

JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Wow... Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year celebrations have all come and gone... I trust everyone had a safe and joyous Holidays! The neighborhood this year looked very festive with the lights and decorations. Finally, I want to wish everyone a Happy 2020 New Year and tell you that we are all looking forward to a wonderful CVG HOA season with neighbors, friends, and family.

This year we have made a few changes in how and with whom, we will approach our Lawn Care and Irrigation needs... (see also Landscaping). We have contracted with a local (Hopewell) Lawn Care Company (Lawn Beautician) to take care of all of our lawn maintenance needs. Likewise, we have also contracted with a separate Irrigation company (Heritage Irrigation) that specializes specifically in irrigation matters. Lastly, we have re-engaged and contracted with Capital Testing (they serviced us for 4 years in the past) to handle all of the County and our required Back Flow needs.

I believe overall that this approach of multiple vendors, will bring much more accountability, professionalism, and detail to our CVG HOA needs this year.

Committee Reports:

Issue Database: Cathy Ghidotti, Manager (804) 363-0226
villagegreenissues@gmail.com

As of December 2019, Cathy reported that there are less than 10 landscaping issues relating to damages from RSG. Lynn Lofgren repaired one of the signs that had been damaged by RSG and that they have been billed the cost of that repair. There is a problem with the street lights going off and on throughout the neighborhood. Cathy found out that we need to contact Dominion Energy about the street lights. To contact them and report a street light that is going off and on you can email them at dom.com or call 866-366-4357. Mike Ghidotti has done a fantastic job of cleaning up the pond area on either side of the bridge. A big Thanks to him. He also removed some old Christmas lights on the bridge and assisted with finding the power supply for this year's lights. There is still some brick work and power washing to the pillars that will need to be done in the spring.

Finance Report: Colin Smith, Finance Manager (804) 777-9242
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PLEASE PICK UP BEHIND YOUR PETS... BE CONSIDERATE TO YOUR NEIGHBORS AND SCOOP THE POOP!!

Colin reports that the checking account continues to balance to the penny and we are currently in the black with a surplus of approximately \$26,000. Andy McCauley reported that we had a CD that expired and the funds were transferred to a money market account which is giving us a higher rate of return.

Architecture Review Committee: Pat Shiber (804) 748-5524
pshiber@comcast.net

Pat had nothing to report this month, but did bring up a concern that she is getting so many robot-calls that she isn't answering her phone. She is concerned that she will miss a call from a neighbor needing to get in contact with her about an architecture issue. She asks that if you do call, please leave a message and your name and number and she will get back in contact with you. If you can Please volunteer to assist Pat on this committee. We should have at least 3 persons on this committee. Thank you.

Welcoming Committee: Arlene Ripp aripp@verizon.net , Brenda Riding
brendasavon@verizon.com

As of December, there were no new neighbors to report this month. Arlene did send a sympathy card to Jerry and Sandra Harrison on the recent loss of their grandson. Arlene, her daughter, Dawn, Lynn Lofgren, and Pat Shiber decorated the bridge last year for Christmas and we just want to let them know that it looked great and their efforts were very much appreciated.

Neighborhood Watch Committee: Maurice Smith, Gail Casto
No report from the committee this month.

Contracts Committee: Russ Carter, Jodie Coutts, Lynn Lofgren, Rick Carter, Barbara Simpson, Marty Mackenzie
This committee has been extremely busy this month with contracts expiring on County waste, Wind Chasers, and RSG landscaping.

Landscaping:

Because the contract with RSG was expiring and the Board with recommendations from our Contracts Committee decided to initiate a new lawn care approach. So we met with RSG last December and informed them that we would not be renewing our contract with them for 2020. Also, during that time, we interviewed with 3 other landscaping companies and had gotten bids from them for the 2020 season. The Contracts committee made their recommendations to the board and the board decided on a new landscaping company for 2020.

In December, we have also interviewed a company for back flow testing, an irrigation company, and a nursery, for the replanting of the dead plants throughout the neighborhood. The company, Shipp and Wilson had one of our dead shrubs tested and reported back stating that we had a black root rot problem. She has made replanting recommendations to prevent the same problem from reoccurring. The board approved this company with handling our re-planting needs for 2020.

Garbage removal:

County Waste will provide the HOA waste services for one more year. Please also be sure to document any issues that may arise from County Waste, if any.

Geese removal:

We are aware of the 40 plus geese that have decided to stay around during our wonderfully warm (so far) winter. The Sawyer's dog Albin has assisted in running them off as well as some other well-meaning efforts too shew them away... There are several local companies that do geese some removal and we have gotten information from them but as this newsletter have not yet contracted with anyone. The target company, Blue Ridge Wildlife, has done a walk-through and researched our needs and is proposing a year-long solution. We are awaiting those details and the associated cost to that solution. We have also seen and are discouraging the Senior Living community, on the other side of the pond, to NOT feed the geese! I have spoken with their management about this! Please kindly mention this if you see anyone feeding the geese... Thanks!

Additional projects:

We are working on a new Directory for the neighborhood. The changes are almost complete and will be out soon. We will be working on a form for all new home owners to fill out for information for the directory. These will be placed in the information packets supplied by the neighborhood for all new homeowners.

We will be notifying homeowners who are in arrears for the association dues and placing an additional violation fees to all accounts that remain in arrears during 2020. We must attempt to resolve these issues going forward.

We will be revisiting the issue of getting electronic information to all of homeowners after the first of the year. This is an area that we need to resolve with a 21st Century solution.

Russ is looking for volunteers to work on an information Hand Book to be provided to all new and current homeowners. This Hand Book will provide all area information and also the HOA bi-laws, rules and regulations of the neighborhood. The information in the Hand Book needs to be updated and re-assembled; printed and distributed accordingly. Please contact Russ (russmcarter@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping with this much needed project.