

The Village Voice

JULY 2013

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR WINDJAMMER VILLAGE RESIDENTS





We have new mailboxes!
The Board and residents would like
to thank the time and effort of
Clay Swenson on this project –
from getting quotes, to working
with the Postmaster, and finally
seeing it through to the installation.
Thanks Clay!!

Condolences to the family of Beth Giordano-Rivera, Jackson Circle, on the passing of her mother

WELCOME AND THANK YOU TO OUR NEW BOARD:

President - Suzanne Pritchard

1st VP – Rebecca Flynn

2nd VP – Mike Spangler

Member - Arlene Draper

Member - Kathleen Tatarinchik

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We'd like to thank our members for approving the Budget. See Election Committee report below for all results.

COMMITTEE YEAR-END REPORTS

ARCHITECTURAL – KEN MAYO, CHAIR

The Architectural Committee receives requests from WV residents for exterior property changes and improvements. We work with the property owner to insure that the request is in conformance with WV rules and Horry County building and zoning codes. Occasionally, the request is modified through discussions with the property owner, and additional information is provided so the Board has a clear understanding of the request. The committee has also been requested to research if dead or defective trees were located on common property or private property, to determine who would pay for removal.

The Architectural Committee can approve roofing replacements, house painting, siding replacements and minor repairs quickly, without waiting for Board approval. Major requests are presented to the board for its review and approval. The system has been working very well and residents are happy with the quick approval process.

Following is a summary of the 125 items the committee handled in the past 12 months [121 items last year]:

	Number	Number
Project Request	Handled	Handled
	in 2013	in 2012
Satellite dish	21	5
Replace windows, doors & garage doors	18	24
Exterior painting	17	23
Roofing incl. two metal roofs	12	8
Exterior repair	10	15
New decks	8	
Locate trees; determine if located on WV property	7	
Driveways & sidewalks	5	
Fence	4	7
Replace deck	3	

[Two each] gutters, storage shed, screen room, replace skylights, concrete pad, new siding

[One each] railings, reclassify lot, exhaust fan, invisible fence, patio screening, new attached garage, concrete resurface, relocate propane tank

Reminders:

Major project requests [new homes, additions, decks, driveways, fences, etc.] should be in the office at least 5 business days prior to the workshop on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Concerns should be in the office at least 3 business days prior to the workshop. Concerns and tree requests submitted after the workshop will not be addressed until the following month.

Children are not allowed to drive golf carts on Village roads.

Per the Village rules and regulations, "Skateboards, skates and roller blades, and scooters* are prohibited on roadways, tennis courts, pool decks, picnic area and Clubhouse breezeway, but may be used in the Clubhouse parking lot areas and the basketball court." We have noticed with the warming weather a lot more pedestrian activity on village roadways. Please stay safe and follow the rules! (*The term scooter does not refer to scooters used by disabled persons to aid in their mobility.)

Summer is here and the boating season has arrived. Along with the nice weather the weeds and grass down in the compound are growing. Please make sure to either spray the weeds/grass with a weed killer or keep it cut/weedwhacked. Remember, it is your responsibility to keep your individual spot down in the compound maintained. This includes around and <u>under</u> any items, boats, cars, trailers etc. that you have down there.

Thanks, Christopher Smith Compound Coordinator

Items from last meeting

11 Concerns were closed; 3 are on hold. Letter to be sent to clean up lot at compound.

BEAUTIFICATION- JEAN PHALEN, CHAIRPERSON

A very productive year! The new Village new irrigation system was installed at the front entrance to gates. System is working to date two to three days per week, depending on need.

Monies were spent for upkeep of front entrance, pruning, weeding, fertilizing and weed control throughout the Village and 16 island circles. The front entrance was mulched throughout minus one island across from the office - this will be addressed in July.

All planters at front entrance, office and clubhouse pool area have been planted for the summer enjoyment. This is done in the spring season and summer months.

Beautification also takes on the front entrance for the holiday xmas season - usually done after Thanksgiving holiday. Purchase of *bows*, office planters and lighting are the expenses each season.

