



# Village Green Homeowner's Association

c/o RealManage, 7410 Northside Dr., Ste 230, N. Charleston, SC 29420  
Service Desk 1 866 473-2573 Email VLGGREEN@ciemail.com

## May 2021 Newsletter

**Power Washing Time:** Pollen season is ending and it's time to get that winter/spring mold and mildew off your siding and concrete surfaces. Violations for routine power washing were set aside for the past few months, but will resume in early June. Don't forget to inspect your trim, fascia and soffits for needed repairs or painting. Shutters and doors may also need attention.

**Hurricane Season starts in June:** Broken fences in the neighborhood are a major concern. A board from a broken fence can easily go through a window during a hurricane. Remove the fence, or repair those broken post and loose boards now, before they become missiles.

**Taking Pride in the Neighborhood:** A recent inspection of our great neighborhood shows 97% of homeowners meet ARB and Covenant requirements, but trash and recycle bins are a problem. The bins need to be stored out of sight until they're set out for pickup.

Per City regulations, bins should be placed out no earlier than 6:00 PM the day before pickup and removed from sight by 6:00 PM on pickup day. All materials for trash or recycle pickup must be in the cans. Both trash and recycle cans need three feet of clearance from any obstacle on all sides. Can fronts should be about 2 feet from the curb with the handle facing away from the curb. Yard waste should be placed at least three feet from trash cans.

**Consequences of Feeding Geese:** Pond damage from feeding geese was covered last month, but geese are still being fed, goose waste is still causing algae blooms in our ponds and pond banks continue to erode as the geese enter and exit the ponds.

Our ponds protect the neighborhood from flooding during heavy rains. Any erosion putting silt into the ponds directly changes the ponds ability to store rainfall runoff. Here is an example of what happens when you feed geese by a pond.

2015



Current



The water storage loss from this unnecessary erosion could fill an 8 x 10 room 2 feet deep. The HOA is responsible for pond maintenance and repairing these banks cost thousands in homeowner dues. **Stop feeding the problem!**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> Yard Sale Results:** About 50 homeowners from the four subdivisions participated in the Village Green Spring Yard Sale. Participation was down from last year, but an estimated 300 vehicles with bargain hunters descended on our neighborhoods. The Fall Sale is tentatively scheduled for October 2nd. More as the date draws near.

*President*  
Robert James

*Vice President*  
Jim Woods

*Treasurer*  
Rod MacNeil

*Secretary*  
Carol Dial

*Board Member*  
Annabell Tichy

*Board Member*  
Judy Carlson



# Village Green Homeowner's Association

c/o RealManage, 7410 Northside Dr., Ste 230, N. Charleston, SC 29420  
Service Desk 1 866 473-2573 Email VLGGREEN@ciramail.com

## May 2021 Newsletter, Page Two

### Important Golf Cart Rules, by VGHOA President Robert James:

Golf carts are increasingly popular within cities and neighborhoods in the United States. It's likely you've encountered several golf carts in Village Green. The City of Charleston recently fielded many complaints associated with golf carts, including non-licensed drivers, illegal parking, collisions and other related incidents. The Mayor has announced the Police will enforce golf cart laws.

Did you know golf carts are required to have a permit decal issued by the SC DMV? To obtain a decal, the owner must present proof of ownership plus liability insurance for the golf cart and pay a \$5 fee. Decals are valid for 5 years and must be replaced if you change addresses.

While operating a golf cart, the driver must have the following in his or her possession:

- The registration certificate issued by the SC DMV.
- Proof of liability insurance for the golf cart.
- A valid driver's license and be at least 16 years old.

Other rules for golf carts:

- A golf cart can only be operated during day light hours.
- A permitted golf cart may be operated only within four miles of the address on the registration certificate and only on a secondary highway or street.
- The highway or street must have a posted speed limit of 35 miles an hour or less.

