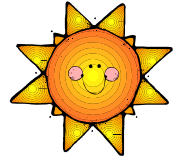


THE CHARLESTON VILLAGER



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Greetings From the Board of Directors

Greetings from your Board of Directors! This is the time of the year when we "pay" for our mild winters by having to endure the stifling heat and humidity. Regardless, this is the time for vacations, suntans, and cooling off at the Charleston Village pool. In fact, I almost forgot to submit this because I am preparing to go on my first vacation since 2005! That very well may be the reason I, a 34 year old, had a few ulcers to contend with earlier this year ☺

For the first time since I have been writing these messages I can say with a great deal of happiness that there have been no resignations on our committees!!! We still desperately need more volunteers - it is a great way of getting to know people in the neighborhood! All I can say is the more people involved the more good things the HOA can provide for the neighborhood. Believe it or not, the Board is focused on providing **GOOD THINGS** for our community!

Speaking of **GOOD THINGS**, our Crocs sure made our community proud this Swim Team season. I will not go into all of the wonderful things that they have done but suggest that you read the Swim

Team's article and then go out and congratulate each of our young ambassadors for representing Charleston Village with excellence.

Also, I encourage you all to hug Nicole Ridout and Laura Linton if you can catch them because they have done a superior job with this club - I also encourage you to hug every member of the Swim Team Board. I cannot express my gratitude with the wonderful job they have done. As a personal statement, I will always be a fan and supporter of this outstanding organization.

That being the case, I also realize that some Charleston Villagers had to be more flexible to accommodate the Swim Team. I also realize that some felt that it really was an inconvenience. I thank you too for modifying your schedule and working with the Swim Team. The way everyone worked together just shows what great things can happen when this neighborhood unites!

Summer also brings forward growth in our lawns and it is important to keep our lawns and flower beds as tidy as possible.

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Of course, if you work all week and it rains all weekend - you can't mow. Just call Beth Harvey at R. S. Fincher to avoid getting a letter. But, unless you notify her otherwise, Beth will be ramping up her patrols of the neighborhood to ensure our yards are as nice as the people they belong to (saying that "you're not nice" will not be a valid excuse☺)

Also, please be mindful that the summer season is perfect to paint and repair your home. If you notice your paint is faded, chipped, or peeling or that you have noticeable rotten wood, please make arrangements to repair this as soon as possible. Beth has been asked to be on the look-out for SEVERE problems with paint, rotten wood, or anything else that would deter from the appearance of the home and the neighborhood.

Summers in the Great State of North Carolina can be

absolutely brutal. But, we can always find the positive side - vacations, 4th of July, swimming, picnics, playing outside until 9:00 PM, suntans, campaign commercials, no, wait, scratch the last one... The thing I love the most about summer are the beautiful Crepe Myrtles at the front of our neighborhood (off Old Jenks) that welcome me home every night with a multi-colored smile and wave. It immediately puts me in a good mood. Then I get to look to the right and get to see my neighbors and their children enjoying the playground. Only a few more feet up, I see more neighbors walking their dogs - all content, at peace, comfortable in Charleston Village. Then I know I'm home. Anyone can find a problem with anything at anytime but not everyone can truly find a sense of home. I have found it within this Village, because of all of you.

Stay safe, keep cool and hydrated, and thank you for making this place the ONLY place I want to call home!

Welcoming Committee

For those of you that don't know much about the Welcome Committee, we would like to tell you all about us! Our group has gathered wonderful information from surrounding businesses in our area to put together some fun welcome bags. We distribute these welcome bags, every other month to our new residents. It is our way of saying, "Welcome to this awesome community, that you now call, Home!" If you have moved into Charleston Village after September 2007, and have not received a welcome bag and a visit from our committee, please let us know (contact information at www.charlestonvillage.org). Keep in mind if you are "renting", we probably don't have your name, but would love to drop off a welcome bag. If anyone has anything to include in our welcome bags, or knows of any businesses in the surrounding area that would be interested, please let us know. It is a great way for "free" advertising for your business, school, committee, club, etc. We are always looking for new members and new ideas for our committee, so let us know if you are interested in helping. Best Wishes to All!!

I would like to send out a HUGE "Thank You!" to all of the local businesses that have supplied items for our

welcome bags. They include:

Qdoba
The Decor Coach
MartyAllen
CIAO! Osteria & Bar
Antiques on Salem Street, LTD.
Hair Body & Sole,
It's a Grind
Curves
Traditions
Savory's Bakery
Pepper Dog Salsa
Mary Kay (Connie J. Friedline)
IHOP
Martin & Mary's
Stone Creek Village
Pam Smith Pet Care
Nancy Fredette (Coldwell Banker)
Cafe Carolina Bakery,
La Rancherita
Mamma Mia's
Firehouse Subs
Panera Bread
Planet Beach in Cary



Safety First!!

Its 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!*



Reasons such as:

PETS—While its true that pets are mostly on leashes when being walked through our neighborhood, there are times when they get out unexpectedly, or get spooked by something and run out into the road. They are quick to move yet cherished by our families. Slowing down gives you the chance to brake, if necessary. Our furry friends thank you!

