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Windjammer Village Breeze

JUNE 2008

*29th Annual Membership Meeting** - Saturday, July 12, 2008 – 10:00 am – Clubhouse*

***In accordance with the By-Laws, the July Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will convene at 9:00 am, Saturday, July 12, 2008. Minutes of the June Regular Meeting and any subsequent Special Meetings will be read. Please join your neighbors at the meeting. Election results for the Board of Directors, as well as other issues on the ballot will be announced. This is also a great time to address any concerns you may have for the next year. Please attend!!*

SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Security Committee was able to locate the video of the trailer as it was being stolen last month. No identification has been made. I spoke with Officer Small of the State Troopers again concerning the high-speed chase through the Village. He said that he would follow up but I have nothing new to report. There have been several reports of trashing the new bathrooms. No one has been identified. The Security Committee is monitoring illegal dumping at the Compound. Violators have been identified. Clubhouse entry cards were distributed two Saturdays during the month at the Clubhouse and through the week at the Office. Alex Hughes

CLUBHOUSE AND POOL

The new clubhouse/pool cards that have been given out over the last two weeks are now activated. You will need to use these to gain access to the pool area, clubhouse, new game room and marsh walk. They are good for as long as you are a resident of WJV as opposed to pool passes that were issued yearly.

GAME ROOM

We are pleased to announce the introduction of our new all ages game room. Our game tables from the exercise room will be moved to allow the arrival of our new exercise mats, hand weights and Elliptical machine in the upcoming week. We hope with the removal of the damaged equipment and the additional new items, village residents will be more encouraged to utilize the wonderful facilities we have to offer.

THANK YOU

I wish to offer my sincere thanks to the many friends, acquaintances, neighbors who offered me their sympathy for the most devastating event that ever occurred to me - the loss of my wonderful wife of 58 years, my companion and my friend for 60 years. Their presence at her Memorial service, their sympathy cards, their offer of help in any way I needed will never be forgotten. Though this message be brief, accept it as heartfelt. Paul Jensen

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The Board of Directors would like to acknowledge and thank *Larry Holcombe* for acquiring an additional pool table for the new game room at no cost except for transporting it to its new location. Larry was instrumental in the bathroom renovations, overseeing day-to-day progress, and being our point man. He also keeps an eye on unauthorized users of our boat launch. Thank you Larry for all your contributions to our Village!

JUNE FINES

- .. \$50.00 – illegal dumping – leaving a BBQ at the dumpster.
- .. \$50.00 – vandalism to the easement gate – sitting on it and pushing it down.
- .. \$50.00 – storing a boat on the property.
- .. \$440.00 – damage to the easement gate – riding a bike into gate and bending the arm.

RESPONSE TO SECURITY ISSUE

Two more utility trailers were stolen from the Compound on Monday, June 23rd, between noon and 4:00pm. After an initial report to the police, along with a positive photo printout from our cameras of the vehicle involved towing one of the trailers, they were able to conduct an investigation and surveillance of the vehicle and its occupants. Three individuals were arrested within 24 hours of the thefts. Our two trailers and several other trailers taken from Little River were recovered. The investigation is continuing and hopefully will result in the return of additional stolen property to the rightful owners.

This is just another example of cooperation within a community. We have given the police the power of investigation, arrest, recovery of property, and the ability to prosecute the violators, but it is necessary for the community to assist them in these efforts with our eyes, ears, and the reporting of strange behavior within our community. It has been proven over and over again that there are only three basic ways to reduce crime within our society – (1) the fear of being caught, (2) the fear of the type of punishment when caught, and (3) the ultimate term or length of the punishment.

Our Village residents should be grateful for the unyielding concern, endless, long hours of work, and the tedious monitoring of the cameras for both the problem areas, and some of the residents and/or their guests who are creating problems on a daily, 24/7 basis. The continued effort of the Security Committee, the Maintenance Committee and Board of Directors for their ongoing care and service within the Village helps to make it a pleasant, safe, enjoyable place to live.

Most of our residents realize and know: "A lock only keeps an honest person honest." It does not stop or deter crime from being committed. We have a storage Compound at our disposal, but it is only as good or secure as we make it for our valuables. I have heard some of our residents voice their opinion about the Compound, saying openly "I don't have one of those toys so I don't care about the Compound." I feel sorry for those individuals with that attitude. If we (including them) do not make and keep the Compound and our homes safe and secure from thieves and vandalism, it will not be long before that formulates the idea that we will also not care about the vacant home next door or down the street. Then comes the idea that the older person just around the corner or on the next street over who may be frail, ailing, handicapped, or sick, will then become the next victim.

The point I'm attempting to make is not to scare you, but to make us all wake up and watch our neighbor's property and belongings. Look around the Compound, watch the garbage dump, boat ramp, etc. We all signed a form acknowledging receipt of the rules and regulations, what to do, etc. when we moved in, whether you were a renter or owner. Let's not be afraid to speak out, approach another if they are doing wrong, and tell them so. When you are out running, walking, hiking, walking your dog, take notice of who is doing what, when, why, or how, and do not be afraid to ask or to be asked "who's property is that," "who are you," "where do you live." etc. Some will call it being nosy - be nosy, I won't be offended to tell you who I am, or where I live. If you want a nice safe place to live in, help make it and keep it that way, and don't expect others to do it for you. ----- Respectfully submitted, Norm Meaders

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

While the overall "crime rate" in our neighborhood is miniscule, we are looking at becoming more pro-active by re-establishing our Neighborhood Watch Program with the Horry County Sheriff's Department. At this point in time we are reaching out to the police department to learn more. Please look for updates to these efforts in upcoming newsletters. Those interested in this effort can contact the security committee.

REMINDERS

Improve your POA by volunteering. Do you have talents that would benefit the neighborhood? Many committees are in need of members even committee chairs. Contact any Board Member for more information - we'd love to have you join us!



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