



The Charleston Villager



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Greetings From the Board of Directors

Greetings from your Board of Directors! Even though we are facing a severe drought that has overtaken our wonderful State and community, we hope it has not interfered with your ability and time to relax and enjoy outdoor activities over the summer. Please continue to check the Charleston Village homepage and the Town of Apex website for new information on water restrictions. To see the seriousness of this drought just go visit Jordan Lake - please conserve where and when you can!

The drought has done quite a bit of damage to our lawn and gardens. While water restrictions leave us few options to keep our lawns healthy and green, please make sure that you remove any dead plants, trees, and shrubs as soon as possible. Despite the weather, we all need to work hard and work together to maintain the appearance of our homes and yards. We aren't one of the most popular neighborhoods in the Triangle for nothing!

With the end of the 2007 pool season, the Board of Directors reluctantly (after begging and pleading) accepted the resignation of Kristine Hansen and Kelly Jaynes as Pool Committee chairs. There are no

words we can say nor gestures we can make to show Kelly and Kristine just how much they have meant to Charleston Village and how much we will miss them. Because they both want to ensure that the new chair(s) will be able to step in without missing a beat, they put together a comprehensive notebook that includes all of the information that the new chair(s) will need. If anyone is interested in becoming the chair of the Pool Committee please contact the President of the Board of Directors and he will forward your name for consideration to the Pool Committee. You may also contact the Pool Committee directly. All contact information may be found at www.charlestonvillage.org.

We would like to say a special thanks to our outstanding Social Committee, especially Jon Hamilton and Allison Mosely, for another successful Fall Festival WITH the addition of a barbeque dinner!!! The Social Committee has been quite busy this year with fun movie nights and the upcoming Halloween Parade.



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HOA Board:

President: Trey O'Quinn
Vice President: John Dailey
Treasurer: Connie Friedline
Secretary: Michele Medlin
Member at Large: Laura Linton

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Webmaster: David Randle

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The Board cannot begin to express its appreciation for all of the hard work this committee has done to bring the residents of Charleston Village together!

Since the last newsletter we have had an exciting addition to Charleston Village's committees. Resident, go-getter, and all-around inspiration Kristy Long suggested to the Board that we create a Welcoming Committee and then volunteered to lead the effort. This new committee will be responsible for welcoming every new resident to our community and making sure they know we are glad they chose our neighborhood. As president, I can't think of a more important job! In fact, I can't believe we haven't created a committee to do this yet!

The Board was also excited to appoint Michele Medlin as Grounds Committee Chair. Michele is enthusiastic, full of great ideas, and ready to go forward with the beautification of our neighborhood. Just talking with Michele about her wonderful ideas made me excited about the great things to come from this committee. If you enjoy the outdoors, like working with others and having a good time doing so, and would like to

work with someone who is a motivational leader please contact Michele and join the Grounds Committee. Working together we can make this neighborhood the envy of the Triangle.

Finally, we would like to remind you that our Annual Meeting is at 7:00 PM on November 5th.

It is necessary that we have a quorum of 33 attendants and proxies in order to hold the meeting. This is because we are required to have a representation of 10% of the 329 homes in the community. Please be sure to turn in your proxy to RS Fincher if you will be unable to make it. If you find that you cannot mail or fax it to RS Fincher in time for the meeting you may place it inside the President's mailbox. Please make sure your voice has been heard.



Even though our current temperatures do not reflect that we are now in the middle of October, autumn is upon us. As we go through another beautiful North Carolina fall please remember that your Board of Directors is here to help whenever we can!

Swim Team News

COOKBOOKS: The 2nd edition of the Charleston Village Cookbook is in print and will be available before the holidays! Pre-orders were accepted to ensure copies to those who wanted them. There will be a few extras available on a first come/ first sold basis. If you would like a phone call or email as soon as the cookbooks arrive, please contact Laura Linton at 303-9003.

POINSETTIAS: The swim team will sell those *gorgeous* poinsettias again this year! Sales will begin in November. Watch for mailbox fliers with more details.

OTHER NEWS:

- Annual Meeting: We are looking forward to the annual homeowners meeting in November when we will present a signed photograph of the 2007 swim team for the clubhouse.
- Sound System: We are also in the process of acquiring

a sound system!

