



Village Green Homeowner's Association

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January 2021 Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR from all Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs, Neighborhood Representatives and other volunteers working for you in your Homeowner's Association.

Annual Meeting: On **January 20th** at 7:00 pm, we will have a **virtual Annual Meeting** because of the pandemic. Meeting materials were mailed in December. If you cannot participate online, it is critical you submit your Proxy to arrive by January 20th via mail or email. New Officers are to be elected on **February 16th** to continue business and social activities on your behalf. We all hope this pandemic will be under control soon, but the Board and Officers will continue to work with pandemic restrictions as was done in 2020.

Assessments: Annual dues were mailed in December and **are past due February 1st, 2021**. Late payment penalties this year are \$3.45 per month. **After 90 days** and per the Bylaws, a lien can be placed on a past due property affecting your credit rating. The cost is about \$175 to place a lien against the property and another \$75 to remove it. **THE ADDED COST IS THE LIABILITY OF THE HOME OWNER**, more than doubling your bill.

These mandatory annual assessments are no different than your electric bill, property tax bill, or your mortgage payment. They were put in place when you purchased your home and assessments are used to maintain our beautiful neighborhood. Avoid these penalties and interest by submitting your dues payment soon. **Call the RealManage service desk (1 866 473-2573) if you have questions** on available payment methods. Have patience if you call as they too are operating under pandemic restraints.

2020 Accomplishments: The Board has made great progress under these difficult times, as follows:

Uncollected dues are now under 3% of Village Green homeowners. 12 owe for multiple years, 2 for two years and 5 for 2020. Foreclosure proceedings are under way for those most seriously past due.

A **Pond Erosion** test program for Pond 4 was undertaken and was successful in stopping the collapse of the pond walls. The program will continue on other ponds this year, paid from reserves set aside for this purpose by forward thinking current and past Board members.

The City was asked to place a caution light or remove trees at the exit from Village Green to solve a **dangerous vision problem exiting the subdivision**. The efforts with the City were unsuccessful and in the interest of safety for homeowners exiting onto Rt. 61, the Board of Directors removed several trees.

The ongoing problem with **fountains at the Village Green entrance** was resolved by upgrading the pumps and mechanisms to keep debris and algae from stopping the flow of water.

Approximately **10 dead trees were removed from Common Areas** near ponds to remove the potential of these trees falling into the ponds or striking someone walking in the area.

Requirements for **ARB approval for home or lot changes and improvements were streamlined**. Any routine request is approved by the **ARB Committee** chaired by Bill Gwaltney instead of waiting for Board approval.

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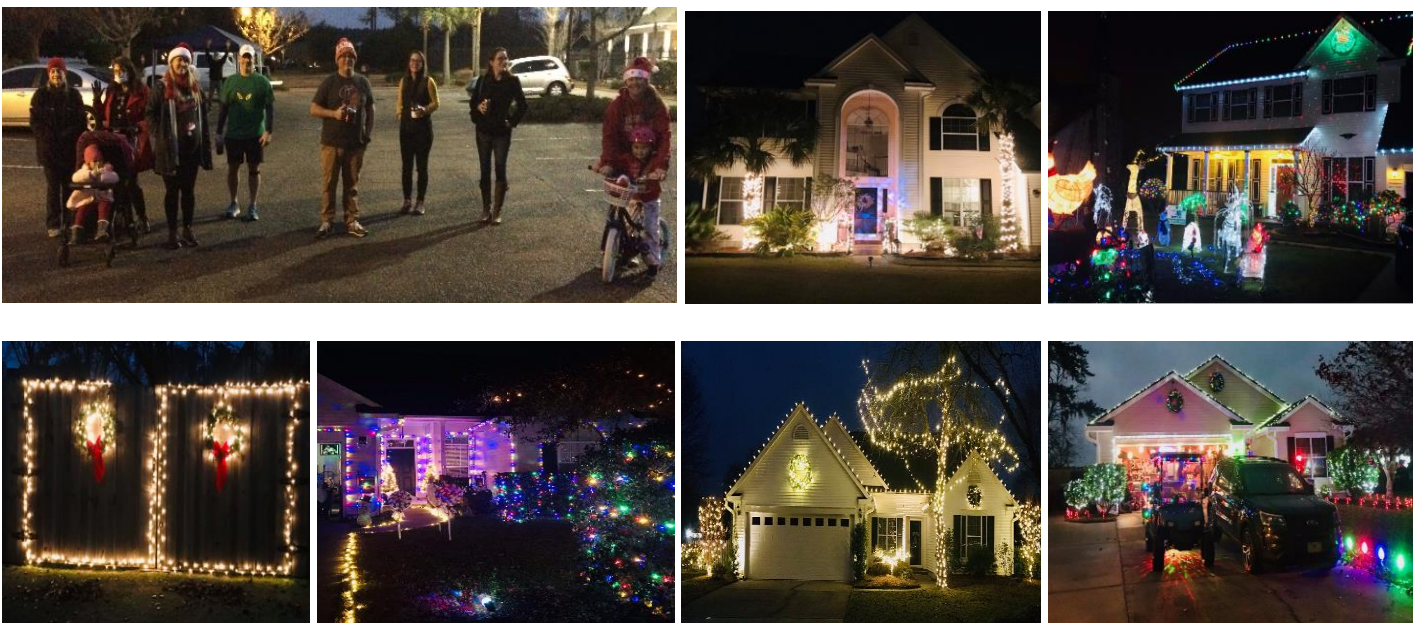
A **Communication Committee** was organized to write this Newsletter and improve electronic communications via eblast to the homeowners. Committee chair Carol Dial, Past President and webmaster Bob Aubin and volunteer Pete Davison worked to upgrade the **villagegreensc.com website and VG/HOA Facebook page**, plus posting information on entrance/exit signs. Current and past information on VGHOA activities, Bylaws, Covenants, Board minutes and more can be viewed online with no password. **If you haven't given your email address to RealManage**, please do so today to be included in the eblast program.

A **Neighborhood Safety Committee** was organized in response to concerns voiced at last year's Annual Meeting regarding items missing from parked automobiles. Pete Davison chairs this committee and has been gathering information on Neighborhood Watch and Crime Prevention programs to be pursued this year.

A **Neighborhood Representatives program** was started to get direct feedback from homeowners via reps in all four subdivisions. We still need Reps in Oak Leaf and Sweet Bay to work with the Board.

The **Social Committee** chaired by Annabell Tichy was very active this year considering the need to overcome restrictions on social gatherings. Successful programs include the Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Food Trucks, June and October Garage Sales, Halloween Best Decorated Homes, Reindeer Run/Walk/Stroll and Christmas Best Decorated Homes. Photos of the recent events follow:

The **Reindeer Run/Walk/Stroll** on Dec. 20 was a lot of fun for some brave participants on a very cold and wet evening, but they came across some wonderfully decorated homes, as follows:



The Social Committee also picked **Christmas Best Decorated Homes** in each of the four subdivisions. The Committee had difficult decisions to make, but the following page shows those selected.

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Christmas Best Decorated Homes - Page Three January 2021

Oak Leaf
4065 Laurelwood Dr.
(Note the reflection)



Below - Willows
Front and Back
3550 Springmire Ct.
(also note the reflection)



Sweet Bay
6188 Fieldstone Circle



River Oaks
3512 Montgrove Ct.

Congratulations to the above and thanks to ALL in Village Green who decorated making the season bright!

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