



The Charleston Villager



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From the Board of Directors

Greetings from your Charleston Village Board of Directors! The Charleston Village Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their attendance at our Annual HOA meeting. Community involvement is always key to continuing to provide a safe and beautiful community for all of us to enjoy. We sadly say goodbye to two of our board members. Connie Friedline has served as our board treasurer for three years. David Randle has most recently served as our Board Vice President. Thank you, Connie and David, for your dedication and time to our community. Your leadership on our board will be missed. We do know that your energy and love of this community will not go away and we will all continue to benefit from your service on other committees.

The Charleston Village Board of Directors welcomes our newest members, Hugh Cameron and Bob Schmedding. Thank you to these two gentlemen for offering their time and energy to this community! The Board would also like to extend deep gratitude to the entire Social Committee under the leadership of Kristy Long and Allison Mosely. The Fall Festival on Sunday, October 26, was a huge success! Thank you to

our Social Committee, and chairs for their time and efforts! If you would like to see these kinds of events continue in our neighborhood, please consider joining the social committee.



Unfortunately, statistics show that crime and vandalism incidents rise during the holiday season. Now is a good time to make sure that all windows are secure, front yard hedges are trimmed low, and adequate lighting is illuminating your property. Ask neighbors to collect papers and mail while you are away. Make sure that some lights are on timers. It is the responsibility of every community member to keep an eye out for suspicious activity and report it immediately.

Now that it is dark at 5:30 pm every evening, the chances of children playing into the dusk hours outside are great. As we all return home from work, be sure to SLOW DOWN while driving into the neighborhood. It is imperative that we all keep an eye out for little ones playing near curbs and in our streets.

We would like to wish everyone a safe, and happy, holiday season.

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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!



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!" 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.



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.



World Heritage

Hi! My name is Jacob Sandorff Joelsen. I am a 16-year-old exchange student from Odense, Denmark. I am living in Charleston Village with the Bingham family for the school year. Apex is a small town compared to Denmark but Apex High School is a much bigger school. I previously attended a boarding school with only 100 students. I have discovered my favorite foods here are Mexican dishes, pizza, Mountain Dew and marshmallows. I am fascinated by the individual drink packets you add to bottled water. We do not have drinks like that in Denmark. Danish people are the happiest people in the world. I also like Hiphop music, computer games, science fiction movies and being able to email or text my friends

and family. I have met a neighborhood buddy named Jacob Fields. He has become a good friend that I can hang out with. We are almost exactly the same age. The different holidays and celebrations like Halloween and the State Fair are new experiences for me. I hope to try many adventures like a hockey game and see a university while I am here. I can't wait to see the holiday decorations. If you see me be sure to say "Hello."



A Cub Scout Thank You

We wanted to thank all of our neighbors who allowed us to walk door to door the last weekend of September and sell our popcorn. Popcorn sales help us afford camping trips where we learn about the environment and self-reliance, afford our Pinewood Derby car race where we learn about tool skills and sportsmanship, afford hikes and sporting events where we keep physically fit, and afford going to Pack meetings where we earn our badges



and learn about respect and kindness. By approaching our neighbors we are in a comfort zone when we learn to communicate to others and talk about our organization and what we believe in. For young boys sometimes it is hard to speak up and we wanted to say "Thank you" for letting us go door to door in our neighborhood.

Daniel and Brendan Hanley, Bobby Gunshefski,
Nick Broza
Pack 316, Apex, NC

Clubhouse Committee News

The holidays are a great time for a party! A great place to have a party is the newly renovated Charleston Village Clubhouse! It's a great place to throw a birthday party, girl's night out, or any other event that you may have.



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. Please see the Charleston Village website for more information.

Better yet, would you like to rent it for **FREE**? If so, please email Dawn Bradley (see www.charlestonvillage.org) and she can provide you with the details to make that happen.

Thanks! CV Clubhouse Committee

Social Committee News

The Fall Festival and Halloween parade were held on October 26th—a fun time was had by all! The Fall Festival had inflatables, treats, crafts and a wonderful BBQ dinner.

The current social committee chairpersons are stepping down. Please consider volunteering your time and skills to the social committee to keep these great neighborhood activities going. This neighborhood is great because of its people. These great events cannot happen without great people to run them!

Remember, 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.



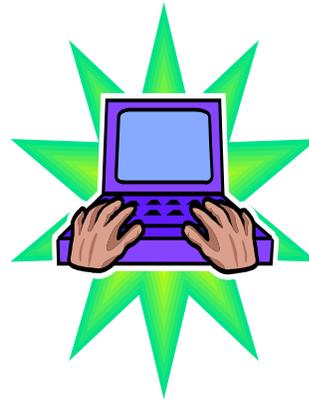
Communications Committee

Visit us at www.CharlestonVillage.org

ISSUES: 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS/REVIEWS: Do you have a favorite restaurant, handyman or doctor? Did you have a bad experience somewhere? Our new forum topic is the

place for you to post your recommendations for others in the neighborhood to learn from. Check it out!



