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CHARLESTON VILLAGE CHATTER



The Charleston Village Newsletter is back!

We hope to provide you with ongoing information for you and your families regarding our neighborhood. We have new volunteers for several committees. Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact the person listed on that committee or Jeff Rowles at jeff.rowles@rsfincher.com, and he will put you in contact with the right person. We would be happy to have you!

We are also in the process of updating our neighborhood directory. We urge all residents to fill out the enclosed form and include contact information so you can be part of a group email. From this form, we will update our list of available house sitters, pet sitters, babysitters, etc. **Deadline is September 30th.**

We encourage everyone to join and use the Charleston Village Website at www.charlestonvillage.org. Our webmaster, David, is happy to help those who have difficulty joining. You can reach him at webmaster@charlestonvillage.org. On the site you will find forms needed, board minutes, announcements, governing documents, etc. There is also a forum for us to communicate with each other, such as requests for and feedback about contractors, restaurants, etc. In addition, we have a Facebook page. Both sites are great vehicles through which residents can reach the entire Charleston Village community.

BOARD MEETING

Board meetings are generally held the third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the clubhouse. Check website for updates. The first 30 minutes are devoted to owners who would like to attend for purpose of addressing the board. Owners that call Jeff and put their name and topic on the agenda will be given first place to speak. Depending on how many wish to bring a topic up will decide how much time each person has to talk. After those on agenda have had their time, then the floor opens up for remainder of the time. Open meetings will be announced as scheduled. An open meeting will only mean that owners could stay and observe board meeting once open forum ends and is closed. During this time there will be no recognition of comments or questions. Owners can email or contact Jeff by telephone to take care of business outside of meetings.

CHARLESTON VILLAGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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It is very important to take precautions against crime or theft in our community. Each resident should take precautions to secure their home/property, and watch for unusual or suspicious activity and report anything questionable to the local police. REMEMBER, the facilities and their contents belong to you.

ALWAYS:

- ◆ Keep your garage door closed after dark to prevent easy access
- ◆ Remove valuables & garage door openers from view in parked cars
- ◆ Turn porch lights on at night
- ◆ Lock cars parked in driveway
- ◆ Close and lock windows when not home or at night
- ◆ If you see something say something

Apex PD non-emergency contact number to report suspicious activity or other non-emergency situations (919) 362-8661. Thanks in advance for caring enough to get involved.

What to Take to Bed with You—YOUR KEYS!

Bet you never thought of that one! Put your car keys beside your bed at night. It's a security alarm system that requires no installation. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.



If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are he won't stick around. After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

This can also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, a fall, or just walking to your car in a parking lot. Always have your car keys in hand when outside the home and within reach when in your home.

So, next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, remember...car keys made a great bedfellow! *Please pass this information on to everyone you know!*

*****SOCIAL STIRRINGS*****



Charleston Village has a newly formed book club. The book choice for September 9th was *And The Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini. We met at Robin Sevio's home for a lively discussion. Next month's book choice will be posted on our website, along with date, time, and place. We hope more of you will join us!

PLAYGROUND RENOVATION CELEBRATION

Crocodiles, caterpillars, and butterflies adorned children's faces on Saturday, September 6 in celebration of our newly renovated playground, which now has a second set of swings and an additional large jungle gym. Dozens of families enjoyed snow cones, while a balloon artist worked his magic and created turtle bracelets, dogs, swords, and other objects at the request of the children. Toddlers to teens came down to have their faces painted. Drinks on hand helped quench the thirst on this hot summer day. A special thank you goes out to Robin Sevio, who coordinated this event, and Laura Gerenser, who hired the vendors.



GAZEBO AND CLUBHOUSE RENEWALS

The next two projects underway are the renewal of both the gazebo and clubhouse. Work on the gazebo is scheduled to begin within the next month. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate!

The clubhouse will be getting new furniture, repairs and modifications. The target for completion is tentatively scheduled for late fall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

To help publicize upcoming events, three new announcement boards were purchased. One will be at each entrance into Charleston Village.

Our Fall Jubilee will be held near the pool and clubhouse. We'll have fun for the whole family—games and prizes. Food trucks will be there to feed our hungry bellies. Check the announcements on our website and on our new announcement boards for date and time.



Winter Wine Tasting—Bring a bottle of your favorite wine to the clubhouse. We'll provide the hors d'oeuvres. Date TBA.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!

Help keep Charleston Village the great community it is. Volunteers are always needed to help with events or serve on committees. We especially need someone for the landscaping committee. If you have any time to spare, please contact Jeff Rowles at jeff.rowles@rsfincher.com. He will put you in touch with the right person. Have any ideas for an event? Let us know! Contact Robin Sevio at robinstitches@yahoo.com.