JOGGERS—Many of us keep in shape by walking or jogging through our wonderful neighborhood. Especially with the hot daytime temperatures, these people are out in the early mornings or later in the evening. Please be careful when pulling into or out of your driveways, and while driving around our neighborhood.

And...most importantly...

CHILDREN— Remember, 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 waiting for buses or home 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 children. Please slow down always, but especially when you see people and kids out and about.

Lastly, remember that you **MUST NOT PASS** a stopped **SCHOOL BUS!** The kids are excited to get to and from school and are assuming they are clear to cross the road.

We ask that you talk to your families about this issue, *especially new drivers*, and help us keep this neighborhood the great place we have come to love.

Did you know? That "extra" 5 mph *does* make a difference!



If you hit a pedestrian:

- ⇒ At 20 mph 5% will die
- ⇒ At 30 mph 45% will die
- ⇒ At 40 mph **85%** will die

(Source: NHTSA)

Do you have any ideas that could be used to remind us all to take our time through our neighborhood? Visit the new "Working Groups" forum on our Charleston Village website to discuss it further. We value your input.



Again, please slow down when traveling through any neighborhood... lives depend on it.

Social Committee News

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mark your calendars for the annual Fall Festival and Halloween Parade! The Fall Festival will be held on October 25th and the Halloween parade will be that Sunday afternoon, October 26th. Please bring one bag of candy per family for the candy parade. The Fall Festival will have inflatables, treats, crafts and the wonderful BBQ we had last year. Please look for flyers, during the month of September, regarding the purchase of tickets for the BBQ plates, information on the Fall Festival and Halloween parade. Please consider purchasing your tickets for the BBQ plates in advance this year. It makes

it much easier on the committee to manage if the plates are purchased ahead of time.



If you are not currently signed up to receive phone broadcasts, please visit the Charleston Village website today to register your home number. Otherwise, you may be missing out on some important Charleston Village event information.

Clubhouse Committee News

Interested in having your next party or event at the newly renovated CV Clubhouse? Better yet, would you like to rent it for FREE? If so, please email Dawn Bradley (clubhouse at charlestonvillage dot org) with details.



As a reminder, the Clubhouse is available for full-day or half-day rentals to any CV resident. Reservations should be made through Carol at R.S. Fincher. It's a great place to throw a birthday party, girl's night out, or any other event that you may have. Please see the Charleston Village website for more information.

Thanks! CV Clubhouse Committee

Neighborhood Watch



In an effort to keep Charleston Village a great place to live, we ask everyone to keep your eyes open to what is going on around you. The best way to keep this neighborhood safe is to be involved. Though we have a safe

neighborhood, unfortunately we have had some vandalism in our neighborhood in the past year. This vandalism was done to both personal property and community property, and really affects us all. Please remember that any suspicious activity should be reported to the Apex Police Department (their non-emergency number is 362-8662). No situation is too "small". They will track the reports

and may find a trend that, as an individual, might not be evident. They cannot try to fix a problem they don't know about.

Some other ways to stay involved include being familiar with the friends your children play with, especially as they become more "independent" pre-teens and teens. Say hello to your neighbors, take a walk with the dog, do some gardening....be proud to be part of a great community and help to keep it that way!



Home and Yard from the ARB

It is summer and it is that time of year the trees and flowers are in bloom. And... so are the grass and weeds! Wish your yard had less weeds and greener grass? Not sure what to do? Need some help? It does not take a professional to keep your yard looking good. It is not too late to put down some "weed and feed" to help with both. It is easy and not expensive to do it yourself. And speaking of weeds, "Round-up" is the greatest against weeds. It will get the weeds out of the cracks in the driveway, sidewalk and curbs. It is easier than pulling weeds in large planting areas and a thin spray works great to "edge" around planting areas. Just don't spray what you don't want killed for good!

There is a lot of information available to help you. Check with a local garden center, Ace Hardware, or the neighbor who has the lawn you want on what you should do and when. Also check out these web sites I have found helpful: www.turffiles.ncsu.edu , www.scotts.com,

www.ncagr.com and www.bayeradvanced.com , . They all have some excellent advice!

If you are doing some improvements or changes to your property remember to check out the Architectural Standards book or Charleston Village web site to get a form and check out the guidelines and procedures. The ARB meets the first Wednesday of each month. Get your requests into Fincher's office by the Wednesday before to make sure we have it on time.

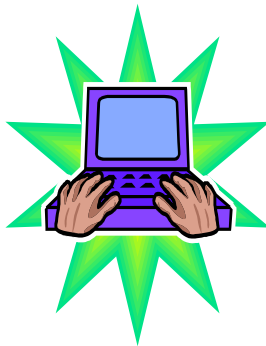
Remember, your home is your biggest investment and the resale value of it is affected by the way our entire neighborhood looks. If we all work together to keep our home, lawns and yards looking nice, then Charleston Village as a whole will look nice and be a neighborhood in which we can all be proud.



