

# Plantation Villa Market Activity in 2008

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## Plantation Villa – Q2 2008 Sales and Current Listings

Villa Complex	Active Listings	Listing Price Range	Sales in Q2 2008	Selling Price Range
Calibogue Club 3 bedroom	3	\$659,000 - \$799,000	2	\$630,000 & \$725,000
Lake Forest Villa 2 bedroom 3 bedroom	4 1	\$399,900 - \$455,500 \$575,000	1	\$339,500
Lighthouse Road Villa 2 bedroom 3 bedroom	2 1	\$449,000 \$489,000	0 0	
Plantation Club Villa 2 bedroom 3 bedroom	10 5	\$389,000 - \$525,000 \$589,900 - \$628,000	1	\$590,000

## COMMENTS ON 2008 ACTIVITY

The overall Sea Pines villa market in the second quarter of 2008 continued the downward trend of the first quarter. We had twenty two villa sales in the second quarter of 2008 compared to 34 in the second quarter of 2007. The total number of Sea Pines villas sold for the first 6 months of the year is now off 35% compared to the same period in 2007. On the bright side, the number of villa inquiries this past month has picked up considerably.

There are currently 27 "Plantation" area villas listed for sale, two more than were listed at the end of the first quarter of 2008. This group consists of all Plantation Club, Lighthouse Road, Lake Forest, Carolina Place, and Calibogue Club villas. In the second quarter of 2008 there were 4 sales of Plantation area villas compared to 8 in the second quarter of 2007. This same pattern holds true when you look at sales for the first six months of the year where there has been 6 sales in 2008 compared to 12 for the same period in 2007.

We attribute some of the lack of sales activity to what appears to be a lack of investor-type buyers. This same phenomena seems to exist for Sea Pines home sales as well. However, we are seeing more buyers who are looking for a second home than in previous years. Today's buyers are slow to act in this market but they are looking and asking questions. We are not seeing as many investors who tend to be attracted to villas, particularly villas that generate rental income.

It continues to be important for a Seller who has a property listed to present the property in the best condition possible and to listen to the showing feedback from Realtors on price. If you are thinking of listing your property, it is especially important in this market to work with experienced Realtors who know the market.

Our investment in internet advertising and positioning, coupled with our mail and print media advertising campaigns continue to generate many buyer inquiries. Contact us to see how you can take full advantage of our marketing efforts.

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