



Village Green Homeowner's Association

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February 2021 Newsletter

Annual Meeting: Thanks to all who participated in the **virtual Annual Meeting** on January 20th and our apologies to those who may have missed part or all due to WOW's internet problems. Even with this problem, we had more than enough homeowner participation to easily make a required quorum. We hope next year's meeting will be in person as normal. Also thanks to those who couldn't attend, but filed their proxies.

Minutes of the entire Annual Meeting **are available for your review on villagegreensc.com and the RealManage portal at ciranet.com.** To summarize, outgoing President **Rod MacNeil** gave a review of the many homeowners volunteering their time without compensation to run your Homeowner's Association **and make Village Green a great place to live.**

Homeowners also approved a smaller 5 member Board of Directors to help maintain social distancing due to the coronavirus and **voted unanimously to suspended election of new Directors until 2022.** Bylaws require only a minimum of 3 directors.

The 2021 budget was reviewed with a breakout of how your \$230 assessment will be spent. This breakout is in the Annual Meeting Minutes, or the November, 2020 Newsletter, both available at villagegreensc.com , or the RealManage portal.

Several questions were asked and answered in the Open Floor Section of the meeting that is included in the Minutes. On the solar street lights question, **Dominion Energy expressed no interest in converting street lights to solar.** Cost is prohibitive for the installation of solar panels and battery storage needed to store energy for 12 hours nightly for each light.

On the crime prevention question, a Charleston Police Team 4 member in attendance said areas of West Ashley have crimes of opportunity by kids who steal from unlocked vehicles, something easily prevented by locking your vehicle's doors if parked outside overnight.

The Team 4 member said there is no serious crime in Village Green, but asked the HOA Neighborhood Safety Committee to post signs encouraging homeowners to adopt a program titled #9PMRoutine being promoted by area wide Police Departments.

The Board since approved these signs **asking you to develop a routine at 9:00 pm to check locks on the doors in your home, shed, garage and vehicles parked outside.** Also, if you have a vehicle with a push to start button, never leave a key fob in your vehicle. Your vehicle may beep when you push lock, **but the key fob inside will leave the door unlocked.**

Doggie Bag Stations were investigated and the cost to buy and install one with a trash can attached is about \$250 with enough pick up and trash bags for about a year. Obviously the dropped off waste bags would need to be picked up for disposal each trash day. If any homeowner is interested in sponsoring a station, contact Leidy Gray at RealManage.

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Election of New Officers: In February per the Bylaws, new Officers were elected to manage the Association's affairs. The **new Officers appear at the bottom of this Newsletter** and include outgoing President Rod MacNeil who agreed to serve as Treasurer to continue collection efforts on seriously past due assessments from a handful of homeowners. All Officers will serve for one year.

Trimming season is near: We get a lot of questions about trees in the Common Area overhanging homeowner fences. There is nothing in the HOA covenants allowing us to remove or trim any living tree. Any tree or limb that may fall causing damage would be handled by the homeowner's insurance company. Homeowner's can trim these trees back to the fence line at their cost with ARB approval, but larger diameter trees may need City permits.

Assessment Collections: Homeowners who have not paid 2021 assessments **need to add \$3.45 each month** as required under the Bylaws. This amount is added the 1st of each month starting February 1st. At 90 days past due, the HOA can file a lien against your property, adding \$250 to your bill and affecting your credit. A reminder, **VGRA assessments aren't part of your VGHOA.**

Upcoming events and dates: In association with the VGRA, **Food Trucks will return 5-7:00 pm, Thursday, March 18th** and every two weeks afterwards. **The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April, 3rd** depending on the status of the coronavirus. More information will be provided in March. **The Spring Community Yard Sale is scheduled from 7-Noon, Saturday, May 15th.** Mark your calendars and start planning now.

Speeding and Stop Sign Issues: We receive many complaints about homeowners **speeding** on major streets **and running Stop signs** in every sub-division, but particularly on Westbridge. It seems to be a small percentage of homeowners or visitors, but if you call the Community Manager, the Board can only contact the Charleston Police Department after the fact.

A better plan is to call the Charleston Police Department's Consolidated Dispatch when you see these violations and file a report. Police Department manpower shortages make dealing with traffic problems of this nature a low priority, but with enough of you complaining the Police Department will act. See the number below. **The best plan** is for offenders to respect traffic laws and other homeowners in Village Green before someone is seriously injured.

Numbers for homeowners:

Consolidated Dispatch

843-743-7200 for moving violations and illegally parked vehicles blocking roads or traffic signs.

Charleston Livability Office

843-805-3226 for basketball goals blocking a street or sidewalk

Charleston City Service Desk

843-724-7311 for self-reporting potholes needing repair

Dominion Street Light Problems

1 800 251-7234. Have the pole # available when calling.

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