



# Village Green Homeowner's Association

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## June 2021 Newsletter

**Rules on Pets:** The Recreation Association and Homeowners Association Covenants under Section 16. Animals. states "All pets must be under the control of a responsible person and obedient to that person's command at any time they are permitted outside a house, or other dwelling, or enclosed area." There have been several incidents in the VGRA grassy area involving unleashed dogs. Please obey the rules before someone, possibly a child is injured.

**Non-migrating Geese:** Since at least 2006, the VG Board has addressed the population increase of non-migrating geese, also called resident geese and the problems they create for our neighborhood. Canadian Geese that migrate pass through our area going south about October and pass through going north by April. The non-migrating geese rarely leave the area.

In the fall after frost kills our grasses, these non-migrating geese feed on plants, snails, fish, etc. around the waterline of our ponds, including plants put there by your HOA to reduce erosion. This adds to the undercutting of our flood control pond banks causing the banks to crumble into the ponds and directly reduce the water retention capacity of these ponds. Seriously undercut ponds have required "living walls" to stabilize the banks to prevent a more catastrophic collapse, all expensive and all paid for by your HOA dues.

Geese also feed on materials put out by homeowners and the Board has been pleading with homeowners to stop. Feeding near ponds creates damage by the geese exiting the ponds to feed on these handouts, as illustrated in last month's Newsletter. Feeding geese near our roadways causes them to congregate in those areas. We've all waited while geese slowly stroll across the road. The mess created by goose waste on our walkways, common areas, lawns and driveways is well known and washes into our ponds with the rain creating other problems.

After April when the migrating geese have gone north, these non-migratory geese breed and hatch their goslings here in Village Green. This imbeds the instinct to return to this area each year, or to never leave the area, explaining why our population continues to increase.

Last month, the Board initiated a study on ideas to solve this problem. The State and Federal government agencies contacted recommended removal of the current non-migratory geese as a critical step, recommended to stop homeowners from feeding the geese and to alter our ponds to make the ponds less attractive. A proposal was submitted and approved by the Board and the non-migratory geese were removed this month. This immediately reduces waste from the geese in our common areas, keeps it out of our retention ponds and should reduce feeding around the waterline of our ponds in the future.

The Board is forming a committee to pursue the cost of planting tall plants and grasses around our ponds as a future deterrent as suggested. The Board will also monitor the future return of any non-migratory geese from surrounding areas and take the appropriate action.

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**Deer in Pond:** Pond 24b in Sweet Bay (Laurelwood and Fieldstone Circle) recently had a drowned deer in the pond. The deer had been seen floating in the pond for several days before the HOA was contacted, making for quite the smelly mess. If you spot what appears to be a dead animal in any pond, please contact the HOA Community Manager right away. It's easier and less expensive to remove an animal early instead of having the animal deteriorate.

**Front Fountains:** Our ponds are full now, but not before our fountain pumps at the entrance ponds succumbed to sediment from low water levels. The pumps are under warranty and should be repaired by mid-July.

**Reminder:** We're in hurricane season and have already had some severe weather. Please repair those loose boards and post in your fence and secure any outdoor items that could become a missile in high winds.

**Getting back to Normal:** As the pandemic winds down, we hope to resume open meetings of the Board by July. To keep the business of the HOA flowing, volunteers have met in parking lots, restaurants and Board member homes over the past year. Our normal meeting place at the Methodist Church may not be available until September, so the Board is considering a temporary place at the Lutheran Church on Bees Ferry Road. Details are still being discussed.

**Get Involved:** This is your association and can only be successful if there is adequate involvement by the homeowners. All Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs, Committee Members and Neighborhood Representatives are volunteers. Contact Leidy Gray, our Community Association Manager if you are interested.

**Food Trucks, 5 – 8 pm at the Pool Recreation Area:** Watch for the sign at the Village Green entrance. Verify participants at <http://streetfoodfinder.com/c/SC/Charleston>.

<b>July 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Zimo, Nothing But Chicken
<b>July 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Charleston Caribbean Creole, Charleston Pops

**Upcoming:** Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> has been set for the Village Green Fall Yard Sale. Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> is the rain date.

**Miscellaneous:** The VG entrance lights damaged by an errant driver have been repaired.

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