Communications Committee

Visit us at www.CharlestonVillage.org

If **speeding in our neighborhood** is an issue to you or you have an opinion about speed bumps and other traffic calming measures, or if you have ever been affected by **drainage issues in Charleston Village**, then visit the new online forum called "Working Groups" where you can learn more about these issues and share your ideas and opinions. These are two issues that we have had for years that several homeowners have worked on separately. As a community,



we may be able to advance these issues farther than we can as individuals. The forum is intended to be a tool for coordinating efforts and sharing information about projects. This is a way that you can help without necessarily committing to be on a committee or board. You can participate to the level you want. And additional issues can be added, so check the forum regularly for issues that may affect you!

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, or have questions, contact Margo Bills at 303-8338.



The Drums Stomped Out A Rhythm, and the Crocs Won the Division!!

**THIS YEAR OUR CHARLESTON VILLAGE CROCODILES SWAM TO A
DIFFERENT DRUMMER AND FINISHED THE SEASON 4-1!!
WAY TO GO, CROCODILES!!!**

SEASON SUMMARY

After a thrilling Mock Meet hosted by Brookstone in 100-degree heat, we started the Season strong with our first ever team win against Raleigh Racquet Club (331 to 133). Haddon Hall came to visit next with smiles and hard competition. But with strong determination, the Crocodiles came through with a 259 to 245 upset over our Route 55 neighbors. Then making our way down Tryon and 70, we took on Garner. We swam hard against this higher-ranking team, but we were handed our first loss of the season at 197 to 314. With clouds looming on the horizon, we thundered our way to victory at Holland's Crossing, scoring 196 to 127. Then Carpenter Village came to call, with swimmers with beautiful form and speed. But as the drums pounded lane side and our swimmers sang our theme song loud enough for the whole neighborhood to hear, we were able to pull off a Division Title win as our last relay team of the night accomplished their goal of an under two minute freestyle relay! One Minute 57 Seconds!!! And a meet score of 272 to 224. ***Way to Go Crocodiles!!! Thank You for a Fun Filled Fantastic Season!***

ATTITUDE RISES US ABOVE THE COMPETITION

Head Coach David Ghazaleh, in perfect rhythm with our outstanding Assistant Coaches Carolyn Cuany, Barbara McKinnon, and Elizabeth Schmedding showed each of our Crocodiles how to be a "Swimming Star" while developing a positive team spirit that, as proven by our winning record, was tough to beat!

Our Coaches were getting in the pool with the swimmers before water temperatures were warm enough to prevent hypothermia, doing jumping jacks and pushups on the deck, dancing along the lanes with music on their shoulders, keeping our Crocodiles motivated and having fun. But.....beyond the smiles, was hard work. Many hours spent with our children in the mornings and again each weeknight. Coming up with innovative methods to help individuals hone their stroke skills. Staying late for just one more try at a dive that would turn into 100 more tries (literally!). Holding the backs and bellies of our littlest swimmers as they whined and cried across the pool just to see them get out at the other end with a huge confident smile and jump back in for another lap. Staying up late after meets sifting through sloppy, soaked time sheets to get the times entered into the computer so our kids could see them the very next day. Spending hours looking over the times of our swimmers to get the best combination for swim meets, yet still managing to rotate as many swimmers into main events as possible. ***With our heads back and two hands touching we say Thank You!!!***

OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Now, with all this fun going on, it would be remiss not to mention that we couldn't have done it without all of you. I know it sounds cliché, but it is very true. The support of our Charleston Village Community helped to foster the successful season that we had. Patience with our practice schedule did not go unnoticed. Tolerance of the parking overload during home meets did not go unnoticed. Attendance at our home meets to cheer us on when your children should have been home doing their school work, did not go unnoticed. Monetary support of our concessions at home meets WAS noticed! ***A Huge Crocodile Hug goes out to ALL of our Neighbors! Thank You for your support of our Charleston Village Swim Team.***

OUR SWIM TEAM FAMILY

Our Swim Team was rewarded this year with the love and support of our Swim Team Board, Coaches and Parents as we became a Team and a Family. Parents sat at morning practices, coffee in hand, as the Coaches encouraged our swimmers to get in, and stay in, the cold water. We met each weeknight on the pool deck and spoke not as neighbors, but as dear friends with more in common than just our Crocodiles. We donated items and took part in fundraisers to cover unexpected expenses. We fixed boo boos and bee stings with kisses and Band-Aids. Our Swim Team Board expanded from a few hard working individuals with a vision, to a well-organized assembly of motivated, talented people. A Board that was able to coordinate this season, with the help of our Coaches, to staff positions at all our meets, raise money through Concessions and Fundraisers, put new procedures in place, and above all else....show our kids what hard work and a positive attitude can accomplish. ***So, with modesty, we say Thank You to Ourselves, Our Swim Team Family, for following through on what we promised our children - a great Swim Team Season!***



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 in getting a copy of the list, getting your name on the list, or have any questions, you can email [Cveditor](mailto:Cveditor@charlestonvillage.org) at charlestonvillage.org or call MaryAnn Gunshefski at 303-9348.

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, visit our website at www.charlestonvillage.org for additional information about our past parties.

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

Charleston Village Classifieds

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

To place an ad in the next newsletter email [Cveditor](mailto:Cveditor@charlestonvillage.org) at charlestonvillage.org



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