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

SEPTEMBER, 2007



## TOWN HALL MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

7 pm, St. William's Fellowship Hall  
Open to the public. Bring a friend.

At the annual Town Hall meeting guest speakers will discuss some of the many issues for St. Simons and RUPA to consider. We will then nominate and elect members of the RUPA 2007-08 Board of Directors

**David Hainley**, Director of Glynn County Community Development will speak about moratoriums on non-standard lots and water and sewer variances.

**Jim Bruner** will speak about the widening of Airport Road and the round-about at the intersection of Demere and Frederica. He will answer questions about how long the projects will take.

Nanette Blumfeld, Stan Kyker and Kitty Larkens have been nominated to serve on the RUPA Board of Directors. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. Those elected will serve with the following continuing members of the Board: Dona Colglazier, Meredith Trawick, Bill Gussman, Jack Sullivan, Ellen Leigh, Treasurer, and Dennis Beacham (past Chairman).

With your support RUPA will continue to try to prevent rampant, unchecked development without consideration for the environment or availability of roads and infrastructure.

## Neptune Park Pool

We gathered at the pool this year—TWICE—to show our support and love for the Neptune Park Pool and the need for a public pool on St. Simons. Shown below are (l-r) Romin Gerala, Jane Drake, Al Otte and Rich Elliott. They joined us June 5th to show the soundness of the pool construction and past and present uses of a St. Simons pool.



### Glynn County Commissioners

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## The Village Inn

Located in the heart of the St. Simons Village. The Inn was built around the trees and built to save and enjoy the local environment. It was given the first and only **Good Developer Award** by RUPA.

A note from a guest at the Inn praised the delightful staff and especially saluted the Inn for its "environmental concerns." Yet he was appalled to learn from his "trolley driver that no protective measure existed, neither government ordinance or public organization, to preserve the live oaks trees from destruction by expanding population and development. ...it was painful to contemplate the Island without trees."



RUPA can, with your help, work to help preserve the oak trees on St. Simons.

### ISSUE UPDATES

- **The Village Plan** has been approved with revisions which leave the fate of the pool in doubt. RUPA has strongly supported retaining the current pool with the addition of necessities like changing rooms, concession stand and permanent bathroom facilities.
- **Demere Park** has been saved from the Teen Center, but is a possible site for a skateboard park.
- **Village Oaks Development** has been deferred. A revised plan will be submitted soon.
- **Palmettos at Demere** has been approved for maximum 100 home residential development. The original developer/applicant was expecting to flip the property, but the potential buyer has backed out, so the 9.6 acres is for sale.
- **TRAFFIC ISSUES**
  - Airport Road** - Construction is about to begin
  - Demere and Frederica Road Intersection** - round-a-bout construction will begin after the first of the year. RUPA has expressed concerns about pedestrian and bicycle traffic being able to get around the intersection.
  - The Gateway Project** (Demere and Sea Island Road Intersection) The county's design will require taking a total of 3/4 acre of marshland, which Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee has sanctioned. Construction will begin after completion of Demere and Frederica round-a-bout. RUPA is questioning whether the design will offer sufficient traffic relief to justify cost and construction disruption.
- **The Sea Island Company "Yacht Club" tract** - Commission approved rezoning to Planned Development, to include a 100 room hotel, 110 residential units, yacht club and maximum 35 boat slips. Sold to local developer.
- **The "yellow house"** (next to Barnes Plantation) owner application to rezone to Commercial denied. Island Planning and Zoning Board advised owner to seek lower traffic use business in subsequent rezoning applications.
- **Zaxby's** has withdrawn its application to build a restaurant next to Waffle House.

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Patron

\_\_\_\_\_ \$500 Benefactor

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## 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 October. If you are interested, call and leave a message with our Administrator at 638-3258 (Ray Colglazier)**



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