

Would you rather not deal with outside solicitors coming to your door uninvited? There **are** ways to reduce these and other unwanted attention from solicitors. You can put small "No trespassing" signs, the size of the home security signs, by the house in the foundation bedding. If solicitors are seen, call Ron Fincher (362-1460) at the Property Management Company and/or the police. To remind outsiders that this is a "No Soliciting" community, the Board is also considering the installation of "No Soliciting" signs at main entrances to the community. Let us know what you think!

Having Work Done?

During the March meeting of the Board of Directors, there was quite a bit of discussion regarding the parking of construction trailers on the street. The safety of our children, pets, and drivers is of great concern to us. With this in mind, the Board has passed a motion that construction trailers be allowed to remain parked on Charleston Village streets during working hours only. We do ask that the construction vehicles and trailers all be parked on the same side of the street during the day. If your contractor wishes to leave a trailer overnight, the Board respectfully requests that the trailer be parked in your driveway or at the Clubhouse parking lot if approved through RS Fincher. We thank you for your efforts to help keep Charleston Village a safe place for all families.

Pet Corner

Just a quick reminder that Town of Apex requires pets to be on leashes when not on your property. With weather warming, our pets enjoy walks as much as we do. Be sure to be prepared as you head out for that walk by leashing your pet and bringing a bag to gather your pets "deposits." We all want a beautiful neighborhood, and cleaning up after your

pet is one way to ensure this and to follow the law. It is also requested that animal waste be thrown out in your own garbage cans, not the clubhouse garbage cans. Remember, it is a neighbor who volunteers to take these cans to the curb and back!

Thank you for thinking of others as you take care of your pet!

Web-based Participation

Would you like to have more of a direct say in community affairs, but just can't seem to find the time? The Board is constantly searching for new ways to increase participation in community decisions and activities. We need your input so that our actions accurately represent the wishes of the entire community. One convenient way for most homeowners to participate may be accomplished through occasional secure Web-based surveys. A wonderful service provided by Zoomerang.com was brought to our attention whereby surveys can be delivered to a private group of people-perfect for a small community like ours. The Chamber of Commerce has been happily using the service for some time. In its simplest form, the service is free. Additional services, like online reporting of vote tallies are available for a fee. Voting is anonymous and multiple votes from the same person are prevented. This could be a great way for us to get an accurate idea of what people feel about new initiatives or existing programs. However, **for this to work, we need your email address.** Be assured that we will only use you email address for occasional surveys and information dissemination. The exact frequency of emails will be an item on the first survey, so you can help us decide that question right from the start!

The way it works is that your email address is be added to a list, which will not be shared with any outside parties.

When a survey is launched, each address on the list receives an email from Zoomerang.com which informs them that a new survey is available and provides them with a unique URL which you can click on or paste into any Web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, etc.). Your survey results will only be recorded when you click "Submit" at the end of the survey. You can always cancel a survey before this point and change your responses to suit your wishes. Once you complete the survey by clicking the "Submit" button, your unique URL no longer functions, thus preventing the same person from voting twice. Your survey responses are anonymous because no record of who voted for what is generated.

If you think you may be interested, send an email to me (antoncvb@earthlink.net) or to the whole Board (board@charlestonvillage.org). It need only say something like, "I would like to participate in Web surveys regarding major new expenditures and other major community policy matters."

SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Social Committee would like to thank everyone involved in the Easter Egg Hunt for making it a success again this year! Special thanks goes out to Donna Mullis for heading it up, and to the Thursday night Bunko group for helping to fill the eggs. A huge thank you to Sue Passer and Patti Borgmeyer for all of your hard work in organizing the community yard sale again this year.

We have several other events coming up, so mark your calendars:
* Saturday, September 17th, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., we will have our Fall

Carnival. This will be fun for the whole family! We will have a giant inflatable slide, a rock climbing wall, an obstacle course, and much more!

* Saturday, October 29th, will be our neighborhood Halloween Parade. The time and details will be announced at a later date.

We will also have our annual Toy and Food drive toward the end of the year. More information will come on that as time gets closer!

The Social Committee is always in need of help! If you're interested in helping with these events, please contact Bobbiann Waterson at 303-2713 or email at socialcommittee@charlestonvillage.org.

We look forward to seeing everyone at these events!

Clubhouse Committee

Now is the season for clubhouse rentals and volunteers are needed to help keep it looking great. We only meet 4-5 times a year. Not much of your time is required. The Clubhouse Committee is responsible for reporting on any maintenance and/or potential problems or concerns, doing a walk of the clubhouse with rentals, prior to and after each rental. (This is done on a rotating schedule.) Please check out the Charleston Village web site to see a copy of our updated Rules and Regulations for Clubhouse use and rentals.

If you are interested in joining the Clubhouse Committee please contact either Penny Fields at thefields@mindspring.com or Erika Sauerwalt at esauerwalt@nc.rr.com

Thanks

JOB WELL DONE!

Let's give a special 'Thanks' to Rich and Penny Fields for ensuring our pool passed the County inspection, and was ready for opening day of another great pool season.
Great job!

Communications

Want to make Charleston Village an even better place to call home? What better way than helping neighbors communicate with each other? We need to revive the Communications Committee with members and a new chairperson. Though Charleston Village's Website (www.charlestonvillage.org) remains one of the best, most comprehensive and information-packed community Websites in North Carolina, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of David Randle, there remains a chronic need for volunteers to put together and distribute the quarterly newsletter and give a David some much-deserved help with maintaining and upgrading the CV Website. If you are interested, please contact David (webmaster@charlestonvillage.org) or a Board member (board@charlestonvillage.org). The Summer newsletter is just around the corner!

Grounds:

The Grounds Committee has acquired several new members (more are always welcome), however, we are desperately in need of a new Grounds chair. Chairing the Grounds Committee is an excellent opportunity to maintain and improve the beauty and value of our community. Responsibilities include coordinating

efforts with other committees and the property management company with regard to common areas and initiating new plantings and additions to common areas, including the play lot. It is also desirable that communication with Town of Apex officials be maintained on issues such as the greenway, sidewalk drainage issues and streets. If you know of spaces in the common areas that need work, this is your best opportunity to make a difference! Anyone interested, please contact Anton Callaway (antoncvb@earthlink.net).



YOU'RE INVITED:

TO: Charleston Village's Kindergarten Play Date

WHERE: Charleston Village Playground

DATE: Tuesday, May 24TH

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

WHO'S INVITED: Any Child entering Kindergarten (& their Families)

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