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- Canines In Our Community
- Tree Clean-Up From the Ice Storm

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Pool Committee Volunteers Needed

Searching for a New Chairperson

If you enjoy swimming or hanging out with your neighbors at the pool, sign up now to join the Pool Committee.

We are currently in need of a Pool Committee chairperson and committee members...

could that be you?

If you are interested, please let someone on the Board know or contact Margo Bills, past chairperson, with any questions (mbills@nc.rr.com or 303-8338).



Don't be left out of the water!

Working For You

Communications Committee Update

We are pleased to announce that we have new volunteer officers for the Communications Committee. Sandra Haecker will serve as the Chairperson and Ted Karl will serve as Vice-Chair. Sandra is also co-Webmaster with David Randle.

Alison Hall continues as the Editor for the newsletter with Brett Etter as Assistant Editor. As do all volunteers in Charleston Village, these committee members are working very hard for all of our Charleston Village neighbors. They are

committed to giving their time to help make Charleston Village an even better place to live.

If you have ideas and are willing to spare even a small amount of time, please give serious consideration to volunteering to help any of our committees. Your opinions, abilities, and experience are very much needed.

If you have newsletter-specific comments, questions or would like to help with delivery, we have set up a new email account for you. Email any ideas

tedkarl@CharlestonVillage.org.

Be sure to check the bulletin board and community calendar on our new Web site (www.CharlestonVillage.org). The bulletin board can be used by all neighbors for posting information about announcements, items for sale, etc. The community calendar lists committee meetings and events.

Please email webmaster@CharlestonVillage.org with any comments or to join the Communications Committee. Thank you.

Vote on Mandatory Pink Mailboxes Passes With Flying Colors Architectural Committee Update

Of course the majority of you probably do not want to see this happen, but without your voice in the Architectural Committee... you never know.

This is an invitation to participate in the Architectural Committee meetings. Today there are large areas of Charleston Village with no representation,

so there is a good chance that your ideas are not being heard. You could change all of that by simply attending the meetings. They are also a great way to meet your neighbors.

We ask for a minimal amount of your time by keeping the meetings short. Meetings take place on the third Wednesday

of each month at 7:00 pm.

So, if you think the neighborhood would be "prettier in pink," you will always have a day when you can argue your case. If you would like to attend or need more information, please contact Tim Ruff at truff1@lycos.com.

From the President Board of Directors Update

I hope this newsletter finds everyone refreshed after a busy holiday season! Now we can all look forward to the joyous task of paying the bills and working on our taxes!

I want to send a special thank you to Karen Clymer and Amy Sweat for the festive holiday decorations at our front entrance. The lights were a great addition!

In case you were wondering... Your 2003 Board of Directors will hold the following positions this year: Barbara Key – President, Franc DiBari – Vice President, David Randle – Secretary, and Rob Sauerwalt – Treasurer.

To start off 2003, there are already a few maintenance issues that are worth mentioning. There was a light and post in our front entrance along Jenks Road which sustained some damage during the ice storm. Drees will help with the repairs when they construct the three new light posts at our

entrance. Also, we will have a contractor power wash and stain the gazebo, steps down to the clubhouse and the fence along Holt Road near Templeton Gap sometime by spring.

As a reminder, please be sure to contact HRW to complete a contract and pay the rental fee when using the clubhouse for non-community or non-committee purposes. This is a must.

Most of our committees have chairpersons and members that are charged and ready for a great 2003, however we are in desperate need of a new pool chairperson for the year. Please contact a member of the Board if you are interested in chairing the Pool Committee or being a part of any Charleston Village Committee. I strongly urge everyone to find a way to make a contribution to our community this year – join a committee or at least attend a meeting,

submit a suggestion or idea, help a neighbor, or attend a community event and meet some new friends. These types of contributions help keep Charleston Village a special place to live.

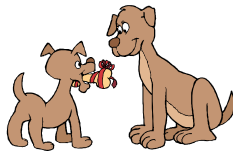
As a reminder to all, the Board of Directors holds their bi-monthly meetings on the 4th Monday of even months. We meet at 6:00 pm. at the clubhouse. The first 15 minutes is an open forum for discussion by residents. If you would like to be on the formal agenda, please call HRW at 469-8661 and ask to be included. If you want to just come and listen, you are always welcome! Our next meeting will be Monday, February 24, 2003.

I, along with the other Board members, look forward to exchanging ideas and working hard to find solutions to issues in our community. Have a happy New Year!!!

Dogs Will Be Dogs Curbing the Language

For several of our Charleston Village neighbors, canine companions are very much a part of the family. But, we all know that dogs will be dogs and at times this equates to excessive barking.

Please be mindful of your neighbors right to quiet enjoyment of our neighborhood by not allowing your dogs to bark for long periods of time.



A fellow neighbor reminds us that excessive dog barking at anytime of the day or night is a violation of Apex noise ordinances.

Some helpful translations for your barking pooch... If your dog whines between barks, he may be telling you that he is scared or does not want to be separated

from you. If your canine barks for a long time, with brief pauses between identical-sounding barks, he is probably bored. An exuberant bark, however, might mean that your pooch is eager to play.

To find some possible reasons and solutions for doggie barking, log onto www.doggiedoor.com, select "behavior info." from the drop down menu and then select "barking."

