



# THE CHARLESTON VILLAGER



Check out our website at <http://www.charlestonvillage.org>

## The Pool is Open!!

Just a few reminders to ensure a safe and fun pool season...

⇒ *All infants and children not fully potty trained must wear a plastic diaper over their regular swim diaper. No exceptions!*



⇒ As always, no glass, Pyrex or breakables of any sort including nail polish containers and baby food jars are allowed inside the pool area. If glass is broken in the pool area the pool must be drained per Wake County Regulations. Those responsible may be held liable for the costs to drain and refill the pool (Homeowners are responsible for their guests). The cost to drain, clean, and refill the pool is more than \$5,000 so please be responsible!

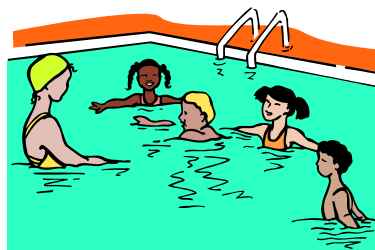
⇒ Lap hours are from 7am to 9am. Call RS Fincher at 362-1460 to have your card activated for these special hours.

⇒ **For pool openings and closings call the Pool Hotline 367-8262.**

⇒ All residents must be up to date on their Homeowner Dues to be allowed in the pool area. Please call RS Fincher at 362-1460 with questions regarding your account.

⇒ Residents must have their key card with them for access to the pool. Pool Attendants will not allow those without a key card access to the pool.

We are looking forward to a great pool season!!! You can contact your Pool Committee Co-chairs, Tim O'Hara or Jeff Keating with questions or concerns at poolcommittee at charlestonvillage.org.



### 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: Tim O'Hara and Jeff Keating  
 Social: Sara Huestis and Jody Katz

### Management Company:

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## ARB News

Spring is here, the flowers are blooming and the grass and weeds are growing again!



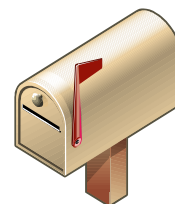
Wish your yard had less weeds and greener grass? It is not too late to put down some "weed and feed" to help with both. It is easy and not expensive to do it yourself. And speaking of weeds, "Round-up" or white vinegar is the greatest against weeds in unwanted places. It will get the weeds out of the cracks in the driveway, sidewalks and curbs. It is easier than pulling weeds in 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!

Need some help? It does not take a professional to keep your yard looking good. There is a lot of information available to help you. All it takes is a little time! 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](http://www.turffiles.ncsu.edu) , [www.scotts.com](http://www.scotts.com) , [www.ncagr.com](http://www.ncagr.com) and [www.bayeradvanced.com](http://www.bayeradvanced.com) , They all have some excellent advice!

Keeping Charleston Village looking nice is the responsibility of all homeowners. Your home is your biggest investment and the resale value of it is affected by the way our entire neighborhood looks.

### What can you do?

- ⇒ Keep your yard mowed and edged.
  - ⇒ The Town of Apex picks up grass clippings weekly from your curb.
- ⇒ Keep your planting areas, driveway, sidewalks and curbs edged and weeded.
- ⇒ Remove dead branches and bushes from your yard.
  - ⇒ The Town of Apex picks these up weekly from your curb.
- ⇒ Repaint your mailbox and post to cover the rust.
- ⇒ Remove trash from your yards and in front of your house.



Please refer to the Architectural Standards which is posted to our website. 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.

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## Social Committee Happenings

Thank you to Sara Huestis and Jody Katz for volunteering to co-chair the social committee!! Everyone had a great time at the Easter Egg Hunt.

***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 at [Sara.Huestis at gmail dot com](mailto:Sara.Huestis@gmail.com) for more information.



# Communications Committee News

Check out the website at [www.charlestonvillage.org](http://www.charlestonvillage.org) and see...

## What's Nearby...

Apex, of course. Click on the **What's Nearby** link in the menu on [CharlestonVillage.org](http://CharlestonVillage.org) to access information about Apex that we think you will find important. Click on **Town of Apex Services, etc.** for these:

- Emergency Services
- Garbage, Recycling, and Yard Waste Collection
- Planning/Public Notice
- Recreation
- Utilities/Public Works

And browse other What's Nearby categories for more information.



## You Should Know...

There are some things that you really should know, or you should at least be able to quickly access. Click on the **You Should Know** link in the menu on [CharlestonVillage.org](http://CharlestonVillage.org) to access information like this:

- About the CodeRED Emergency Notification System
- How to have utilities connected/disconnected
- Who to call before you dig
- What local watering restrictions are
- What to do if your garbage or recycling is missed
- Where you can dispose of hazardous waste
- Who your government representatives are



If you have information you think residents should know, please e-mail it to us.

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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.





