

WINDJAMMER VILLAGE BREEZE

September 2011



The days are getting shorter; the air is getting cooler; fall is in the air!

Village Events!

Oct. 4th: Town Hall Meeting - 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse.

Oct. 8: Annual Village Yard Sale at the Clubhouse

Condolences

To the family of William LaBahn, Franklin Circle, who passed on Sept. 14th.

Condolences to the family of Don Mollenhauer, Gamecock Circle

Missing Items

- Green, 22-speed Trek bicycle
- Black, 10-speed Schwinn bicycle
- 10' ladder and Stepladder

These items were stolen from underneath a village residence some time during the summer. If you have any information about these missing items, please contact the office.

All WJV property owners are invited to attend our **SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING** **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2011** **7:00 PM AT THE CLUBHOUSE**

to discuss the 2012 revision to our DRE

If you live out of the area and cannot attend the October 4th Town Hall Meeting, send your suggestions regarding changes to the office.

Architectural Committee

There were 8 items approved by the Architectural Committee; a BOD vote was needed on three items. The BOD approved an attached storage shed, a generator installation, and a concrete driveway. *Ken Mayo, Chair*

GAC Committee

For the year 2011-2012, the first GAC meeting was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 6th at the WJV office. The chairperson, 5 committee members, and board liaison were in attendance. After meeting new members and board member liaison, the GAC discussed problems of outside cats, unkempt properties, unidentified golf carts, shrubs creating blind spots in circles causing safety issues, and one intersection where a stop or yield sign might be beneficial. GAC Concern Procedure: After a concern is received by the WJV office, a letter is sent to the property owner that they may be in violation of some rule. The owner may then respond in writing or come to the next workshop or meeting to present their case. Many concerns are getting resolved before the workshop, as soon as owners are made aware of the issue. *Jeanette Tripp, Chair*

Hospitality Committee

New Owners: Mark Harris at 2168 Gamecock, Stephen and Paula Gore at 2161 Gamecock, and Janet Payeski at 2224 Vereen. New Renters: Billy Lewis, Thomas Zelasko, Frank Lewis, Lewis Early, and Donald Lewis at 2105 Adams Circle; William and Lisa Foust at 2168 Gamecock, and Kellie Atwood at 2118 Lafayette. *Katherine Hendershot, Chair*

Insurance Committee

Total budget for fiscal year (ending 6/30/12) is \$26,000. All insurance premiums paid to date amount to \$3,447.60 leaving a budgeted balance of \$22,552.40. We remain within our projected budget for this fiscal year. *Dave Avery, Chair*

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In last month's newsletter, we thanked two volunteers by name for their help during and after Hurricane Irene, but we left one important person's name off our list. A huge thank you goes to **Bingo Anderson** for going above and beyond to help the village clean up.

Letters & Concerns

Fourteen concerns were closed; two concerns remain on hold. A follow-up letter was sent to an owner for allowing a child to drive his golf cart.

Tree Removal Requests

Tree removal requests for 7 trees were approved; 4 trees were denied. Two requests were submitted too late for the meeting.

Feral Cats

Please do not feed the feral cats. Feral cats have become a local (and national) problem. They feed on squirrels, green tree frogs, anole lizards (aka American chameleon), and songbirds. Granted, the benefit of squirrels is debatable, but the value of the insectivores is undeniable. By leaving food out for these cats you are inadvertently feeding other unwanted animals such as raccoons and opossums. Raccoons are the leading carriers of rabies in the United States.

Grass Clippings

When you mow your lawn, please take care not to blow your grass clippings into the street. The clippings can make our roads appear untidy. More importantly, after it rains, these clippings become hazardous to pedestrians because they are very slippery.

Thanks to Rebecca Flynn for volunteering to do our WJV Newsletter beginning with the October edition.

Maintenance Committee

Another very busy month for the maintenance volunteers and Robert. We wrapped up last month by trimming the limbs on most of the main road—just in time for Hurricane Irene. We believe the preventative maintenance worked, as we had no damage along Little River Road. We did lose 4 trees in our front lot; 2 were considered dangerous and had to be removed. 2 or 3 other trees fell into the roadways overnight and were removed at first light. By early morning, the entire village was passable. The pool was cleaned and open by the next morning. A few days before the hurricane, the tractor suffered a bent axle. It was out of commission for about 3 weeks, so we had to look at piles of brush a little longer than planned. In the last week, we have taken away about 30 tons of brush and leaves, and we are now caught up. Not just to the people that have been named, but Thank you to everyone that came out to help clean up.

