



Village Green Homeowner's Association

c/o Gold Crown Management, Inc.

5081 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29406

Mid-Year Report

July is here and we hope this finds you and your family well during this trying time. It's been a busy first six months for your elected neighbors on the Board of Directors and Committees who have continued to meet and work for you during the Coronavirus outbreak.

We wanted to recap VGHOA activities to date and answer some concerns since the Annual Meeting. We've also included some helpful links.

HOW TO REACH THE HOA:

Please call **Gold Crown Management at 843-751-4027 and use EXT 6508**. Our manager is **Victoria Austin**. Due to the Coronavirus outbreak office hours vary, but this is the best way to get a response. If you have interest in participating in any of the committees discussed below, Victoria can also direct you to the appropriate person.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE:

Approximately **80%** of you have registered your email with us. Your HOA would love to send e-blasts like this one to save YOU money on mailing cost. If you have a neighbor not receiving e-blasts, please let them know we need their information and to contact Victoria at Gold Crown. We are also looking into upgrading the Villagegreensc.com page to make it easier finding information about VG activities. The HOA is limited to only posting social programs on the [VGHOA/Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/VGHOA/) page.

PAST DUE ACCOUNTS: PLEASE READ!

There are still about **54 homeowners with assessments past due for 2020**. Included in these 54 are **homeowners also past due for 2019 and prior**, which was mentioned in the March newsletter. ***The Board of Directors recently voted to pursue collection agency activity and foreclosure on these properties with long-standing past due accounts.*** It is grossly unfair to VG homeowners paying on time to pay higher dues to support those who are delinquent.

CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE:

Auto break-ins on Hunters Rest have stopped due to homeowners who installed video doorbells that record street activity and **LINKED those doorbells to the Charleston Police Team 4 who patrol our streets**. This is GREAT NEWS and the HOA has formed a **Crime Prevention Committee** to encourage all homeowners with forward-facing video cameras or video doorbells to register their address at gis.charleston-sc.gov/register-security-cameras/. **Registering does NOT give access to your equipment, but allows police to review it WITH YOUR PERMISSION if a crime is committed in your area.**

STREET LIGHTING AND RELATED SAFETY ISSUES:

Additional **street lighting** was studied and deemed adequate, but trees were trimmed around some street lights to improve visibility. The City of Charleston did not approve a **caution light** at the entrance to VG. To increase safety exiting VG, the **HOA cut trees blocking the line of sight** near the entrance sign and this was a vast improvement. A **dead tree dropping debris** near Plumbridge Ct. was also removed for safety reasons and to keep the tree from falling into the pond.

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POTHoles AND BASKETBALL GOALS:

Both are **CITY** issues. Please report potholes by calling the **Charleston City Service Desk at 843-724-7311**, or you can also report online by visiting the website at www.charleston-sc.gov/879/Citizen-Support-Center. Basketball goals blocking streets or sidewalks can be reported to the **Charleston Livability Office at 843-805-3226**.

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS:

Any change in the appearance of your property **MUST** be approved by the ARB (Architectural Review Board) of the HOA, per the covenants. We are pleased to announce the **Board has streamlined the application process**. Fees have been waived and routine changes allowed in the covenants can be approved immediately without a meeting of the Board of Directors.

ALLIGATORS:

Unfortunately, the HOA had to remove a large alligator earlier this year due to a possible attack on a pet. More signs stating: "**Alligators live here**" have been placed in the neighborhood. **DO NOT FEED THE ALLIGATORS!** They are part of Lowcountry living, but once fed their fear of humans is reduced. **VGHOA covenants require all pets be fenced in, or walked on a leash at all times. This is to reduce injury or death to your pets.**

EROSION CONTROL TEST:

The Erosion Control Test seems to have resolved the problem on Pond 4, but is still under evaluation. The cost of this test equates to about \$26 per homeowner, but past and current Board members **have set aside reserves for this and other unforeseen emergencies like hurricanes.**

POSITIVE NEWS!

We have beautiful new pine straw from the entrance to Laurelwood! The fountains at the entrance have been upgraded to solve clogging problems.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

The Committee had a very successful Easter Egg program, despite problems caused by the Coronavirus. Approximately **1800 candy-filled eggs** were distributed to homeowners the Saturday before Easter for Easter Egg Hunts at home. The **ANNUAL YARD SALE** was deemed a success and another yard sale has been proposed for the fall.

A **Farmer's Market** was set up from April until May with Fili West Farms to provide fresh fruit, veggies, and meat. The summer **Food Truck Program** has started and will last until late August. Please come and support our local food truck owners.

We will strive to continue sending you emails and updates regarding our wonderful neighborhood. If you have concerns or suggestions, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Have a safe and happy Independence Day!

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