- Swim Team Board Meeting: An organizational meeting for the swim team board will be held in January. Interested new board members are welcome!
- Swim Team Family Meeting: An informational meeting for current and interested new swim team families will be held in February with registration in late February/ early March.

As always, watch future newsletters and mailbox fliers for details.



Safety First!!

It's easy to lose track of how fast you are driving, when you are late, or your mind is elsewhere.

However, remember that the speed limit in our neighborhood is 25 MPH for many important reasons!



during "track outs" every day of the year. We have many families with young children, who can toddle very fast considering the size of their little legs! We must work together as a community to protect these kids. Please slow down always, but especially when you see people and kids out and about.

Please slow down when traveling through the neighborhood...lives depend on it.



There are kids waiting for school buses as early as 6 am, when it is still dark. With the year-round school calendar, we now have children home

In addition, we have many people who are active and run/jog/walk through our neighborhood. They are out early in the morning (before dawn) right through nightfall. Please watch as you exit your driveway, especially in the dark, to keep everyone safe!



Welcoming Committee

I would like to introduce to you, our new "Welcome Committee"!

I am very proud of this new committee! Our goal for the Welcome Committee is to meet and greet the new residents of Charleston Village and let them know that they have picked an awesome community to call Home!



We hope that all residents enjoy calling Charleston Village "home" and we want to make our new residents feel at home right from the start. If you have any questions about the Welcome Committee and/or would like to join us and help us welcome our new friends, please check out charlestonvillage.org. We also welcome any items to include in our welcome bags (business cards, menus, magnets, key chains, etc.). It is a great way to advertise your business and to provide our new residents with some great information about their new surroundings.

We plan on personally welcoming our new neighbors with a welcome bag full of goodies and a big smile!

Thank you so much for all of your support!

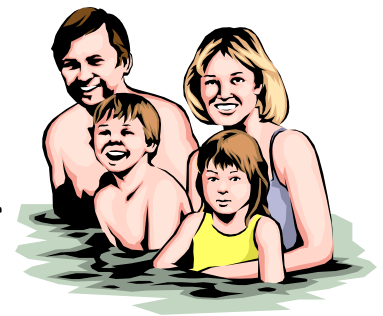
Pool Committee—Needs Your Help

The summer has come to an end!! We've had a great pool season with just a few bumps along the way. Thanks to all those that helped to make this a successful pool season!!

We would also like to thank all those who served on the Pool Committee this season! We appreciated all your support and hard work.

Our current committee chairs have stepped down, and

we are in need of new help. If you are interested in chairing the Pool Committee for the next summer season please contact one of your Board members! It's a great way to get to know your neighbors and to give something back to the community!!



Home and Yard from the ARB



As our water crisis continues, we must all take measures to conserve this precious resource. As of October 19, 2007, the Town of Apex has enacted a **ban on all irrigation systems, sprinklers and soaker hoses, along with fountains.** Make

sure you turn off those automatic sprinkler systems! You can still water your bushes and flowers with a hand held hose or bucket. Check out their website for more details. http://www.apexnc.org/depts/pw/water_restrictions.cfm

Water Saving Tips

- ⇒ Turn of the water while you brush your teeth
- ⇒ Run dishwashers and washing machines only when full
- ⇒ Collect rainwater from downspouts to water outdoor plants
- ⇒ Take quick showers
- ⇒ Turn off the water while shaving. Fill the bottom of the sink with some hot water to rinse your razor
- ⇒ Capture tap water. While you wait for hot water to come down the pipes, catch the flow in a watering can to use later on plans or your garden.



Just a reminder that your completed Architectural Request Forms must be into R.S.Fincher no later than the last Wed. of the month. The ARB meets the 1st Wednesday of every month and this gives the staff at Fincher time to log, copy and mail them out to everyone

Nominating Committee

Can you believe another year has slipped away and it is time for elections for your board of directors?

This year we have 3 positions to fill on your board. You should have received a packet in the mail informing you of our annual meeting, which will be on Monday November 5, 7:00 PM in our clubhouse, and a proxy ballot sheet for you to cast your votes for 3 candidates for your board of directors. You will have a chance to vote if you attend the annual meeting, the

on the committee in time for our meeting. To not hold up the process, please make sure your submissions are complete. Remember to include the needed signatures, descriptions, samples and make sure you have a plot plan or drawing with measurements of where your change is in relationship to the house. We absolutely need this to approve your request. Also make sure you check the "green" Architectural Standards book to check to make sure your submission meets the guidelines. The Architecture Form and Book are both posted on the Charleston Village website.

