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## Spring 2013

## Time for a New Look

### 2013 Board Meeting Dates:

- ♦ March 4
- ♦ May 6
- ♦ July 15
- ♦ September 9
- ♦ November 4

(Annual Meeting)

### HOA Board:

President: Bob Schmedding  
 Vice President: Tim O'Hara  
 Treasurer: Ann Straub  
 Secretary: Bob Nagel  
 Member at Large: Hugh Cameron

### Committee Chairpersons:

Architectural: WE NEED YOU HERE!

Clubhouse: Dawn Bradley  
Communications:

Newsletter: MaryAnn Gunshefski

Webmaster: David Randle

Welcome: WE NEED YOU HERE!

Grounds: MaryAnn Gunshefski

Nominating: WE NEED YOU HERE!

Pool: Tim O'Hara and Jeff Keating

Social: Melanie Lane

Over time we become accustom to how things look and take comfort in the familiar. We think it is time to "shake things up" a bit. You will see this not only in the newsletter, but also on our website and around our neighborhood.

You will notice over the next few months we will continue to update our common areas. The entrance sign will be freshened up with new paint. The clubhouse continues to be fixed up, most recently with new windows, and there are plans for new furniture.

We have a new landscape company, Mutch Landscaping, who will be providing new plants and enhancements to our entrances. They also pruned back the overgrown bushes surrounding the pool to allow for more visibility around the pool, which enhances safety at the pool area.

Another renewal is taking place on our committees. We have had a new person volunteer to chair the social committee. With the success of the Easter Egg hunt we are hoping to renew the volunteer spirit to our community. The only way activities like the Easter Egg hunt and the Fall Festival can happen is to get people in our neighborhood to work together to plan these fun events.



# Volunteers!



### Management Company:

Beth Harvey  
 R.S. Fincher & Co.  
 P.O. Box 1117  
 Apex, NC 27502  
 919.362.1460

What does it mean to live in Charleston Village? What do you want people outside of the neighborhood to know about Charleston Village? Please join the conversation on our online forum with over 275 registered users.

## Scouts and the River Birch Trees

Several years ago a local Cub Scout pack planted the River Birch trees down by the creek when they were saplings. Now they are getting quite big and they needed pruning. These River Birch trees need to be pruned to stay healthy. They need to be pruned from 4 feet and lower or if there are any other drooping branches.



Several teenagers in the neighborhood, Ethan and Jared DellaMaestra, along with their friends, Colin L, Colin C, and Adam, pruned the River Birch trees down by the creek area for their 8<sup>th</sup> grade Earth Day project. The grounds committee was searching for people to do it and finally found these young gentlemen to help. We are very grateful for their help as now the River Birch trees are healthy and they look much nicer.



<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Charleston-Village-Apex-NC/139870106055493>

## 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.



## Recipe Corner—A Summer Delight (Submitted by Melanie Lane)

Being married to an Australian you hear about something called a pavlova a lot. Hmm.. you should make a pavlova Mel, which, I don't know about you but not being familiar with something and never tasting one makes it very hard for me to be motivated to make something so many, many years into the marriage he finally decides to make me a pavlova, oh my! It's like a meringue/angel food cake mix.. it's light, it's crispy edges are hard to resist topped with fresh whipped cream and your favorite fresh fruit and it is just the perfect summer dessert!

### Ingredients

2 egg whites  
3/4 teaspoon vanilla  
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar  
2/3 cup extra fine sugar (if you don't find it to buy, put regular sugar in a food processor and grind to make extra fine)

### Filling

fresh fruit, sliced and placed on top ( your choice - whatever is fresh is best)  
whipping cream



### Directions

1. Place the egg whites in a small mixing bowl and let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, draw a 10 inch circle on a piece of wax paper and place (writing-side down) on a baking sheet.
2. Add vanilla and cream of tartar to egg whites. Beat with an electric mixer until soft peaks form. Add sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating on high speed until very stiff peaks form and sugar is almost dissolved (about 5 minutes).
3. Using the back of a spoon, spread meringue onto the circle, building the sides up to form a bowl.
4. Bake in a 300°F oven for 35 minutes. Turn off the oven and let shell dry in the oven, with the door closed for one hour. Remove the shell from baking sheet and pull off wax paper. Store in an airtight container.
5. The traditional filling is simply fresh fruit of your choice and whipped cream and topped with fruit sauce. When ready to serve whip fresh cream with a touch of vanilla and sugar, spread over the cooled pavlova, put fruit on top. You can use straight fruit or let fruit sit with a bit of sugar on it in order to create it's own "sauce"

*This is a great summer dessert.....enjoy!*

## CV Swim Team

Join us in wishing our Charleston Village Swim Team, the Crocodiles, good luck for the 2013 season. For additional information, please contact Stephanie Sigmon at [ssigmon1@nc.rr.com](mailto:ssigmon1@nc.rr.com). Or visit our website at <https://sites.google.com/site/cvcrocodiles1>

**2013 Swim Team Meet Schedule:** (All Meets are held on Tuesdays and run from about 4:30 pm to 9:00pm.)



June 11  
June 18  
June 25  
July 2  
July 9  
July 16



**CV**  
Crocodiles

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## CV Communications

- CharlestonVillage.org** is our external face with a goal of showing off all that is good in Charleston Village while also providing information to residents such as our documents and announcements.
- The **Facebook page** has a similar function but from a social perspective, and you will find more pictures and color.
- The **Charleston Villager** newsletter highlights the latest HOA news, reminds of our other forms of communication, and promotes local businesses and services.
- Our **Voice Broadcast System** is conservatively used for announcements.
- Our **Welcome Committee** function has a goal that your first contact from the HOA is a friendly welcome to the neighborhood rather than the typical business-related contact.

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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](mailto:charlestonvillage.org).



*Lists available:*  
⇒ *Babysitters*  
⇒ *Pet sitters*

