



# The Charleston Villager

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## CV Annual Meeting Update and Community Watch Info

Our annual meeting was scheduled to be held on November 2nd, 2009. Unfortunately we did not have a quorum of residents represented, so the meeting had to be rescheduled. A quorum is 33 households. It will now be held on **November 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the CV clubhouse**. If you cannot attend please give your proxy to a neighbor who will attend and vote for you. We need a quorum at the next meeting so that we can make it an official meeting and conduct neighborhood business such as approving the budget for next year.

On November 2nd we did have a guest speaker from the Apex Police Department. Sergeant Mark Flaughter discussed the traffic studies that have been conducted in our neighborhood and traffic calming measures.

Our Community Watch program is just forming and we would like to know what you would like out of it. If you would like more information

about the program, please contact Patty Baker at <http://www.CharlestonVillage.org/communitywatch>. Also, the Charleston Village website is updated regularly with great information about upcoming Apex Police Department events and safety tips. Check it out!



A big thanks to Officer Deborah Hansen, Apex Police Department, for attending the recent Charleston Village Fall Festival. Kids enjoyed sitting in a real police vehicle and asking Officer Hansen tons of great questions. Also handed out were Halloween treat bags, cool coloring books, safety information and a Halloween reflective bracelet to help keep the kids visible while trick-or-treating.



## HOA Board:

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## **Apex Police Department Launches On-line Crime Alerting and Mapping Service with CrimeReports.com**

[Apex, October 2, 2009] - Apex Police Department and CrimeReports.com have announced a new On-line Crime Alerting and Mapping Service that provides easy to read incident crime maps and automated alerts to the citizens of Apex. The service, located at <http://www.crimereports.com> or directly from the Apex Police Department Web site <http://www.apexnc.org/depts/police/index.cfm>, provides neighborhood crime data in near real-time and is available now.

The CrimeReports service is free to the public and allows citizens to receive automatic daily, weekly or monthly email alerts if/when crimes occur near their home, office, local school, etc. Citizens can also view reported crime activity on an easy to use map for any location within Apex Police Department boundaries. CrimeReports.com will be a valuable tool to those in the community who want to stay informed about what is going on in their neighborhoods and empower citizens to work with the police department to address neighborhood crime issues.

### About CrimeReports.com

CrimeReports.com provides law enforcement agencies with an affordable and easy-to-use Web-based service that lets them share up-to-date neighborhood crime data with the public. Community members can then access this information for free, empowering them to make informed decisions to help improve the safety of their families, friends, property and the community at large. For more information, please visit [www.CrimeReports.com](http://www.CrimeReports.com).

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## **Apex Providing Larger Recycling Bins**

Town of Apex recycling customers now have the option to replace their current 18-gallon recycling bin with a larger 65-gallon roll-out cart at no additional charge. To request a new 65-gallon recycling cart please contact Waste Industries by email at [apexrecycle@wasteindustries.com](mailto:apexrecycle@wasteindustries.com) or through their website at [www.wasteindustries.com](http://www.wasteindustries.com) or [www.apexnc.org](http://www.apexnc.org).

Several Advantages to requesting the new cart include more recycling capacity (over 3x), the

cart has a lid, and its easier to roll to the curb than to carry the current bins. Also, the same items will be recycled, however, now phone books will be accepted!

Remember, new carts will only be delivered UPON CUSTOMER REQUEST so call Waste Industries at 534-3705 today!



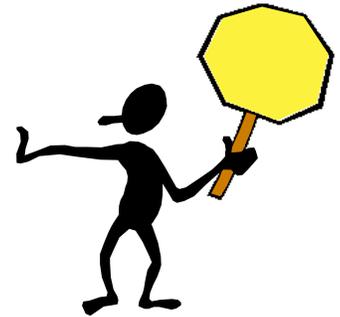
## **SPEEDING: A Serious Concern for Safety**

As you ride through Charleston Village it becomes evident there are many steep streets; hidden driveways; curves that block your site; cars parked on the street; and yes cars traveling over the posted 25 MPG speed limit.

Want hard facts: here are three MPH and the minimum distance your car will travel before stopping:

<u>Speed</u>	+	<u>Reaction Distance</u>	+	<u>Stopping Distance</u>	=	<u>Total Distance traveled</u>
20 mph		44 feet		20 feet		64 feet to completely stop
30 mph		66 feet		45 feet		111 feet to completely stop
40 mph		88 feet		80 feet		168 feet to completely stop

You may want to go out and measure just the width of your home's front yard....some yards are not even as wide as the distance a car will need to stop from just 30 MPH!



Could you stop in time to avoid hitting a child or a mom with a stroller crossing the street?

Together, let's do our part to ensure the safety for all by reducing our speed as we drive. Also, let's talk to and alert our neighbors to the potentially dangerous situations of driving over the posted speed limit of 25 MPH in Charleston Village.

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## **SAFETY FIRST**



**CROSSWALKS:** NC law states that *"...a vehicle operator must yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing within a marked crosswalk or within any unmarked*

*crosswalk at or near an intersection"* [20-173 (a)]. If you see someone in a crosswalk, please slow down and let them cross—it's the neighborly thing to do!

**SCHOOL BUSES:** Those big yellow vehicles are constantly moving through our neighborhood, especially with our year-round schools. Please watch out for children at bus stops and remember to stop for a bus which is picking up or dropping off students.



