



The Charleston Villager



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Communications Committee News

People do not just move to a house in Charleston Village; they move to our community. We have a lot to offer as a community, with several of our residents volunteering in our local schools, our Town, and right here in Charleston Village.

We need more help in Charleston Village. We have immediate needs for volunteers to be considered for appointment to the Architectural Review Board and to help with the Social Committee and the Welcoming Committee. We need your help. If you can give even a small amount of time to these or any of our volunteer committees (most meet no more than six to twelve days a year, if that), contact Beth Harvey to discuss how you can help. These volunteer groups help keep our property values high! Or can, with your help!

What would you like to see on CharlestonVillage.org?

If there is something you would like to see on CharlestonVillage.org, please send your ideas and examples to the webmaster. If you have not had a chance to take a look, please see the website and the online forum.

Hopefully you will find the information and the online forum helpful.

The online forum is five years old!

The Charleston Village online forum is five years old this year. Over 180 residents are currently registered, with about 1000 posts. Forums include Classifieds, Community Watch, General Discussion, Recommendations/Reviews, and a forum to coordinate projects in Charleston Village called Working Groups. Hope you will check it out!

Community Watch Note



Recently our community pool was vandalized 2 nights in a row. Police reports have been filed, but the case is unsolved. ***If you ever see any suspicious activity please do not hesitate to call the police.*** They can't help if they don't know there is a problem. We must be diligent about watching our community and reporting anything that looks out of place.

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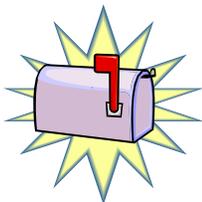
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ARB News

Inside Charleston Village we have over 320 homes and lawns. When each is well maintained the overall value and appeal of Charleston Village is enhanced. When one home in a block is not maintained the opposite can happen and that is why each home owner is asked to keep their property at its very best.

The CV-ARB is both a review committee and a helpful insight committee for all home owners who want to improve the exterior of their home. Our job is to review the required CV-ARB application for exterior work and to listen to home owners who may have CV-ARB questions. The CV-ARB application form is on the Charleston Village website <http://www.charlestonvillage.org> and the committee meets the 1st Wednesday of each month.

August and September are great months to do exterior work. A few hints: Look at your **mailbox** (needs to be a white post in good shape with ball on top and a black



mail box); **roof shingles** (replace worn or loose ones); **house paint** (many beautiful colors can be used but must be approved first by the CV-ARB); **driveway cracks** (seal them before freeze comes); **fences** (power wash and stain in approved color); **yard** (keep it mowed, rake the leaves then get it



ready for winter); **trees or shrubs** (trim and fertilize); **gutters** (clean them out and ensure they are attached well); **lighting** (new bulbs in porch lights and safety lighting); **siding** (consider power washing to remove mildew build up from the hot humid summer weather)



Two final reminders: (1) parking is not permitted over night on the streets of Charleston Village, and (2) cars may not be parked on any part of a lawn inside Charleston Village.

Social Committee Happenings



The Social Committee will be having the Charleston Village **Community Yard Sale on Saturday, August 28.** We will provide the advertising and signs for the yard sale. If you let us know which streets will be participating, we're happy to add signs within the neighborhood to encourage shoppers.

We are excited to announce that the Annual Charleston Village **Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, September 25** from 3 pm to 6 pm on the club house lawn. We will have inflatables, rock climbing, sumo wrestling, train rides, free food and

much more. Please send me an email at jodykatz@aol.com if you are able to volunteer. We will need help with everything from set up to making hot dogs to clean up. Thanks!



Also, the Social Committee would like to announce that we will be adding a **Halloween Party to our annual Halloween parade.** We are planning this event on **Saturday, October 30** starting at 4 pm. We will be sending a flier around closer to the date with all of the details. We can't wait to see everyone all dressed up!

Thank you to my "biosphere"

Tim is in town, the temperature has finally dropped to a bearable degree and I am watching him as he continues to work on the siding. I watch him go up and down the ladder and I realize I don't cringe anymore. He doesn't give it a second thought. I can hardly believe it was only a year ago I heard my neighbor Tammy's voice on the phone..."Michele, Tim has fallen off the ladder. There's a lot of blood, at least one arm is broken but he's conscious..." I'm pretty sure she went on to say the ambulance was on its way but the words "broken" "blood" and "conscious" were all that played through my mind as I sped home.

Prior to that day I had always referred to Apex and Charleston Village as my "biosphere", a sanctuary that opened its glass bubble to allow me in and keep me happy and safe as it closed behind me. It was on that day I found out how true my analogy was.

This community came rushing to our aid in a split second. It was Tammy's son who saw Tim fall to the pavement and went for help. The first paramedic on the scene was a member of our community...my community. Neighbors drove my children and my car to the hospital. Neighbors stayed with me while the doctors tested and patched him up, neighbors transported my children home from the hospital and

fed them and entertained them, and allowed them to stay

with them while we waited for all the results.

My community brought food and set up a website where they made schedules for walking my dogs, and transporting my boys to and from their activities. They brought gift cards for movies and pizza and groceries. They even volunteered to stay with Tim so I could take our son to a Doctor's appointment.

Neighbors called and got grocery lists; they mowed my grass. The contractor who finished the area Tim was working on pro bono heard what had happened to him from a CV neighbor. (His name is Steve Appel, Appel Home improvements 602-4598 and if you need anything done, he will not do you wrong).

