits that trees provide.

There will also be a presentation and update on some of the other ongoing issues for St. Simons Island.



Bring a friend...

TREE GUIDE*



The **Tree Advisory Board** has published a **Tree Guide** which is an invitation to get acquainted with proposed ordinances of the Comprehensive Tree Plan. The Tree Guide contains information on -

Selection and Delivery of preferred species of trees including size, quality, protection.

Planting - permit application forms are at www.glynncounty.org/treeboard. The Tree Guide includes space requirements, underground utilities, planting distances, planting season, planting hole, mulch fertilizer, staking, watering, pruning, pest control.

Established Tree Care including pruning, pest control and mulching for existing trees.

Tree Protection required for

- Large preferred species 14" or more in diameter and cedar trees 6" or more in diameter.
- Throughout all construction activities.
- Protection of the structural root zone and,
- Protection of the tree trunk with fencing or protective wrapping.

Tree Removal Procedure

- Written approval required.
- Must be completed early in the site plan.
- Application form and requirements at www.glynncounty.org/treeboard.
- Procedure is outlined for removal of dead and living trees.

The Tree Advisory Board works in cooperation with the Public Works Director
4145 Norwich St., Brunswick, 31525, 912-554-7111; Fax 912-267-5774

and the UGA Cooperative Extension Agent
912-554-7574; Fax 912-554-7571

* Tree Guides will be available at the Town Hall Meeting.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

RUPA has been responsible for a portion of Ocean Blvd for many years. Our portion of Ocean blvd. goes from the Coast Guard to Arnold Road. Join us for our Adopt-a-Highway pick up.

**The next date is in April
If you are interested, call and leave a message with our
Administrator
at 638-3258
(Ray Colglazier)**



GARDEN CLUBS

The Saint Simons Island Council of Garden Clubs at their January meeting sent a letter to the Board of Commissioners expressing concern about the continuing loss of tree canopy and improper pruning of trees. They further stated that they believe it is imperative that the county hire a full-time arborist to oversee the protection of this important natural resource.

Our local garden clubs have long worked behind the scenes to improve and maintain the beauty of St. Simons Island. The hard working members of these groups are responsible for many beautification projects on the island. The Relay will continue to highlight their efforts in future editions.

ISSUE UPDATES AND ISSUE NEWS REVISED VILLAGE MASTER PLAN TO BE UNVEILED SOON



A revised version of the original Neptune Park plan will soon be presented to the Village Master Plan Committee.

A new design firm has been hired to develop this revised Master Plan, replacing the original outside organization, PBS&J.

ECO PLAN, a design firm under the aegis of the Sea Island Company, is now the designated planning organization. This is a potentially good move in terms of having a Neptune Park design which better takes into account St. Simons Island and Glynn County residents' needs.

The change was reportedly made because of the County's concern for the excessive cost of PBS&J's recommendations.

RUPA's understanding is that the revised plan still recommends creating a "family zone" between the retained picnic area and the parking area off of Beachview. This requires moving the miniature golf and the playground to the "family zone". The recommendation includes digging up the Neptune Park pool and replacing it with a new pool and an interactive fountain. Changing rooms and a concession stand would be part of this "family zone".

One of RUPA's concerns is whether the new pool would be adequate to reinstate County-run aquatic programs which would be beneficial to Glynn County residents.

We look forward to the public meetings which will allow residents to offer their support, dissent and input. RUPA will alert you when the public meeting is scheduled. This will be your chance to be heard.

Watch for Planning and Zoning meetings in April for the FINAL Village Plan.

OTHER ISSUES OF NOTE

- Work on the **roundabout** at Demere and Frederica has started.
What happened to the 20' crepe myrtles?? Were they given to a garden club or transferred to be planted in a park?
The County says they will have a video and brochure regarding the roundabout at Frederica and Demere and diagrams of the roundabout are available in the local papers and from the county. Construction is supposed to take 120 days from January 28th. They are upgrading some sewer and water lines during the construction. The roundabout may be a new driving experience, so stay off your cell phone in the roundabout! It will be unsafe and illegal to change lanes within the roundabout.
- If you would like to voice your opinion about the proposed plans for **Jekyll Island** there is an easy way to make your voice heard. State Senator Jeff Chapman has prepared a resolution that you can sign on-line simply by going to www.jeffchapman.us. The intent of this on-line resolution is to provide a tangible means of showing where public opinion stands on the Jekyll Island issue.

For further information about the proposed redevelopment and legislative contacts visit the website of the Jekyll Island grass roots organization at www.savejekyllisland.org

Glynn County Commissioners

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The RUPA Board:

Chairman, Dennis Beacham, Nanette Blumenfeld, Dona Colglazier, Bill Gussman, Rem Johnston, Stan Kyker, Kitty Larkin, Ellen Leigh, Meredith Trawick and Ray Colglazier, Administrator.

Visit the County website www.glynncounty.org and the RUPA website <http://rupa-ssi.org> to keep up on meetings and issues.



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