Scrappin' At The Clubhouse Scrapbook Club Activities

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

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| Sunday, January 26 | 11am - 4pm |
| Wednesday, February 12 | 6pm - 10pm |
| Sunday, February 23 | 11am - 4pm |
| Wednesday, March 12 | 6pm - 10pm |
| Sunday, March 30 | 11am - 4pm |

If you are a beginner, that's no problem. Beginners are welcome!

Please contact Theresa Rubes (363-2498 or trubes@nc.rr.com) for details and table reservations. Just bring your supplies and we will get some scrapbook pages done.

These sessions are absolutely free and

there is no selling... just lots of fun!

Did you know that scrapbooking gatherings have been referred to as the quilting bees of the 21st century?

Please join us and come see what all the buzz is about.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Clubhouse Maintenance and Improvements Clubhouse Committee Update

The clubhouse at Charleston Village is a beautiful and useful addition to our neighborhood but it can only stay that way through the help of neighborhood volun-

teers... like you! If you are interested in helping maintain our clubhouse and in planning improvement or enhancement projects, please contact Barbara Key at 303-

8112 or barbarkey@earthlink.net. We encourage all volunteers. Even if you can only devote a small amount of time to this, we encourage you to participate.

Keeping It Social Social Committee Update

Once again your social committee is busy planning events for Charleston Village Residents. This past fall we hosted the Fall Festival. Response was good and everyone had a wonderful time. Please consider coming again in Sept. 2003, the Fall Festival will be bigger and better than ever.



The Halloween Parade for the children was a fun day. About 100 children, dressed in Halloween costumes, gathered at the Club House and "paraded" over the walkway and up Castleburg Drive. There was a photo-op stop about halfway and candy was handed out along the parade route. Refreshments were served at the clubhouse. We plan to sponsor this event again in 2003.

We had a very successful food drive in November. We would like to thank everyone who participated. We collected 1320 pounds of food and delivered it to the Raleigh Food Bank. They were most appreciative. We are considering donating the food to Western Wake Crisis Ministry in Apex next year. We welcome your input on this. In December we collected toys for underprivileged children. Santa was present and

available to talk to children as they dropped off toys for children less fortunate. Refreshments were served by the social committee. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Liz DiBari for her hard work in organizing both the food drive and the toy collection. Both of these events will be back in 2003.

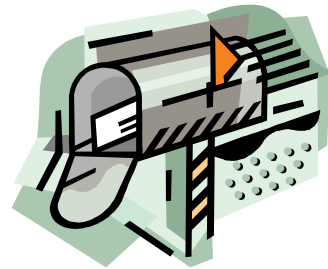
In December we also hosted a Ladies Nite Out at the clubhouse and had a great time. Everyone left with a tray of wonderful cookies and a gift. We look forward to meeting new neighbors at this event in December.

There are many new neighbors in Charleston Village and currently, we are organizing a new directory to include everyone. Please check in your newsletter for a sheet to fill out. You must return it with your information and permission to include your family in the publication. This is a very useful tool in getting to know your Charleston Village neighbors.

Please watch your mailbox periodically for flyers for upcoming events. We work hard organizing fun times. We also encourage everyone to get involved in our neighborhood. We welcome new members on the social committee. We meet on the first

Monday of the month, at the clubhouse, at 7:30 pm. Take this opportunity to get involved in planning events for our neighborhood. New ideas are always welcome.

In order to make jobs easier, we are asking for a volunteer from each street to be a block representative. This person, man or woman, would be responsible for handing out flyers, on your street, and voicing opinions about social events. Time required would be minimal and would help us a lot. You would not be asked to attend monthly meetings although you would be most welcome to. Right now this job is left to a handful of people to hand out flyers to over 300



homes. If you are willing to be a block representative please contact Connie Friedline at 303-1749. The flyers would be delivered to you with instructions as to when they

are to go out, etc. Please consider doing this for your street. Since Castleburg is so long we need 2 or 3 people to do this street. We wish you a very happy 2003, and look forward to seeing you at our social functions.

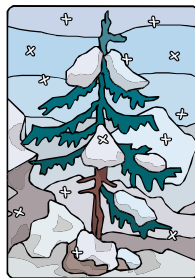
What's Going On Around The Grounds Grounds Committee Update

The Grounds committee is currently seeking a new Chairman; Franc DiBari who was heading the Grounds Committee has been elected to the Board of Directors. If interested, please contact a Board Member for information or stop by; we meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm at the clubhouse.

New members are always welcome. We are committed to continually maintaining and improving Charleston Village. We have more projects in discussion phases that need neighbors to share their ideas. It's those new ideas that drive our efforts.

Projects in Progress: We have and will

continue removing trees that were damaged in the December ice storm, from the common grounds including along the greenway, as the budget permits. If you see any trees needing attention please contact the Board or our management company.



The Board is working toward getting a community bulletin board as well as getting bids on painting/staining the gazebo, common fences and building a sandbox.

Also, we have incorporated the changing of the entranceway light bulbs into our existing landscaping contract. "We'll keep the lights on."

In conjunction with the Town of Apex, we

are painting crosswalks at two critical areas; across Castleburg at Battlewood near the pool and across Castleburg, between the greenway paths at Templeton Gap.

* If you have any ideas or projects you wish to be addressed, the committee accomplishes this by the following process:

- A. Establish a plan.
- B. Get at least 3 bids.
- C. Get references, referrals, testimonials of the contractors.
- D. Get our management company's input.
- E. Finalizing the initiative in Committee.
- F. Ground Committee submits proposal to the board.

Look for our spring update on the Web site (www.CharlestonVillage.org).

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