ELECTION- ACQUELYN ANDREWS, CHAIRPERSON

The results from the mailing for this Annual Meeting are as follows:

368 ballots sent out

- l ballot returned was deemed ineligible
- 2 ballots for Board of Directors not counted as the signature of the owner was on the ballot
- All other ballots were deemed eligible

Budget – Approved: 273; Disapproved: 49; Total Votes 322 – Budget passed. Board of Directors: Arlene Draper, Rebecca Flynn, and Michael Spangler are elected.

I would like to thank Judy Bledsoe, Brenda Mooshian, Anne Chipman, Hazel Vaughn, Donna Alvarez, Enrique Alvarez, Marie Malone, and Karen Moses for volunteering to count the ballots.

Hospitality – Katherine Hendershot, Chairperson

From July 2012 to July 2013, there were 13 new owners and 10 new renters in Windjammer Village.

Insurance – David Avery, Virginia Avery Co-Chairpersons

Total budget for this fiscal year (ending 6/30/13) is \$26,000. All insurance premiums paid to date amount to \$39,133.68, less a premium refund of \$2,339.00 from insurance companies for previous billing error or adjustments.

We were over budget in the amount of \$10,800.88 for fiscal year ending 6/30/2013.

Our present new insurance coverage for Officers/Directors excludes the lawsuits still outstanding and future potential lawsuits which may be brought about by the existing plaintiffs. This has resulted in an increase in our deductible to \$50,000 from \$15,000 for any future occurrences. Insurance premiums increased by approximately \$5,300. This resulted in an increase in legal fees budgeted for the coming year of \$35,000 to \$50,000. The outstanding lawsuits are covered by our previous policy.

Our general liability premiums increased by approximately \$8,500. This has been an expensive year. We are asking for an approval of a \$42,000 budget for this fiscal year. We continue to search for other companies with improved coverage and lower premiums.

MAINTENANCE – CHARLIE NILL, CHAIRMAN

Some 20 years ago when ${\bf I}$ moved down here I didn't even know what a Property owners association was. I think some of you still don't.

Over those 20 years as a Realtor, I got to look at hundreds of Associations along the Grand Strand but have not found one as unique as Windjammer Village.



We Need Volunteers!

Committees in Windjammer Village perform many of the necessary tasks that keep our community working smoothly. All committees need volunteers. If you would like to help out, please look at the website and contact a committee chair for specific information.

New Website

We are currently working on adding a new, password-protected member's-only section to our website. We hope to share meeting minutes, the Village directory, and other announcements in this website section. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

The 2013 WJV Directory is now available at the Office

We live in a 60-acre playground with several great amenities that we all take for granted.

We have about 7 miles of roads that wind through 16 circles and a main road and entrance many communities would love to have. It passes our own office, A very generous clubhouse with modern restrooms, game room, exercise room, and Library, common areas with ample parking, basketball court, tennis courts and ends with a huge storage compound and a private boat ramp and fishing pier. Your garbage is picked up 2 times a week, you pile your brush & leaves in front of your house and they magically disappear. Storms come, trees & branches land on our roads, and usually by the next day it's all cleaned up. Common areas are mowed and kept clean. That's just for starters
You pay \$70 a month for all of that.

All this happens with one full time maintenance man a part time janitor and a part time secretary. How could that be? If you that had to pay for all that I don't think it could be done for 10 times your dues.

Volunteers. Generous Men and woman that donate their time material to do all sorts of jobs around the village. So the next time you say "why don't you" or "you should have been," perhaps you should look in the mirror and say "I should be out there." The only way WJV will stay this unique playground is by a constant supply of volunteers doing what they do best.

This year many changes have taken place as to what is being done to update and improve W JV. After a reserve study was done with a long range plan many projects have been started and will continue throughout years to come. Once again more volunteers stepped forward formed committees and went forward with the plan. Things such as new irrigation in front entrance, Replacing our aged out mailboxes, Repairing and painting our buildings and many other things that aren't so visible.

I want to - and we all should - thank all those neighbors that have volunteered their time effort and professionalism to keep W [V going forward one step at a time.

One of our ongoing projects has been making great progress over the years working it in our budget without raising your dues or having the dreaded word many communities have called "assessments" one circle at a time. That is the road paving and drainage repair. Last year we completed 3 more circles, and did major drainage work on Marion circle.