I can't believe it's been a year...the work is progressing. Slowly but steadily but now more than ever he is determined we will finish it ourselves.

This house, our house in our community with neighbors and friends who are out of this world!! I hope that I said it to each and every one of you who were there for us during that time, but I want to say it again... **THANK YOU CHARLESTON VILLAGE** for everything and everyone that you are. I will always treasure my time in the biosphere.



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.





Crocodiles Rock!

ANOTHER WINNING SEASON!!!

SEASON SUMMARY

Our CV Crocodile's Fourth Swim Season saw us facing some stiff competition (and weather) on Tuesday nights to end up with *another winning season!!* We saw a huge influx of new swimmers to the Team, which when combined with our returning Crocs, we had over 115 swimmers and 70 families making up our Swim Team family! Our Coaches continued to be energetic, loving, supportive and *relentless!* New training exercises had our swimmers shaving time off their laps, improving our strokes, streamlining their dives - we swam strong, we swam hard, we swam fast. We sent a strong delegation of swimmers to the Cary City Invitational Swim Meet again this year and they made us proud with several swimmers winning their heats and others bringing home medals. As a team, a family, a neighborhood, we finished with confidence and pride, for we are the Crocodiles and *Crocodiles Rock!*

ATTITUDE RISES US ABOVE THE COMPETITION

Season Four blessed us with the return of Head Coach David Ghazaleh and Assistant Coach Carolyn Cuany. We had rising star Junior Coaches – Thomas Schmedding and Maite Ghazaleh with additional support from Mariane Ghazaleh and Yujian Tang. At Swim Team Practice each night, our pool deck danced, whistled and stomped motivating the swimmers to *“Pooosh”* and finish hard! They were with our littlest swimmers getting them in the water and down the lane turning tears into smiles as they swam to the wall with a two hand touch. Not shy to be *IN* the water doing the laps with our kids....showing them the benefit of hard work, determination and what it means to never give up – increasing their competitive spirit through words *AND* actions. Working after practice to get *just one dive* that didn't plow the water, holding the hula hoops out over the water hoping not to get a foot in the face. Staying up late after meets sifting through soggy timer 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. Maintaining our website and providing active communication with our swim parents.

With the growth of our Swim Team Family, a new Mentor Program was established this year by our Coaches. It matched our older, more seasoned swimmers with our fresh young faces to strengthen the relationship between our swimmers while helping them develop their leadership and sportsmanship skills. But most importantly, our Coaches practiced what they preached – respect, hard work, good sportsmanship and the importance of family. *Our Coaches Rock!*

OUR COMMUNITY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

You hear it each year. You hear it because it is true. The CV Swim Team couldn't have done it without all of you! The support of our Charleston Village Community is greatly appreciated. You showed patience with our practice schedule. You were tolerant of the many cars parking on our streets during home meets. You attended our home meets with enthusiasm to cheer us on when your children should have been home doing their school work. You contributed to our success with your monetary support of our fundraisers and concessions. Our CV Board and RS Fincher have continued their backing of our team.

This year we were also blessed with the support of our Apex Community and we would like to extend big Crocodile Thank You's to Margo Bills our team accountant and tax preparer; Judy Ward from Keller Williams Realty who donated our new Swim Team Banner; Anna's Pizzeria, Yummy Yogurt, All Booked Up, and the Rusty Bucket – all downtown Apex Businesses that supported our swim team. In addition, we would like to thank Chase Pool Management for their support throughout our swim season, extra hours at our meets, and their generous financial donation to the Crocodiles. ***Our Charleston Village Neighbors Rock! Living in Apex Rocks!***

OUR SWIM TEAM FAMILY

As swim team parents....we were there, on the deck, supporting our kids, doing our duty, and well, we have to admit, *having a lot of fun ourselves!* It is an amazing thing....a Swim Team Family. As we watched our kids swim lap after lap after lap we coordinated fundraisers, supported neighbors in need, strengthened friendships, developed business ventures, shared laughter and dried tears. Our Swim Team Board showed us how a well organized assembly of people can run a smooth home meet and overcome the challenges posed to us each season. We saw parents share their talents as Team Photographer, diving blocks repairmen, media development and more. A Board that was able to, with the help of our Coaches, staff positions at all our meets, raise money through Concessions and Fundraisers, put new procedures in place, and above all else....continue to show our kids what hard work and a positive attitude can accomplish! ***Croc Family, We Rock!***

But....a Swim Team Board has to evolve and committees grow. New faces, new ideas, new strength is needed. We have several key positions opening up for our fifth season. ***Will You Help the Crocodiles Rock??***

Contact Laura Linton at dlinton@nc.rr.com ,
Kelly Jaynes at kellyjaynes@nc.rr.com or
Maria Johnson at mariajohnson7020@bellsouth.net
If You Are Interested in Helping Us Rock Next Season

Charleston Village Wine Club—New Coordinator Needed

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. Its time for a new coordinator for this great group, since

Michele has been doing this for some time now and she is looking to step down. If you are interested in joining, please contact Michele Pierzga via email:

Michele.Pierzga@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 Gathering!

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@nc.rr.com or 303-8338.

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 CVeditor@charlestonvillage.org or call MaryAnn Gunshefski at 303-9348.

Lists to be available:

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



Charleston Village Classifieds

To place an ad in the next newsletter email CVeditor@charlestonvillage.org

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