At some point we will need to do something with our lawns. In the mean time please remember to kill the only grass that seems to be growing - the grass in the driveway and sidewalk cracks. Why is it grass only grows good where we do not want it! Remember vinegar or "round-up" work great with out breaking your back. We are fortunate to have NC State's Turffiles Center available to us right here. Check out their website at: <http://www.turffiles.ncsu.edu/> for some timely and local information on grass and the drought.



One last reminder, if you still have your temporary shade structures (canvas gazebos, canvas tents) over the rear deck of your house it is time to take them down. They may only be up from May 15th until October 1st according to the Architecture Standards book.

proxy ballot is your chance to vote in case you cannot make it to the meeting.

Four of your Charleston Village neighbors are running for 3 positions on the board, they include:

- Laura Linton
- Michele Medlin
- Nathan Borgmeyer
- David Randle



Please cast your ballots at the meeting, or by proxy.

Social Committee News



The social committee has started using a voice broadcast system to update neighbors about upcoming events. Anyone wanting to add or update their information needs to send an email. Also, all events and phone list info is posted to our website, charlestonvillage.org.

Movie nights are held on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the clubhouse. The next one is November 10th. Bring a drink and snack and come on down!



Everyone had a great time at the Fall Festival on October 6th. There were inflatables, arts &

crafts, a band, sno-cones, popcorn, and cotton candy. Thanks to all the volunteers!! It couldn't be done without you.



As always, we are looking for volunteers and folks the join the social committee. Also, if you have any ideas for get-togethers or fun social events, contact Jon through charlestonvillage.org.

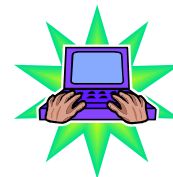
Charleston Village Online

Questions...

- Fall Festival was fun! When is the next event in Charleston Village?
- Does Charleston Village have any groups or clubs?
- What type of fence can I have?
- How does someone get elected to the Board of Directors?
- What are my property rights and are there any usage restrictions?
- What do I have to do to rent the clubhouse?

Answers...

-Visit CharlestonVillage.org and select Documents, Boards/Committees, and Clubs/Teams. The answers to all of the above questions and more are just a few clicks away. You will also find contact information for the many volunteers who give their time to make our neighborhood a great place to live!



Charleston Village Wine Club

If you are looking for a great way to meet new neighbors and enjoy an "adult only" event in your own neighborhood, join the Charleston Village Wine Club. We meet once a month and each month a different Member volunteers to host the party. As the host/hostess, you get to choose the "theme" for your party. As a guest of the party, you bring a bottle of wine that goes along with the theme, and an appetizer to compliment your wine. It is a



great way to meet new neighbors and enjoy a nice evening out in the comfort of your own neighborhood. If you are interested in joining, please visit our website at charlestonvillage.org for additional information about our past parties.

*We hope to see you at the next Wine Club Gathering!
Cheers!*

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 2nd 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, check out charlestonvillage.org



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 and put together a babysitter list for our

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

If you are interested, or have any questions, you can email the editor through charlestonvillage.org.

Charleston Village Board Meetings

The board of directors meets on the 4th Monday of every other month at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is November 26th. Meetings are held in the clubhouse. Feel free to attend these meetings and learn about community activities. If you have a particular issue you would like addressed, please email RS Fincher prior to the meeting. This is a great way to get involved and



become an integral part of this wonderful neighborhood. Committees are always looking for new people to become part of the process. Are you excited about social events? the pool? the grounds? communications? They could all use your input. This is your chance to make a difference!!

Charleston Village Classifieds

Note: these can also be found on the CV Forum at charlestonvillage.org

To place an ad in the next newsletter email editor through charlestonvillage.org

Pet Care — Charleston Village resident available for dog walking. Visits 30 minutes in length with daily walk. Also available: Pet care (feeding, playing, simple medications). Watering plants, take in mail etc.

Price- \$10 per visit

*Trip to groomers or vet additional

Call Pam 267-5101 Neighbor references available

For Sale— I have a Fisher Price Power Wheels Jeep for sale. I'm asking \$60. It needs a new battery, but comes with the charger. I also have FP Rescue Heroes for sale.