This year Calabash Gamecock and Lexington are going to be in the works. There will be a lot of drainage work done on Gamecock prior to paving. Each year as part of the ongoing project we go back and fix any damage or small holes that have popped up. Looking forward to working with the new BOD and continuing to make more improvements to the village over the coming year. Thank You.

Security - Charlie Nill, Chairman

For the most part WJV was fairly quiet this year with a few exceptions. We had a rash of vandalism for a couple of weeks over the winter where the police were called in several times to help out with stolen golf carts cuts in our fencing and some other things. Although it didn't end in an arrest of any individuals. I believe the point was made that we weren't going to sit around and let it happen. It all stopped as quickly as it started and no further problems of that nature have happened since.

The cameras which we maintain are an ongoing effort and I must thank the volunteers that work hours on top of hours keeping our systems going. We have about 20 cameras spread out through the village with and ongoing effort to keep them up and running.

They have solved almost every gate breaking incident over the years where we have been able to collect for damaging the gates as much as \$2200 for one incident.

Constant surveillance over the pool helps maintain keeping our visitors under control in the pool area. Violators of the rules can have their privileges taken away and entry cards turned off. Remember you are responsible for those you let in any gate including the front gate and clubhouse Pool area.

Next Meeting Dates:

Workshop: Aug. 13 Board Mtg. Aug. 20 7pm – Clubhouse

Speed Limits Circles – 15mpg Little River Drive – 20mph



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Currently we are looking for the individual that thought it would be a good idea to cut up a hot tub and dump it in our dumpsters. If you did it or know who did please come to us and help us remove it from the village.

We will be monitoring the dumpsters and fining those who don't follow the rules. The dumpsters are for household garbage only. That is something that you would throw out in your kitchen garbage can.

Another ongoing problem is the owner of dogs not picking up after them. The compound and boat ramp areas and the sides of the dirt road are the same as everywhere in the village. You are responsible to pick up after your dog.

Recently we had an incident that I hope will be resolved soon - 2 flatbed utility-type trailers were stolen from the compound on July $3^{\rm rd}$ and $4^{\rm th}$. I would like to let everyone know that after 3 days of research of the videos we were able to give the police enough information so they should be able to make an arrest. The videos clearly showed the same vehicle entering the village two times - once by tailgating and the other by jumping in front of someone at the call box. Then a few minutes later leaving through our middle gate and turning to go out big Landing gate with trailers in tow.

Our license plate reader came through on both instances and not only gave the plate number but model name of vehicle I told the police that we would be also interested in pressing criminal trespassing charges when they are caught. This case is currently in hands of Horry County Detectives and we are really looking forward to the recovery of the trailers and prosecuting the person that did it.

SOCIAL – PAT HORNE, CHAIRPERSON

The social committee had planned dinners in September, December, March and May. In November we served refreshments at the Boat Regatta Party with many beautiful boats and many residents to watch the parade. Sunday we met at the clubhouse to decorate the Christmas Tree. For Easter we had a breakfast and egg hunt for the children and adults. This always seems to be a big hit.

This year we had the third July 4th golf cart parade. This year we had about 20 carts. My sincere thanks to all who joined us driving the carts and supporting us by watching from the parade route. We hope this will happen again next year with even more people joining in. On July 4th we had an ice cream social. We had over 60 residents make their ice cream sundae and celebrate the holiday.

We have bingo each Wednesday night at 7:30 at the clubhouse. Everyone seems to enjoy the gifts they win. This is a good way to meet and get to know your neighbors. There have been clubhouse rentals this year so far to include, showers, birthday parties, graduation parties, family reunions, celebrations of life and going away parties. We also had a wedding in the clubhouse this year. Many residents have used the outdoor grill and picnic area this year.

As Chairman of the Social Committee I would like to thank the maintenance volunteers for all their help. They always do a great job from setting up for the socials and bingo to repairing anything that needs fixing in the clubhouse.

I appreciate the help and support of all the volunteers on the social committee. I would like to thank the men that helped at each function and were not named on the committee. One person cannot do this job and that is witty the committee is so very important to maintain the social activities of the Village. I also appreciate the support and help of the residents of the Village and the Board, and Angela in the office.

Last but not least if anyone would like to join this committee please contact me. This is a busy committee and it needs volunteers. Also if you have any new ideas or suggestions please contact anyone on the social committee.