



The Charleston Villager



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From the Board of Directors

Greetings from your Board of Directors! We trust you had a wonderful holiday season and are enjoying the beginning of a great new year.

There have been some recent changes to the Board of Directors. Michael Kennedy, who served as Vice President of the Charleston Village Board of Directors, has moved away from the neighborhood and resigned from the Board effective December 31. Thank you Michael for your service to our community! On December 31, John Dailey filled the vacancy on the Board and serves as Member at Large, while Trey O'Quinn serves as Vice-President. John Dailey was the second candidate in the November elections, and according to the Special Election Guidelines, was asked to fill in the vacancy. He will be completing the term originally filled by Donna Mullis, which runs until November of this year.



attention of the board that we would like to address. Mailboxes and their posts have become an issue. There are quite a few mailboxes that are broken, rusting or just falling off their posts. They need to be replaced. Also, posts should be cleaned and painted to remove mold and dirt. If the posts are cracked, replacing them would be the best option. Make sure to check your Architectural Standards Guidelines before making any purchases to ensure they meet the association's requirements. If you cannot locate your guidelines you can always access them on line at www.CharlestonVillage.org. One thing you might want to think about is if you are purchasing a new mailbox, you might want to consider going up a size. This will allow for the mail carrier to fit packages in and not have to rubber band them to the outside of the mailbox, as sometimes is the case.

A few things have come to the

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Parking on the street has been another issue that the neighborhood has faced. Please remember that we need to keep the streets as clear as possible. Please make sure that any guest parking in the street leaves plenty of space for other cars to get through, and that no cars are parking in the street overnight. We also ask that there be no parking on the street at the Castleburg entrance or in front of the clubhouse. Several residents have narrowly avoided accidents due to poor sight because of cars blocking the way. The entrance/exit at Castleburg is narrow and there is no room for cars to get through if cars are parked in the street. Please be mindful of that.

One serious matter that you are most likely aware of is the recent thefts of mail and some car break-in's. While the police believe they have identified the persons involved, they are still at-large, so, as always, we need to be vigilant and keep an eye out for suspicious cars and behavior. If you have experienced any type of mail or property theft, please contact the Apex Police Department.

Thank you for keeping Charleston Village safe and beautiful.



The Charleston Village Board of Directors

Community Service Opportunity

The Clubhouse Committee is looking for someone to volunteer their time to take care of the 3 garbage cans and recycling bin at the clubhouse. It would involve taking them to the curb every Thursday evening and returning them every Friday after they have been emptied. It could be used by teens/pre-teens as community service for activities such as boy scouts, girl scouts or other service organizations. The goal is



to have each person to agree to do it for 2 or more months at a time. Even if you are not in any service organization it would be great to have your help. Its important for people to volunteer and help our community.

Please email the clubhouse committee chairperson at "clubhousecommittee at charlestonvillage dot org" if you are interested.

Pool Committee

Believe it or not it's that time again!!! We need to start preparing for POOL SEASON!!!



We will be having a quick informational meeting Thursday, March 8th at 7:00 at the clubhouse. We will discuss what needs to be done to get the pool open and we'll start planning for the season opening party!!!

If you are interested in joining the Pool Committee let us know! It's a great way to get to know your neighbors and to give something back to the community!! You can contact your Pool Committee Co-chairs, Kristine Hansen and Kelly Jaynes with questions or concerns at "poolcommittee at charlestonvillage.org".

Charleston Village Crocodiles Swim Team

Have you heard the news? Charleston Village is starting a swim team! The competition season begins in June and volunteer parents are already organizing fundraisers, preparing for swimmer registration, writing a handbook, recruiting coaches, and more. Our swimmers will compete against our neighbors in Devereaux, Brookstone, The Reserve, Haddon Hall, and Scott's Mill, to name a few. There is a lot to do before our first meet!



So far, the team has raised nearly \$400 selling poinsettias for the holidays and raking leaves in our Charleston Village yards. Coming up, we have a spectacular flower sale for later in the spring. Watch your mailbox, the Charleston Village website and this newsletter for flyers and more information. We have a way to go to reach our goal of \$4,000 to cover our start-up costs for this initial season! Please support our children in their fundraising efforts!