Additional information can be found at <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t56c002.php>

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

<b>June 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Krystynas Polish Food, Southern Seafood, Wicked Waffles
<b>June 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Flight, Dashi, Holy City Cupcakes
<b>July 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Zimo, Nothing But Chicken
<b>July 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Charleston Caribbean Creole, Charleston Pops

**Complaints about Street Parking:** As mentioned last month, overnight street parking is prohibited in Village Green, per Section 28 of the Covenants. Vehicles should be in garages or parked on driveways at night. Section 29 of the Covenants also sets rules for other vehicles, specifically “no trailer, trailer house, recreational vehicle, mobile home or habitable motor vehicle of any kind, boat and boat trailer, school bus, truck (over a half ton) or commercial vehicle shall be brought upon or habitually (for more than three nights) parked overnight”.

*President*  
Robert James

*Vice President*  
Jim Woods

*Treasurer*  
Rod MacNeil

*Secretary*  
Carol Dial

*Board Member*  
Annabell Tichy

*Board Member*  
Judy Carlson



# Village Green Homeowner's Association

c/o RealManage, 7410 Northside Dr., Ste 230, N. Charleston, SC 29420  
Service Desk 1 866 473-2573 Email VLGGREEN@ciramail.com

## May 2021 Newsletter, Page Three

**Parking Complaints (continued):** With ARB approval, any such vehicles MAY be stored on the rear of a lot if screened from the view of surrounding lots and the street.

You have every right to call Consolidated Dispatch (number below) and complain about any of these vehicles, particularly if they are blocking stop signs, blocking access to your driveway, blocking government services like mail delivery or waste and recycle pick up, or potentially blocking access for an ambulance, fire truck, or any emergency services vehicle. The Police will respond to valid concerns. Note the Village Green Management Company only visits the neighborhood twice a month and volunteers on the Board of Directors or any HOA Committee do not "patrol" the neighborhoods. However, if you contact the Police and do not receive service, please call RealManage to file your concerns.

**The Association needs Volunteers:** As the pandemic winds down, we need to look ahead to the January, 2022 Annual Meeting. Board Members were reduced to 5 from 9 this past January to make continuing the business of the Association easier due to social distancing. With three Director Terms ending this year, up to 7 Director Seats will need to be filled in January, 2022.

Now is a good time to become involved to learn the workings of your association. All Board Members, Committee Chairs and Neighborhood Representatives are volunteers. We need homeowners to serve on current Committees and fill the Neighborhood Representative spots. These Reps walk the neighborhoods and interact with their neighbors giving the Board direct feedback on issues in the subdivisions. The following are current Committees, Chairs and Reps:

<b>Nominating Committee</b>	Robert James, VGHOA President
<b>ARB (Architectural Review Board)</b>	Charles (Bill) Gwaltney
<b>Communications Committee</b>	Jim Woods
<b>Financial/Budget Committee</b>	Rod MacNeil
<b>Neighborhood Safety Committee</b>	Pete Davison
<b>Social Committee</b>	Annabell Tichy
<b>Neighborhood Representatives</b>	Scott Hopper, The Willows and Tim Reeves, River Oaks

Please contact Leidy Gray, Community Association Manager for RealManage at the phone or email address in the letterhead above if you would like to join your hard working neighbors.

### Numbers for homeowners:

<b>Consolidated Dispatch</b>	<b>843-743-7200</b> for moving violations and illegally parked vehicles blocking roads or traffic signs.
<b>Charleston Livability Office</b>	<b>843-805-3226</b> for basketball goals blocking a street or sidewalk
<b>Charleston City Service Desk</b>	<b>843-724-7311</b> for self-reporting potholes needing repair
<b>Dominion Street Light Problems</b>	<b>1 800 251-7234.</b> Have the pole # available when calling.

*President*  
Robert James

*Vice President*  
Jim Woods

*Treasurer*  
Rod MacNeil

*Secretary*  
Carol Dial

*Board Member*  
Annabell Tichy

*Board Member*  
Judy Carlson