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**THE POOL IS STILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS!** Traffic has dropped off at the pool and the school-age children are back to classes, but the pool is still open and inviting. It's noticeably quieter and more tranquil in and around the water this time of the year and Autumn is approaching when this wonderful stress-reducing amenity will be no longer available. It's your pool...enjoy it.

But remember the pool closes at dusk and dusk comes earlier now. Once it becomes dark the pool must be vacant and that includes all the area around the pool as well. Please observe this rule and report ANY after-hours pool activity to the Sheriff's office as it is a trespassing offense and will be prosecuted. Their non-emergency number is **843-524-2777**

**LANDSCAPING AROUND THE POOL AND PALM HOUSE** The landscaping projects budgeted and earmarked by the board to enhance the pool and its surrounds have been completed. Dead, dying and just tired shrubs and trees have been removed with new more pleasing vegetation. Walking through the gate is a new experience to the eye. Stop by and check it out.

**HAPPY HOUR AT OUR GOLF CLUB HOUSE** Brown Golf is inviting all residents...homeowners and renters... to a free wine and cheese tasting "Happy Hour" the last Thursday of each month at our golf clubhouse beginning August 29<sup>th</sup>. Please register by calling the "Fuzzy's 19<sup>th</sup> Hole" (the club house grille) 843-823-6222 or better yet stop by for lunch and make your registration personally with Gina at the counter. NOTE: this is only open to IW residents...**Obviously, you don't have to be a member of the club to enjoy the club house amenities.**

**GREAT HOT DOGS AT THE CLUB HOUSE** Why fight traffic on 278 to have a sandwich and a beverage when all you need to do is walk or ride your bike to "Fuzzy's"? Gina is there to offer up great sandwiches and beverages. Moms...now that the kids are in school, give yourself a treat.

**DRAINAGE ISSUES ALONG THE STREETS...** The anticipated clearing and dredging the culverts and ditches in the neighborhood will be taking place soon. There may be some traffic adjustments made while this is being done, but they will be minimal. This is a priority since there is more and more hardscape being employed by development around our community and much of the runoff in heavy rains finds its way through our community.

**KEEPING AN EYE ON OUR NEW NEIGHBOR'S WATER RUNOFF** The new "Washington Square" construction that has drastically changed the landscape along Buckwalter Parkway and 'butts up' to the golf course and our community is a constant concern for Island West. Sludge, debris and construction oils could very well be finding their way into our community as it merges with rainwater runoff and continues through Island West to the Okatie Creek. The HOA is monitoring this issue and is in contact with the town of Bluffton Watershed Management Division Manager. They assure they are 'in compliance', but the HOA will continue to monitor.

**THE NEW PALM HOUSE MEETING ROOM** Is now open for business as well! Saturday Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> the wraps came off the club house and an entirely new venue is now available. If you have an event that you wish to use the meeting room, please contact IMC for scheduled openings. You'll love the new surroundings. A huge thanks to the folks on the ad hoc committee that handled all the chores to make it possible.