A New Little Crocodile's View

Hi! I'm Gaby Iori, and I'm writing the Swim Team News. Everybody is SO excited about the upcoming swim team, The Charleston Village Crocodiles. Bring your parents to the information session on February 11, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Clubhouse and find out what it's like to be on a swim team so you can register on the twenty fourth. If you have any questions before the eleventh you can call 303-5892 and talk to Mrs. Nicole Ridout.

Important Facts

- Information Session February 11th at 7:00 pm in the clubhouse.
- Swim Team registration is February 24th
- Swimmers must be at least 4 years old by June 1st.
- To qualify, ages 6 and under must swim 15 meters unassisted. Ages 7-10 must swim 25 meters (1 length of pool). Ages 11-18 must swim 50 meters (2 lengths of pool).
- Parents must sign up for volunteer time slots to assist team with meets and practices.
- Registration fees: \$75 (14 and under), \$65 (additional swimmer—14 and under—in a family), and \$30 (15 and over)
- Swim Team participation is NOT a substitute for swimming lessons.

Do YOU have any experience as a swim team participant or coach, or a desire to help the team get started? There are many ways to help and the children will benefit from most anything you do to contribute! So consider contacting Nicole Ridout at nridout at nc.rr.com" to find out when the next meeting will take place and to see how you can help.

Here is my friend Katherine's opinion about the swim team: "I think the swim team is a great idea, because the people who want to be competitive can be competitive. I like to be competitive and I'm looking forward to it!"



Nominating Committee

The members of the 2007 Nominating Committee have approved by the Board. Thank you to

BobbiAnn Waterson and Cassandra McMillan for their willingness to serve

Neighbors Supporting Local Events

There are two upcoming fundraiser events for animal rescue organizations in this area. We would love to have your help and/or participation in these fun events! All proceeds will go to BFPA and CARA .

The first event is a Bake Sale on Feb. 24th from 10-5 that is being hosted by Wag Pet Boutique and Best Friend Pet Adoption (BFPA). Wag Pet Boutique is located in Raleigh at 7414 Creedmoor Road in the Stonehenge Shopping Center. We need people to attend the event and buy something yummy so that the proceeds can go to Best Friend Pet Adoption. We also need people to share this information with any friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors that might be interested in attending it. In addition to this, we need people that would be willing to bake something for this event. If you are planning to bake something, please write the ingredients/recipe on an index card and attach it to your baked good. I will be collecting the baked goods for this event on Feb. 23rd. Please email me at "LaurieAnn.Harvey at CharlestonVillage dot



org" if you are interested in baking something for this event.

The second event is a wine and raffle night on March 22nd that is being hosted by the Sandhills Wine Shop in Sanford and Carolina Animal Rescue and Adoption (CARA). We need people to donate items or make up a gift basket filled with items based on a theme. Here are some theme basket ideas - coffee, cooking, BBQ, baby, pasta, car wash etc. If you are interested in donating something or making up a basket for this event, please email me at "LaurieAnn.Harvey at CharlestonVillage dot org. I will be collecting these items by March 4th. Please share this information with anyone that you think might be interested in helping with this event. All proceeds will go to CARA.

Thanks for your help, support, and participation in these up coming events!

Babysitter Directory



Some neighbors, especially those new to our neighborhood, often need to hire babysitters for their children and don't know where to look. They may need to look no further than their own street but

don't know it!

The communications committee has been gathering information to put together a babysitter list for

our neighborhood. This is a flyer (distributed to our neighborhood only) which would include names and phone numbers of teens in the neighborhood who are interested in babysitting. It is NOT be part of the newsletter nor will it be posted on our website.

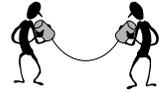
If you are interested, or have any questions, you can email "editor at charlestonvillage dot org" .