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.

Charleston Village Swim Team Update

Just a quick note from your Division Winning Neighborhood Swim Team. Yes, we are still here and the CV Crocodiles have high aspirations for the 2009 Swim Season. To reach our goals, we are working hard in the Off Season! This autumn, Fundraising is our Priority - to help us cover expenses and equipment upgrades.



Autumn started off with a Silent Auction for 'Canes Tickets at the Neighborhood Fall Festival. Congratulations to the Pinkus Family who will be watching the 'Canes skate against the Maple Leafs.

The Crocs gathered donations for a successful Neighborhood Yard Sale on November 8th to benefit the team. Unsold items went to another good cause, Goodwill Industries.

The colors are changing along the walking paths and we can't help but look ahead to the Holidays with our Annual Poinsettia Plant Sale Fundraiser. These gorgeous plants will welcome you and your guests with festive color as the trees bare! Order Yours Now!

Before you know it, the Crocodiles will be holding an Informational Meeting in February and then Registration for the 2009 Swim Season! We will be chomping at the ropes for the pool to open (didn't it just close?).

Stay tuned to the CV Website, keep your eyes peeled for flyers and check out future Newsletters for Swim Team updates!



As always, we want to Thank You, our Friends and Neighbors, for your continued support of our enthusiastic swim team!

Neighborhood Directories



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. There has also been interest in other directories, in



particular pet sitting, house sitting and lawn care. The communications committee will start gathering information for these lists as well.

If you are interested in getting a copy of one of the lists, getting your name on one of the lists, or have any questions, you can email (see www.charlestonvillager.org) or call MaryAnn Gunshefski at 303-9348.

Lists to be available:

- ⇒ *Babysitters*
- ⇒ *Pet sitters*
- ⇒ *House sitters*
- ⇒ *Lawn Care (mowing, edging etc)*



Bike Safety Reminder

Dear Neighbors,

There are many children in Charleston Village, and adults, who enjoy using our quiet streets, sidewalks, and nature trails, for bicycle use. Aside from safety reasons, please remember that in North Carolina, it is a LAW that all children under the age of 16 MUST wear a bicycle helmet. All surfaces in Charleston Village, fall under the categories listed below as public right-of-way.

For more information on bicycle law and safety, please visit the website from which this information was extracted at www.ncdot.org.

Bicycle Laws of North Carolina

In North Carolina, the bicycle has the legal status of a vehicle. This means that bicyclists have full rights and responsibilities on the roadway and are subject to the regulations governing the operation of a motor vehicle. North Carolina traffic laws require bicyclists to:

- Ride on the right in the same direction as other traffic
- Obey all traffic signs and signals
- Use hand signals to communicate intended movements
- Equip their bicycles with a front lamp visible from 300 feet and a rear reflector that is visible from a distance of 200 feet when riding at night.



In addition, the Child Bicycle Safety Act of 2001 requires that:

- **All bicycle operators under 16 years of age must wear a bicycle helmet on public roads, public paths and public rights-of-way**



- All child passengers under 40 pounds or 40 inches must be seated and secured in a child seat or a bicycle trailer.

(3) — 'Other public right-of-way' means any right-of-way other than a public roadway or public bicycle path that is under the jurisdiction and control of this State or a local political subdivision of the State and is designed for use and used by vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic.

Any parent or legal guardian who knowingly allows a child to ride without a helmet or to ride as a passenger not secured in a restraining seat (when applicable), will be in violation of the law.

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 contact Michelle Pierzga via email (see www.charlestonvillage.org). You can also visit our website at www.charlestonvillage.org for additional information about our past parties.

We hope to see you at the next Wine Club Gatherings!

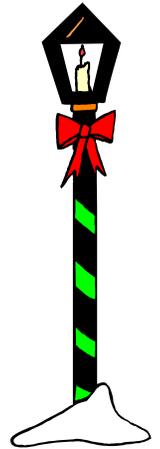
Calling all Holiday Decorators



The grounds committee will be decorating the front entrance of our neighborhood this holiday season. It would be great if we could get someone with a flair for holiday decorating to volunteer to organize this. It would involve shopping for new decorations and setting up a time to get it all up.

If you are interested please contact MaryAnn Gunshefski at 303-9348 to get additional details.

Happy Holidays!



Charleston Village Classifieds

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