



The Charleston Villager

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Neighborhood Safety Tips—Let's all stay safe!

Please continue to look out for one another and remember to call 911 if you see anything or anyone suspicious or if you see a crime in progress.

Be an observant neighbor who calls 911 when something is noted as out of ordinary. **Listed below are a few crime prevention tips that may help reduce the risk of crime.**

The Apex Police Department would like to offer the following Crime Prevention Tips to help you and your neighbors stay safe in your communities:

- ◆ Keep all doors and windows locked.
- ◆ If you have a sliding glass door, it is a good idea to place a wooden dowel rod in the track to prevent it from being opened. In addition, your windows should be fitted with a dowel rod so they cannot be raised.
- ◆ If you have an alarm system, make sure it is set, even if you are only leaving for a few minutes. Make sure you display your alarm decals and yard signs. These may deter a burglar from attempting to break into your home.
- ◆ When you are away, leave lights, a television, or a radio on to give the impression that your house is occupied. Consider using plug-in timers that will allow you to stagger the times that your electronics and lights are operating.
- ◆ Move any valuable items away from windows where they will not be highly visible and close the blinds.
- ◆ Inscribe valuable items, such as televisions, stereos and computers with an owner identified number (e.g. your Drivers License number/not SSN). Do not use a social security number since that could lead to identity theft. *[Continued on Next Page....]*

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2011 Board Meeting Dates:

- ◆ September 19
- ◆ November 7 (Annual Mtg)

Safety Tips *[Continued from Previous Page]*

- ◆ Have an up-to-date home inventory that includes serial numbers and pictures. Keep a complete copy somewhere outside of the house. Make sure things like TVs, DVD Players, stereo equipment, cameras, camcorders, jewelry, computers, power tools, etc. are on the list. Remember to check it...twice.
- ◆ Never leave a message on your answering machine that indicates you may be away from home and don't advertise it on social media sites like Facebook.
- ◆ Keep grills, lawnmowers, leaf blowers, bicycles and other valuables in a locked garage or shed.
- ◆ Trim all shrubbery that could conceal criminal activity near doors and windows.
- ◆ If you park your car outside, lock the vehicle and never leave a garage door opener or items of value visible inside your vehicle.
- ◆ If you are going to be away for a few days, ask a neighbor to pick up your newspaper and/or mail. Having the paper or mail stopped may send a signal to thieves that you are away.
- ◆ For those who live in apartment complexes, report any lighting problems or dark areas to your building supervisor.
- ◆ Exterior lights should be set on dusk till dawn timers. Flood lights/motion lights are a great idea as well.
- ◆ Do not leave boxes to be recycled outside your residence that advertise the cool, new stuff in your house, instead drop them off at a recycle center.
- ◆ Report suspicious activity to police by calling 911.
- ◆ Prevent crime in our neighborhood by getting involved and knowing your neighbors.

Season Five is Alive!! **GO CROCS!**

Currently scheduled dates for home meets are:

- ◆ June 28
- ◆ July 5
- ◆ July 12



Drop by and cheer on the Crocs!! The meets start at 6pm, with the pool closing at 3pm to prepare. There will also be several social events in which everyone in the community is welcome to participate; information about these will be posted at the pool as they approach! If you have any questions about swim team, please contact Herle McGowan at [herlemac at comcast dot net](mailto:herlemac@comcast.net) or see our website www.charlestonvillage.org/hoa/ct/swimteam.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (CV-ARB)

Mowing hours and noise: In response to questions on mowing hours.

The Town of Apex noise ordinance list the use of lawn equipment as an exception to the noise ordinance during daytime hours which run from 7am to 10pm, meaning they can begin mowing at 7:00am and the noise ordinance does not apply. After 10pm the noise ordinance would apply and the equipment could not exceed 55 dbl.

That said: it would be the polite and respectful thing for each of us to consider better times to mow and trim our yards to help keep a peaceful Charleston Village.



Exterior work on your home: Now that the weather has improved we all are looking to do exterior work on our homes. **Reminder:** if you are repainting your home, building a deck, adding a fence, adding a shed, changing the landscape, adding new windows or new roof, etc. you are required to submit a CV-ARB application to R.S. Fincher (919-362-1460) for the noted exterior work and cannot proceed until it has been reviewed and approved by the CV-ARB.



Driveways, curbs, and overall appearance of each home: Each Charleston Village home owner and /or tenant is responsible to maintain their property in a neat and orderly manner. A few examples are:

- ♦ **Driveways/Sidewalks/Curbs: WEEDS AND GRASS NEED TO BE REMOVED FROM THE SEAMS** (Town of Apex does not have the funds to fix cracks in the sidewalk and street that can result from weeds and grass growing in the cracks)
- ♦ **Fence gates and boards:** should be secure and in good condition
- ♦ **House numbers:** should be installed and visible from the street
- ♦ **Mailboxes and posts:** should be secure, in repair, and in a neat and painted appearance
- ♦ **Lawn:** should be trimmed at curb side and cut on a regular bases, with weeds removed
- ♦ **Car:** may not be parked on any lawn surface or on the street over night
- ♦ **Sports equipment:** should never be left on a sidewalk or cul-d-sac street
- ♦ **Portable basketball stands:** cannot be at the street edge

Social Committee needs YOU!

Do you enjoy bringing your children to the Easter Egg Hunts? The Halloween Parade? The Fall Festival? The only way these events can happen is with YOUR HELP.

As a wise woman once said "Many hands make light work". These events have been successful in the past only because people have volunteered their time and ideas to make them happen. The only way they can continue is if YOU get involved! Consider

volunteering for the social committee. Contact Jody Katz at social at charlestonvillage dot org for more information



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 at wasteindustries dot com or through their website at www.wasteindustries.com or www.apexnc.org.

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](mailto:CVeditor@charlestonvillage.org) at charlestonvillage dot org or call MaryAnn Gunsheski 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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