Communications Update

Thank you to all who responded with updated information for our Charleston Village directory we are preparing. We are currently compiling the updates and will be distributing the directory as soon as it is ready. If you are still in need of updating your name, address and phone number there's still time! Email me at

"editor at charlestonvillage dot org" and we will get in done!

We have been preparing our email distribution list and a big thanks to all who have signed up. We believe it will be a great way to get CV information out fast!



Charleston Village Online

CharlestonVillage.org has recently been redesigned to bring resources closer to you:

- A site index has been added to help you locate information.
- HOA documents have been reorganized to make it easier to find information you need.
- The menu has been updated to include clubs and teams.
- Favorites like development information are still available under Community.
- The site has been redesigned for accessibility.
- The site also can be updated more quickly.

Planned updates include adding

- information for new and prospective residents, reminders for the rest of us
- ideas for day trips and entertainment
- tips for homeowners
- and more...

Also, be sure to visit the Online Forum (registration required), which includes

-Classifieds

Have something for sale? Need a helping hand? Lost & found. Events.

-General Discussion

What's on your mind?

-Home improvement/maintenance tips and increasing property value

Have a tip or a question? An idea for increasing property value? Post it here.

-Interest lists

Looking for a tennis partner? a carpool? a scrapbooking buddy? someone who likes to play cards? Post here!

-Neighborhood Watch

Alerts, safety tips, and to coordinate efforts to keep our community a safe place to live.



CV Dues Reminder

Please remember that your association dues are due on the 1st of the month. You should have received a coupon book in January.



If you are tired of writing a check every month, automatic draft is available through RS Fincher. Another option is to use your bank's online automatic banking, if it is available.

Looking for a Girls Night Out? Think BUNCO!

Combine dice, food, drink and great conversation — that's what Bunko night is all about! The neighborhood bunko group meets at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the clubhouse. Although we have 12 'permanent' members, we are always looking for more women to sub for those who can't make it.

It's a great way to meet new people, without the monthly commitment. If you are interested, or have questions, contact Margo Bills at "Mbills at nc.rr.com".

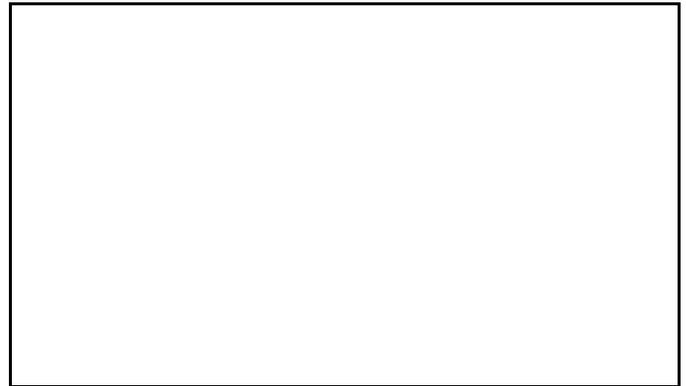
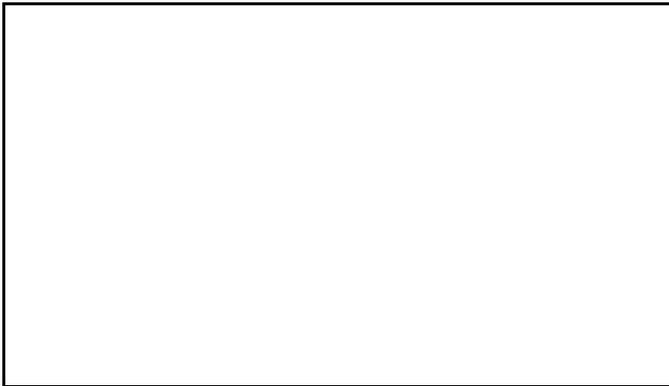


Scrapbooking at the Clubhouse

Do you scrapbook or are you interested in getting started? Join the Scrapbook Club at the clubhouse! We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 6pm-10pm and the last Sunday of each month from 11am-4pm.



Bring your supplies, meet some neighbors, and get some pages done! Tables are provided. Beginners are welcome. Email Theresa Rubes at "trubes at nc.rr.com" for details and date confirmations.



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