



The Charleston Villager

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

Social Committee needs YOU!

Do you enjoy bringing your children to the Easer 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



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Old Jenks Road Update

One of our residents took the time to talk to the NC DOT about the work being done on Old Jenks Road. He asked about the plans for finishing the repairs and was told that the repairs were complete. While they have extensively patched the road, as we all know it is now very bumpy and uneven. The road not only serves Charleston Village, but serves as the major connector to the schools and access to hwy 55. If you would like to express your concern about the current state of the road you can contact Steve Halsey with the NC DOT at 919-733-2191.



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2012 Board Meeting Dates:

- ◆ To Be Announced

CV Website

Congratulations, Charleston Village, on a successful online forum!



Some of our active forums are Classifieds, Community Watch, General Discussion, and Recommendations/Reviews. We've enjoyed reading your posts and look forward to more! We especially like that several of you are sharing important information across the neighborhood like the pool opening this year and social functions.

Not to mention a few interesting posts... Goats in the neighborhood? Please let us know if there is something you think we should try in the online forum. For that matter, anything for CharlestonVillage.org in general. We're open to ideas and to helping hands!

And keep those posts coming!

CV Happenings

We have been doing the Charleston Village food drive for 10 years now and we have collected over a 1000 lbs of food only once before, so this year has been a huge success! Jeannie and I deliver the food to the Western Wake Crisis Ministry in downtown Apex where they are in constant need of donated food.



We would like to include a big "thank you" to all the Charleston Village residents that donated food this year and in previous years in our next newsletter if possible. We appreciate their generosity for such a worthy cause. Thanks for your help! Liz Di Bari

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.



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (CV-ARB)

As winter and the dark hours approach there are many ways to help keep your home safe and protected until Spring time. A few hints are:

- ⇒ Have your heating system checked by a professional to ensure it is safe
- ⇒ Remove the outside hoses and cover the exterior faucets to prevent freezing
- ⇒ Replace your exterior porch lights with fresh bulbs
- ⇒ Have the gutters cleaned to prevent standing water that could freeze
- ⇒ Check door and window seals for leaks
- ⇒ After the leaves are down rake them up off the lawn or mow them into mulch
- ⇒ If you have gas logs in the home they need vented at all the times
- ⇒ Replace the batteries in your smoke and CO2 detectors



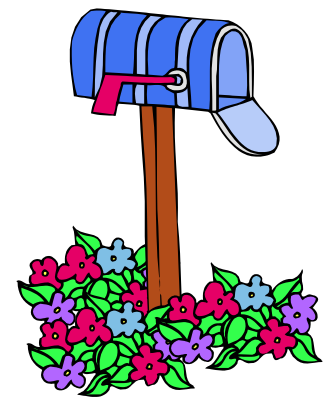
Also.....Look at your mail box:

- ⇒ Are the post and box secured?
- ⇒ Are they freshly painted?
- ⇒ Is the box rusted or broken?
- ⇒ Are there house numbers on the post?
- ⇒ Note: these are a requirement of the Architectural Guidelines and all mail boxes in Charleston Village are to be maintained in good condition



And, a reminder if you are going to do any exterior changes to your home, changes in color or additions or new windows or new fence or new siding , etc. all require a CV-ARB application to be submitted for review

If you have questions please call R.S .Fincher & Co. at 919-362-1460



Fall and Winter Wildlife Tips

Bird feeders: What a wonderful sight it is to watch beautiful songbirds happily eating from your bird feeders. A few tips to insure that the food you are serving up for them is always safe. Check your feeders as well as fallen seeds on the ground below. Make sure seed is not moldy or mildewed in any way. Rake up seed from the ground and discard properly. Birds do not know the difference between "good" or "bad" seed. To keep your wild birds healthy, it is recommended to clean your feeders weekly or at the very least once a month.

Cleaning instructions for bird feeders: Discard old seed and scrub feeder inside and out with soap and water. To disinfect feeder use one part clorox to 20 parts of water. This needs to sit for 20 minutes. After soaking, rinse inside and out thoroughly with water. Set feeder in the sun to dry completely before refilling seed. (Remember damp seed will grow mold!). You have now provided a very healthy environment for your song birds!

Window strikes: Birds crashing into windows claim the lives of 1000's of beloved song birds each year. As birds are flying they see the reflection of sky and trees in the glass. Not the glass itself. To help prevent these deaths, here are some simple solutions. Install screens on the outside of windows. You can also hang reflective ribbons that shine and sway in the breeze. You may prefer to hang plants in front of windows. *The goal is to "break up" the reflective surface. All remedies must be on the outside the windows. Closing blinds or anything done on the inside will not work. If you find successful ways of preventing window strikes, please also share them with us by email at info at trianglewildlife dot org.

Triangle Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic Cares for the sick, injured and orphaned wildlife 365 days per year. Your donation is tax deductible and very much appreciated.

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

Lists to be available:

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