## Social Committee Happenings

Thank you to Sara Huestis and Jody Katz for volunteering to co-chair the social committee!! Fun was had by all at the Fall Festival and Halloween Parade! Thanks for everyone's help in making these events happen!



could include best lights, most original, and best all-around.

For these events to be a success we need your help! Contact Sara Huestis through the Charleston Village website for more information.

A Holiday Decorating Contest is being planned for on or around December 11th. Categories



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## Welcoming Committee

Thanks to Kristy Long for starting the Welcome Committee and running it for the last few years. Kristy is volunteering more with our local schools and needs to step down as the Welcome Coordinator. We are looking for volunteers to help. We need you.

newsletter and Website.

We 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:

The Welcome Committee recently merged with the Communications Committee as we share common goals, so when you volunteer, you automatically have a team ready to help. Any help you can offer is appreciated, even if you are not ready to run the committee. We see this as a valuable function in Charleston Village.



If you cannot volunteer right now, please consider asking your favorite local businesses to donate menus, coupons, and other goodies for new neighbors in our roughly 330 home community. Donations are much appreciated, are a great way to ensure people keep your favorite local businesses in business, and are recognized in our

*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*

# ARB News

## What is the Architectural Review Board (ARB)?

The Charleston Village Architectural Review Board (CV-ARB) meets to review and approve/deny architectural requests and to discuss and make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the Architectural Standards and Specifications as set by the Covenants for Charleston Village.

## Why do we need to have the CV-ARB anyway?

The CV-ARB ensures compliance with the Charleston Village Home Owners Association Architectural Standards and Specifications. When Charleston Village was built there was an overview of how the homes and lots should be maintained to ensure an increasing property value for each and every homeowner. Through this formal submission and review there is process to ensure each home is maintained at its best level and any alteration (from home color to landscaping to additions) does not negatively impact the overall community. It also

prevents any illegal construction or placement of fences or buildings.

## How do I submit a CV-ARB application and is it difficult?

Each application is made in writing using the ARB document that can be found in the Charleston Village website. The application has a few required steps but overall is straight forward however it does need to be a completed form or the ARB will not review or approve it.

## What is the submission and review timelines for an application?

The CV-ARB meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. All applications are due no later than seven days before the meeting and need to be submitted to: R.S.Fincher, PO Box 1117, Apex, NC 27502

Bill Ferrell, CV-ARB Chairman

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## Neighborhood Directories



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

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 the editor through the Charleston Village website or call MaryAnn Gunsheski at 303-9348.

*Lists to be available:*

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



# Crocodiles News

The CV Crocodiles had a fabulous 2009 Season with over 20% of our Charleston Village families participating on the Swim Team and we are looking forward to diving into 2010. To do so, we are going to need your help. We need people to step up and take a leadership role or a committee position on our CV Swim Team Board. It takes the skills of many individuals to run a swim team successfully. Are you ready to put your skills to work?

We are heading fast into the Holiday Season with Thanksgiving right around the corner. When you are shuffling things around to get the Holiday Lights out of the attic, why not box up those unwanted items for the Swim Team Garage Sale Fundraiser? Watch for details coming soon for an early Spring Date!

Further Swim Team Information will be coming out after we ring in the New Year with an Informational Meeting towards the end of February and Registration at the end of March for our 2010 Swim Season. Stay tuned to the CV Website, keep your eyes peeled for flyers and check out future Newsletters for Swim Team updates!

If you have questions about the 2010 Swim Season, or if a position on the Board is for you, please contact Laura Linton at 303-9003 or [dlinton@nc.rr.com](mailto:dlinton@nc.rr.com). You are also invited to join us at our next Board Meeting in early December.

As always, we want to Thank You, our Friends and Neighbors, for your continued support of our Charleston Village Swim Team!



# Communications Committee News

## **Community Watch Information**

We've added a new Community Watch page at <http://www.CharlestonVillage.org/communitywatch>. Check it out to learn more about the new Community Watch program. In addition, the Neighborhood Watch section of the CharlestonVillage.org online forum was recently renamed Community Watch in support of our new Community Watch program.



## **Simple Web Addresses**

We've reorganized [www.CharlestonVillage.org](http://www.CharlestonVillage.org) to use simple Web addresses. Hopefully you will find this convenient. For instance, you can now go to or reference the Social Committee page by typing <http://www.CharlestonVillage.org/social> rather than the longer Web address we have used in the past. You may need to remake any favorites you set up to specific pages. Check in periodically for additional improvements, and please e-mail your ideas for improvements.

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## Calling All Christmas Decorators—We Need You



The Grounds Committee will be hosting a **Christmas Decorating event at the CV clubhouse on Saturday December 5 at noon.** We will be adorning the entrance to our lovely neighborhood as

well as the front of the clubhouse. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and add your decorative flare to our neighborhood! We will have all the supplies (lights, garland, bows etc) and even supply cookies and hot chocolate for

after all the decorations are up. Come share the holiday spirit!

For more information email the Grounds Committee though the Charleston Village website.



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## 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 mbills at nc.rr dot com or 303-8338.

## *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: [Michelle.Pierzga@charlestonvillage.org](mailto:Michelle.Pierzga@charlestonvillage.org). You can also visit our website at [www.charlestonvillage.org](http://www.charlestonvillage.org) for additional information about our past parties.

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