Paving picked back up again, and we have exhausted our shortened budget for this year. We were able to pave 3 more circles. We have put some more work into the dock—replaced bad and broken boards, re-nailed the entire deck, and installed an energy-efficient dusk to dawn light. We are looking into placing new pilings and guides on the floating dock as it has taken a real beating over the years. This is part of our ongoing preventative maintenance program that was included in our annual budget. The lights at Georgetown and Dykman have been repaired. Throughout the village, we have been replacing entire light fixtures as they fail with the newer energy efficient lights.

The pool ionization is still proving to be very successful. In addition to the health benefits, it has saved us a lot of money in chemical costs. We were forced to convert our pool to liquid chlorine in June of last year due to DHEC regulations. I made a spreadsheet comparing June, July, and August of 2010 to the same months in 2011. Our chemical savings between the two years were \$3,165. These savings will continue throughout the year. *Charlie Nill, Chair*

Security Committee

We had two family's pool cards deactivated for bringing diaper dependent children into pool. One of these violations occurred within ten minutes of DHEC coming to check our pool. Two warning letters were sent to swimmers using the pool while it was closed for maintenance. Since the pool is closed on Wednesday mornings, we take advantage of that time to adjust the pool chemicals. The pool is not safe for swimming until after these adjustments are complete.

Once again, the security committee is not the police. We are not going to confront people; it is our responsibility to bring violations to the BOD. The board has given us the power to immediately deactivate clubhouse cards when a violation warrants it. However, the BOD is still able to act on a violation at the next workshop or meeting. *Charlie Nill, Chair*

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House Numbers

To help the Police, Fire Department, and EMS locate your house quickly, your house should be clearly marked with your house number. Critical time may be lost if you have no house number. Ideally, house numbers should be at least 4 inches tall and reflective.

Do you use Voice over IP?

Voice over IP (VoIP) allows people to make and receive telephone calls using the internet and a computer instead of a phone line. This is one of the new technologies that many residents have adopted. However, our gate system was purchased and installed years before the advent of this technology. Residents have reported difficulties buzzing guests in using VoIP, such as Skype or magicJack, but there are two techniques that have been reported as being effective:

- 1) Try pressing "9" quickly, 3 or 4 times in quick succession
- 2) Try setting up your computer so that when you press "9", the microphone or telephone can pick up the tone of the "9" from the computer speakers.

If you have news to share in the newsletter, please email wjvpoa@sc.rr.com.



Social Committee

The Labor Day picnic was held on September 3rd. We had lots of people with good company and GREAT food provided by all attending. If you missed this one, you missed some good cooks showing there talents. There was one clubhouse rental in August.

We are planning the yard sale on October 8th. There will be tables for rent for \$5.00 each. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, and it will be first-come, first-served basis as there will be a limited number of tables. You will be allowed to put out your goods Friday night after 7:00. We will serve hot dogs during the sale. We need volunteers to give baked goods to sell. If you can furnish any baked goods, please give me a call.

My thanks goes to all the volunteers in the village, not only on the social committee, but everywhere. We will begin to plan the holiday activities. I have been in contact with the band, and they are planning to entertain us again this year. Once again, if you would like to join this committee, we will be missing some of the committee during the winter months, and we could always use your help. *Pat Horne, Chair*

As we say goodbye to summer and welcome autumn, we wanted to share some pictures of the 2011 Fourth of July Golf Cart Parade:





North Strand Housing Shelter

PO Box 529, North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29579

We're including this letter to the village in this month's newsletter, so all residents can see if they can help the North Strand Housing Shelter.

September 7, 2011

The North Strand Housing Shelter, a 501c3 charitable corporation, has been open for eight months. We have enjoyed sheltering men, women and children with preference to Veterans. While we anticipated housing those from under the bridge or in the woods, we found that most of our shelter guests were more like your brother, son, daughter or sister.

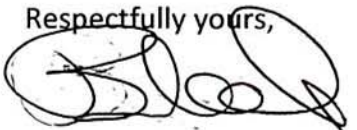
With a bad economy and/or bad choices, these men and women are in need of someone to come along beside them for support. At NSHS, we offer an atmosphere of holistic care. Our Discipleship Program mentors spiritually. Our Outreach Program works with our guests to resolve issues or find jobs and housing. For some, we just help them return to their home State. Whatever direction they choose, we are committed to do all that we can to assist in the process.

As we approach 2012, would you consider partnering with the North Strand Housing Shelter. There are several areas that would greatly serve the shelter:

- Provide a location/building for large fundraising events
- Host a fundraiser for the North Strand Housing Shelter
- Budget funds in 2012 for NSHS
- Identify an individual(s) from within your group to assist in grant writing or advertising
- Identify an individual(s) to donate or provide, at a discount, a 12 passenger van

Any assistance from your group would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,



Dana Black, President/Executive Director

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