



# THE CHARLESTON VILLAGER



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## Pool Committee and Charleston Village Needs YOU!

Sure it's a big cold to be thinking about swimming, but its important for our neighborhood for us to get things ready for the summer.

First a big Thank You to last year's pool committee chairpersons Elizabeth Schmedding and Maggie Ingram. The neighborhood appreciates the work you've done!

We are now in need of a new pool committee chairperson (or co-chair people). This is a critical committee to our community.

  
**COMMITTEE  
CHAIRPERSON!**

The groundwork is in place. The past committees have done a great

job getting procedures and documents in place to pass to the new chair.

Many people in the neighborhood have volunteered their time over the years—now its time for YOU to help keep our neighborhood pool open for this coming pool season.

If you (or maybe you and your good friend/neighbor or 2) can volunteer please contact Beth Harvey with RS Fincher at 362-1460 or email her at [beth.harvey@rsfincher.com](mailto:beth.harvey@rsfincher.com).

Let's keep those kids entertained by swimming this summer!!



### HOA Board:

President: Hugh Cameron  
 Vice President: Laura Linton  
 Treasurer: Bob Schmedding  
 Secretary: Michele Medlin  
 Member at Large: Bob Nagel

### Committee Chairpersons:

Architectural: William Ferrell  
 Clubhouse: Dawn Bradley  
 Communications:

Newsletter: MaryAnn Gunshefski  
 Webmaster: David Randle  
 Welcome: MaryAnn Gunshefski  
 Grounds: MaryAnn Gunshefski  
 Nominating: Connie Friedline  
 Pool: TBD  
 Social: Sara Huestis and Jody Katz

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## ARB News

**The Architectural Review Board (ARB) has a need:** we need one or two more volunteers to serve on this very important committee. The ARB serves to ensure that all Charleston Village properties are maintained at the highest level to protect our property values. If you would like to become a member of the Architectural Review Board please contact: Beth Harvey, RS Fincher, 919-362-1460x25. The ARB meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7pm for no more than an hour.

**As Winter slowly moves into Spring:** our thoughts turn to our lawns, our trees, our porches, the old paint on the house, and the plantings around our homes. Before you begin an addition; repainting of the outside of the home; installation of a fence; or any modification to your home's exterior please take a minute to review the Charleston Village Architectural guidelines.

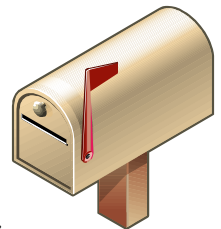
These guidelines will help you through the REQUIRED application process and help you avoid any denied work. The ARB is here to help you through the application process and not to be a

roadblock to your home improvements.



**The Town of Apex:** makes a weekly pick up of tree and shrub trimmings as well as dead plants if they are placed neatly at your curb. They do request no soil, no rocks, no plastic, etc. be placed in with these items. Please do not place any cuttings or grass clippings into our waterways or common areas.

**Mailboxes:** soon it will be a great time to refresh your mail box. The post is required to be secure and be painted white with the ball on the top in place. The mail box is to be a postal approved size and black in color. Also the flap and flag are to be attached and functional.



Bill Ferrell, CV-ARB Chairman

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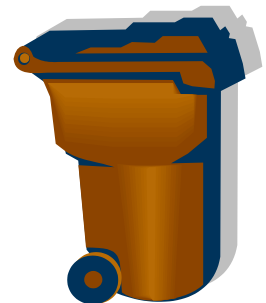
## Apex Providing Larger Recycling Bins

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!



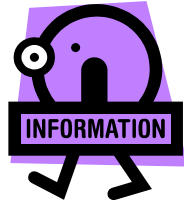
# Communications Committee News

## Charleston Village

Free auto diagnostics? How to get a human on the phone line?

Alternatives to foreclosure? Check out the homeowner tips on CharlestonVillage.org.

Also, log into the online forum for news in the community, interesting discussions, and even freebies! And if you have something to contribute, post it! With over 200 registered users, someone is bound to see it!



## Voice Broadcast System

We have a voice broadcast system that allows us to broadcast messages to the neighborhood via telephone.

Anyone wishing to add, edit, or remove themselves from the phone list can contact the Communications Committee or our management company. We hope that you will find this useful.



## Community

### Apex

Apex ranks 3rd in the Forbes.com top 25 places to move to in America! Neighboring Cary came in at number 8 in America. See the full story on Forbes.com. And check out the Apex Chamber of Commerce site for more area accolades (<http://www.apexchamber.com>).

### Salem Middle School

Congratulations to Salem Middle School, our base middle school, for consistently being named an Honor School of Excellence, and for earning the highest composite score for performance in Wake County! 94.8%!!

Congratulations to neighboring schools Green Hope High and Davis Drive Elementary for coming in second and third highest with 94.6% and 94.3%! Our local schools are some of the highest rated schools in Wake County, which is recognized as a national leader in education.



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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!! The next event planned is the Easter Egg Hunt. Watch for a flyer announcing the date and time.



***For any of these community events to happen we need your help!*** Just as with any of these committees, they take many people to

get an event organized and conducted. "Many hands make light work" - please try to volunteer for at least one event. Unfortunately the Christmas Decorating Contest did not happen because of a lack of volunteers...don't let this happen again!!!