# We Will, We Will "Croc" You!



We are off to a great start!! Even before the pool opened, we added some new Members to our Board, have a successful fundraiser under our belt, and have close to 100 swimmers registered to be Crocodiles for *Season Four*!!! It's not too late for your swimmer to join us! Visit the Charleston Village Website for more information and to download the necessary forms to get your children registered to swim with the Crocodiles this summer. Contact Laura Linton for details.

### MEET & MARK!

Meet Your Coaches and Mark Your Calendars! We are pleased to announce the return of Head Coach David Ghazaleh and his team of love, patience and experience: Assistant Coach Carolyn Cuany; Junior Coaches: Maite Ghazaleh and Thomas Schmedding. Mr. Tim O'Hara has taken a cannonball off the block to serve as our Meet Manager this year. Below is a quick summary of our Meets, Important Phone Contact Information and our Team Social Events. So Mark Your Calendars and keep current with the website for updated information.

<b>2010 MEET/SOCIAL SCHEDULE</b>		<b>CV CROCS CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Plant Sale and Yard Sale Weekend	David Ghazaleh, Head Coach	363-0284
Friday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Potluck Dinner @ Hope Chapel	Carolyn Cuany, Assistant Coach	363-2029
Week of May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Practice Begins	Thomas Schmedding, Junior Coach	363-3041
Tuesday, June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mock Meet <b>HOME</b>	Maite Ghazaleh, Junior Coach	363-0284
Tue, June 15 <sup>th</sup> .	Brentwinds - <b>HOME</b>	Tim O'Hara, Meet Manager	439-2248
Tue, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>AT</b> TAC (new start up team)	Laura Linton, Chairperson	303-9003
Tue, June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Oxford Hunt - <b>HOME</b>	Kelly Jaynes, Vice Chairperson	303-5295
Tue, July 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>AT</b> Eagle's Ridge	Pool Hotline	367-8262
Tue, July 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>AT</b> Hollands Crossing	CV Website	<a href="http://www.CharlestonVillage.org">www.CharlestonVillage.org</a>
Sat, July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Cary City Meet (Recommended)		
Tue, July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Haddon Hall - <b>HOME</b>		
Sat, July 24 <sup>th</sup>	2010 Awards Ceremony @ Hope Chapel		
Additional Swim Team Social Events in the Works. Stay Tuned!			

On **Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>**, the Crocodiles will be kicking off the season with our Annual Potluck Dinner at the Hope Chapel. Lots of important information will be shared. More about this event coming **very soon!!!**

**Practice Starts the week of May 17<sup>th</sup>!!!!** All practices thereafter will be as follows: Ages 6 & Under will practice from 6:00 to 6:30pm, Ages 7 to 10 will practice from 6:30 to 7:15 pm, and Ages 11 & Up will practice from 7:15 to 8:00pm (or later, at the discretion of the coaching staff. The addition of morning practice start times has yet to be determined. We will have lane closures during practice times, but the pool will be Open. We encourage you to come to a practice or two (or more) and socialize with neighbors you might not otherwise see during the week! We swim team parents like to chat!

#### **PARKING RULES FOR HOME MEETS**

We Crocodiles understand the impact hosting a Home Meet has on our community. To maximize available parking for our Visiting Team, we ask that all swimmers and their families either walk or bike to the pool for **Home Meets (Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday July 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday July 20<sup>th</sup>)**. *No Parking will be allowed on either side of the divided entry to Castleburg Drive. Overflow parking will ONLY be allowed on the pool side of the street of Castleburg Drive and on the North side of Battlewood. Please DO NOT park on both sides of the street. Please DO NOT block driveways of our neighbors. Cones and signs will be used to identify No Parking Zones for Home Meets. It is our Crocodilian responsibility to be respectful of our Charleston Village neighbors at all times. We ask that you adhere to the Parking Rules for EVERY Home Meet.*

#### **POOL CLOSINGS FOR HOME MEETS**

A friendly reminder, it will be necessary to Close the pool for Home Meets (Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday July 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday July 20<sup>th</sup>). As you can see by the schedule outlined above, this should happen only four times the entire Swim Team Season. We wish to Thank You in advance for your patience and understanding.

#### **DON'T FORGET**

Don't forget to sign up for your Meet Assistance Position! We *REQUIRE* that every family of a Crocodile assist at Meets and/or with the Swim Team Program in some capacity. Please contact our Team Volunteer Coordinator Karin DellaMaestra at 363-6624 to determine a position you can fill.

#### **FUNDRAISING**

Our Spring Flower Sale and Yard Sale Combo Fundraiser was quite successful! Thank you to all our friends and neighbors that participated this year. You've helped us get started on the purchase of some equipment and other team improvements!!

#### **THANK YOU!!**

We want to Thank **ALL** our Charleston Village Neighbors for supporting our Swim Team. We look forward to another Fantastically Fun Filled Year. We hope to see you whooping and hollering with us as the ***Crocodiles Rock the Pool Deck!***

**Croc-On !!**

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

*Lists to be available:*

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

