

# The Charleston Villager

Charleston Village's Neighborhood Publication

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## Special points of interest:

- Halloween Festivities
- Recreation Lot Completion
- Pool Committee Chairperson Needed
- NC State Fair
- Check your Deck
- Help Deliver the Charleston Villager

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## Recreation Lot Mission Accomplished

★ Please join us in thanking Karen for all her hard work to get the recreation lot completed!

The Recreation Lot Committee held its last official meeting in July. Having achieved all goals, as originally proposed, the Committee voted to become inactive as of the September 2002 annual meeting.

Five members of the Committee have volunteered to wrap up some loose ends and to remain available to the Home Owners Association Board of Directors and Grounds Committee for consultation and maintenance purposes. These five volun-

teers will 1) ensure that the play set is inspected properly each year, 2) oversee the installation of a sand-box (approved during the July meeting), and 3) organize the painting or staining of the gazebo in spring 2003. Any further additions or developments to the recreation lot area will need to come from an existing or new committee. The Grounds Committee is now handling all landscaping and irrigation



maintenance issues. We would like to thank everyone in the community for your support and patience during this project. It has required a lot of hard work, but it is worth it to see so many neighbors gathering and socializing in this beautiful area!

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## Pool News

★ A special "Thank You" to Margo for all her hard work!

Like to swim at the pool, hang out with your friends and neighbors? If you do, think about joining the pool committee.

The Pool Committee is in need of a new committee

head and that person could be you! If you are interested, let Margo or someone on the board know as soon as possible, don't be left out of the water!

Margo Bills  
(former)  
Chair, Pool Committee  
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## Scrapbook Club

The Scrapbook Club will be meeting at the clubhouse on the following dates:

Join us for fun and scrap-  
ping!  
\*Saturday, Oct. 26  
10AM-10PM (ALL DAY

CROP)  
\*Wednesday, November 13  
6PM - 10PM  
\*Sunday, November 24  
11AM - 4PM  
\*Wednesday, December 11  
11AM - 6PM

Contact Theresa Rubes at 363-2498 or [trubes@nc.rr.com](mailto:trubes@nc.rr.com) for details.

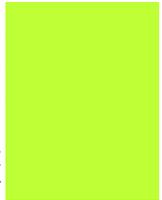
These are FREE so come join us to get motivated and share ideas!

## New Website: [www.CharlestonVillage.org](http://www.CharlestonVillage.org)

The new Charleston Village Web site is [www.CharlestonVillage.org](http://www.CharlestonVillage.org). This replaces [www.geocities.com/cvgrounds](http://www.geocities.com/cvgrounds). We will maintain [www.geocities.com/cvgrounds](http://www.geocities.com/cvgrounds) until the transition to the new site is complete. Thank you for visiting the Web site. The number of visitors to the site has steadily increased over the last two years.

A new site design has been selected, and several pages are already using the design. As always, your comments on the design and content are welcome. Visit the "What's New" page for the latest updates. We can use your help if you have any experience with Web pages or are willing to learn. You can determine how much time

you are willing to invest in the Web site. Our goal is to provide value to the neighborhood, a return on your investment. Your help is needed. Please contact [CVgrounds@yahoo.com](mailto:CVgrounds@yahoo.com) for more information.



## The Social Scene

We hope you had an opportunity to enjoy the Fall Festival that was held on September 29th. It turned out to be a huge success! We hope to see you at some of the upcoming events for the remainder of 2002. Our next event is the annual Halloween Parade. This will take place on October 27th from 1PM-3PM. At this event, neighborhood children have the opportunity to dress up in their Halloween costumes and collect candy around our "parade" route. Each family participating is asked to bring a bag of candy along with a Halloween bag to collect good-



ies. After the parade, everyone will gather at the clubhouse for snacks and candy collection comparisons!

On November 9th, we will be collecting food for the needy during our annual food drive. Paper bags will be distributed prior to the collection date on each resident's mailbox. Please help us to support this worthy cause.

Each December, we collect unwrapped toys to donate to the "Toys for Tots" program. We ask that you drop off any toy donations on December 7th from 11AM-2PM at the clubhouse. Light snacks and beverages will be provided as a thank you for your generosity. We thank you for efforts in helping a child have a brighter holiday season.

**Attention all ladies.....** plan on attending the final "Ladies Night Out" on December 10th at 7PM. If you missed this opportunity last year, you missed a lot of fun! We will plan to have a gift exchange, cookie exchange and will order dinner. So mark your calendars!



If you have any questions or suggestions for these events, please contact a Social Committee member. We would love to hear from you! If you would like to join the Social Committee or serve as an officer on the committee, please plan to attend our meeting on November 4th at 7:30!

## Information to Share

The Charleston Villager newsletter is a quarterly publication made possible by the contributions of neighborhood committee chairpersons and readers. We welcome your submissions in the form of community event information, local happenings and Charleston Village topics of interest. You can also help us share this information

by becoming a part of the delivery team. We are a community of 329 homes and delivering to all can become time-consuming for a small number of people to handle. So, put on your walking shoes, get out and enjoy the scenery, and meet new neighbors by signing up to help deliver the Charleston Villager.

Interested in editing? Have access to MS Publisher and know how to use it? If so, join the, currently one person, editorial staff of the newsletter.

Contact Alison at [alioop97@aol.com](mailto:alioop97@aol.com) if you have any questions, would like to sign up to deliver the newsletter, or have an article to submit.

## Notes from the Board

**Annual Meeting Highlights** - The annual meeting took place on September 18. President, Brett Etter, announced that we are now a self-governing and self-sufficient association. Drees has turned full control over to our association, but Dave Hausfeld, with Drees, will remain on our Board of Directors (BOD) until the last lot is sold. Good news from the Treasurer, dues for 2003 will stay at \$30 per month. The BOD announced the formation of an Architectural Review Board (ARB), which will go into effect in November 2002. As part of our transition to being self-governing, our bylaws state that we must form this board. This board will consist of three members: BOD President, Member-at-Large and one resident appointed by the BOD. This ARB will receive recommendations from the Architectural Committee and will have final authority over all architectural requests. Any guideline changes will be taken to the BOD

for final approval. We have combined the Web and Newsletter Committees to form the Communications Committee! The Grounds Committee will have a crosswalk painted at the intersection of Battlewood and Castleburg. The Committee will be exploring ways to enhance our entrances with signs and lights. The Recreation Lot Committee announced that the project is now complete. A skeleton crew will stay together to finish painting/staining the gazebo, build a sandbox and schedule maintenance inspections. The Grounds Committee will continue landscaping the lot. Franc DiBari was elected to the BOD and will assume his new duties at the October meeting. It was announced that we will have two bulletin boards constructed: one by the pool entrance and one at the greenway entrance by the clubhouse parking lot. We hope to have them completed by year-end. The boards will be a place for pool information,

social function pictures, community news, etc. Lastly, please look for information on our community directory update around February 2003!

**Lawns** - Now that we are finally having some cool weather and rain, our grass is really starting to grow. Please help keep Charleston Village in shape by keeping your lawns mowed on a weekly basis. And don't forget to trim the unsightly grass that likes to creep out over the sidewalks and hang over the curbs.

**Board Meetings** - These will now have a predictable schedule. The BOD will meet at the clubhouse on the 4th Monday on even months, starting at 6:00PM. Our next meeting is Monday, October 28, 2002. Any resident is welcome to attend. If you have an item you wish to discuss with the BOD, please call Mary Norbeck at HRW at 469-8661 and ask to be placed on the agenda.