Contact Sara Huestis for more information.

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## 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 at charlestonvillage dot 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!*

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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. A big THANK YOU to MaryAnn Gunshefski and Angie Schuetzke for stepping up to chair the committee.

The Welcome Committee recently merged with the Communications Committee as we share common goals. We see this as a valuable function in Charleston Village.

Donations are much appreciated from all and are a great way to ensure people keep your favorite local businesses in business, and are recognized in our newsletter and Website.



We will be "getting back on track" so if you have moved in during the last few months and not received a welcome bag please email CVEditor at [charlestonvillage dot com](mailto:charlestonvillage dot com) and we will get you on our list.



# Here We Go Crocs!!!

## Season Four



### Swim Team Informational Meeting Sunday, February 21st, 6:30pm at the Clubhouse

We would like to encourage *all* interested Swim Team members, returning and *new*, to attend this meeting. To be eligible for the CV Swim Team, participants must be between the ages of 4 and 18, and the dependent of a Charleston Village Resident. Currently, we have fewer than 30% of our CV households represented on our Swim Team and we would LOVE to see more!! At our meeting, we will be sharing information specific to the 2010 Swim Season and this will be the opportunity to get your questions answered. Come see what our Neighborhood Swim Team is all about!!!

In addition, at the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, you can meet our Crocodile Coaches, get an outline of skill requirements by age bracket, learn what skills 4 to 6 year olds need to demonstrate to join the team, sign-ups for Volunteer positions for meets as well as other opportunities to help, and obtain the preliminary dates set by the TSA for our 2010 Swim Meets. *Registration forms will be available at this meeting for anyone who is ready to complete registration.*

### Swim Team Registration Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, in the Afternoon, At the Clubhouse

Hold this date! This will be the time to register your Swimmer for the 2010 Season and pickup your handbook. We intend on having a representative from our swimsuit vendor, Kast-a-Way, on hand for anyone who may need a swimsuit fitting and/or would like to purchase a new suit. Swimmers are welcome to continue to use last year's swimsuit if it still fits.

To get your calendar ready for the upcoming season, we anticipate *practices will begin on or about May 17<sup>th</sup>, with a tentative date for the first swim meet of the 2010 Season to be on June 8<sup>th</sup>.* We know the challenges many are facing with additional school activities and a year round calendar, but we hope to see all of our Crocodiles return this season. *We would also like to encourage any of our swimming neighbors to come join us as well.* The sport of swimming is phenomenal exercise that takes strength, endurance and concentration. By participating in a summer league, swimmers can get a feel for the sport, as well as hone skills that enable them to participate in year round swim programs or on competitive teams at the local High Schools. The sport is also recognized by most colleges as part of their scholarship programs. So come work out with us...be part of the CV Swim Team!!

Keep your eyes peeled for information on our **Annual Spring Fundraiser!!!** We will again be selling Flowers, Bedding Plants, Veggies and Pine Straw Bales. Dates to be announced **SOON!** We will also be holding our yard sale in the spring so don't get rid of that stuff that is taking up space in your attic!

The Crocodiles would also like to extend a **HUGE Thank You** to **Margo Bills** with **Taxes and More.** Mrs. Bills has prepared the taxes for our Swim Team for the past three years, pro-bono. We are greatly appreciative of her skills, attention to detail, counsel and generosity.

Our next Swim Team Board meeting is Monday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 pm at the CV Clubhouse. We would like to invite anyone who wants to find out more about serving on the board, or simply what they can do to help swim team behind the scenes. For additional information, please contact Laura Linton at 303-9003 Or visit our website at [www.charlestonvillage.org/hoa/ct/swimteam](http://www.charlestonvillage.org/hoa/ct/swimteam).

## Thinking about Spring Cleaning? So are we!!

The Grounds Committee is looking for folks willing to come out in April around Earth Day to "Clean-Up the Village". Come out with your Family, your Scout Troop, your Indian Guide or Indian Princess Tribe, your Friends or your Neighbors.

Our goal is to pick up the stray trash that accumulates in the stream beds, along the paths and by the ponds. Ideally, we would like



to separate the Community into areas to be cleaned. We all walk on the paths and enjoy the streams, our kids romp on the playground and fish at the pond—let's clean in up! We'll supply the trash bags, you supply the support!



Please contact MaryAnn Gunshefski at CVEditor at charlestonvillage dot org to sign up your group!

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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 303--8338.

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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 or call MaryAnn Gunshefski at 303-9348.

*Lists to be available:*

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



## *A Personal Thank You Charleston Village!!*

Much appreciation goes out to all our neighbors for their support during our daughter Tess' medical crisis. Money was collected and we don't know of everyone to acknowledge..so if you contributed many thanks, it was well used for parking and meals at UNC hospital, and cell minutes. Also thanks to Dawn Bradley for cleaning our house, to Kim and Maggie for letting our dogs out, and Tabitha for supporting Rebecca. Thanks to



everyone who has been concerned about Tess and asked about her. She is stable now and was able to go back to college. She was diagnosed with a platelet disorder (VonWillebrand's Disease) and will need to manage it the rest of her life...but it's something that can be done. Thanks again...this is a wonderful neighborhood.

Ken, Andrea, Tess, and Rebecca Stamper



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