

JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Report: Treasurer: VACANT Colin Smith, Finance Manager

We are in need of a new TREASURER. If anyone has accounting or banking experience and is interested in volunteering for the position, please contact Russ at the above email or phone. He can provide you with details and the responsibilities necessary as an active Board member. We are sorry to lose Andy McCauley as the treasurer after about nine (9) years of volunteered service. We wish Andy the best in all of his future endeavors and the Association greatly thanks him for his service and contribution to the Chester Village community thru his volunteering.

We are increasing our overall efforts to reduce the number of late payers on record. The amount outstanding to the Association at the time of our decision, was approximately \$15k dollars. We mailed out a letter to every homeowner this month, explaining our new collections policy that will start promptly following the August 15th assessment due date. The letter provided every homeowner with their current financial balance and provided details and rationale of our policy, IAW the Associations Bylaws. The letter essentially states:

If there are any homeowners that are currently in the arrears (specifically, 90 days or greater), to the Association. Those accounts must be settled by August 15, 2020. If not, your accounts will be turned over to our Collection Agency for resolution. The letter goes on to say, if the arrearages are not or cannot be resolved by the Agency in 30 days following, the matter will certainly affect your credit score and rating and additional legal actions will be taken to balance the delinquent accounts. These actions can include, liens and or foreclosure actions against the homeowners property IAW the CVA Bylaws and Virginia law.

We do appreciate all of those faithful homeowners that are currently in good financial standing with the Association. Please know that without your dedicated support, we would not be able to provide for the annual services that have been voted on and budgeted for.

Vendor Issues: Cathy Ghidotti

July has been fairly active as far as Lawn care complaints go. Most are attributable to the Lawn Care company and those complaints are being resolved but, there are also some things that we as homeowners can do to prevent some of these issues from happening.

1. If you have ornamental landscape lighting, please be sure it is off the grass and in an area that will not be impacted by the mowers.
2. If your air conditioner drain pipes are causing the ground to be saturated due to the accumulated water-condensation, resulting from them constantly running during the summer heat, you may need to make some adjustments to the drain pipe and/or put in some type of drainage box. While the Irrigation company has done a good job with reducing the wetness between the houses that they can influence. We homeowners need to do our part to assist in drying up the properties.
3. There have been some issues where flowers and plants have been mistaken for weeds - we certainly don't want that to happen! It might become necessary for you to place a small sign at the plantings when the weed sprayers are out and about. While this is not an ideal solution but, for now, it's important that we keep your flowers alive.

Architecture Review Committee: Brenda Carter brendawcarter@gmail.com (804) 586-5323,
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Neighbors, we hope this letter finds you and your family doing well. Earlier this spring, (read on the Website) the CVG Association sent out a letter notifying all homeowners that the ARC Committee would be evaluating which shrubbery and which trees, need to be removed and/or replaced during our October 2020 shrub replanting effort. The Committee is currently working on the task to actively identify and list all shrubs and trees being affected in the neighborhood.

The ARC Committee has reached out to Shipp & Wilson, the company that executed our shrub re-planting last spring, to assist in providing professional consultation and recommendations about shrubbery replacement options for our October re-planting effort. During our spring replanting effort Shipp & Wilson (after a series of tests and analysis) informed us that many of the Helli and Compacta shrubs planted throughout the neighborhood are suffering with a form of *root-rot* disease.* Unfortunately, during our current *walk-thru* we noticed that a many of the aforementioned shrub types, that were replaced last year (2019) are now in fact dead or dying. This in addition to a few more that are dead or near death from our recent plantings.

Unfortunately, for all of us, this shrub type was used predominately throughout the neighborhood during the time of build. The prognosis is that eventually, most all of these shrub types (Helli and Compacta) will die of this root-rot disease. Now, there were a few homes where this shrub type has done *very* well and for those homes, we are not looking at replacing them unless, they too, start dying in the future. Therefore, considering all information we believe it is in the best financial interest of the neighborhood to start replacing these shrub types with a *new shrub type* that is not susceptible to root-rot disease and that will work well with our existing plants. We are currently working with Ship & Wilson to obtain their recommendations on which shrubs should be used in lieu of the Helli and Compacta.

This is going to be a delicate process. It means that we will have, at some homes, a mix of shrub type, as well as shrub size. We wish we could afford to take them all out at once and replace all at once, but this is not financially possible for the HOA. We have identified shrubs that are completely dead, half dead or very unattractive, as those that need to be considered for replacement in October 2020. The list is quite extensive and perhaps will need to be replanted in phases over the next 3 planting times. But our objective is to address each home and renew its foundational shrubs. The Board will decide how we will proceed depending on the final cost.

Continuing, if, as the homeowner, it is your desire to collaborate with the committee wanting to discuss replacing all the shrubs to match in either size and/or type, above what the Association is limited in re-planting (there will be a homeowner upcharge cost) the committee will be glad to discuss options and collaborate with you and Shipp and Wilson to make that happen. If you wish to use another contractor, you will be responsible for: filling out an ARC request form; specifying which type of plants you plan to use; contacting the contractor of your choosing; and making all arrangement with them for any and all shrub replacements; and settling all cost.

If you have any concerns or questions in regard to your yard, please do not hesitate to reach out to either Brenda or Jodie (numbers below). It is important that you reach out to us in the next two weeks (NLT the 16th of August) so we can finalize our plant count to Shipp & Wilson.

We thank you in advance for your understanding of our request and for your timely reply.

Welcoming Committee: Arlene Ripp, aripp@verizon.net (804) 796-5739, Brenda Riding
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Arlene reports:

Brenda and I delivered a welcome gift to Mark Boswell, 4306 Village Park Ave. We have one more to deliver to Donald & Annette Gugel (11743 Village Garden Court; Carl Whittington property). We will deliver something when we know they have moved in.

Neighborhood Watch Committee: Maurice Smith, mswjsmith@gmail.com, Gail
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Maurice reports:

Great news! We have registered for the National Night out on October 6th. Details will be given at a later time.

As for our occurrences in our neighborhood, they are the following:

6/8 - Disturbance

6/15 - Warning & Summons administered

6/16 - Domestic Assault

What's GOOD for the Neighborhood:

"Pick-up-the Poop" campaign is going very well... Keep up the good work respecting your neighbor's yards & Landscape! Don't let'em pee on the shrubs!

Geese Project: We have been very successful with deterring the Geese this year 2020 from the pond common area! Through some self-help measures (dogs & spray) we have what I believe to be lush green, poop-free and Geese free pond area... There is an idea floating around that we host our Annual October meeting at the POND? We will see...

Sick & Shut-In: Remember to pray for our sick or shut-ins: Floyd Robinson; Doris Hobart; Jim Casto

Our Condolences: Mack Daniels (11713 Village Garden Court) wife passed George Sawyer's (4412 Village Garden Cir) sister passed.

Just Heard: I heard that Pat Shiber is sick and that George Sawyer himself is in the hospital...

Our prayers and condolences go out to all of our Chester Village neighbors.

For Your Information: Emerson Companies, LLC, has applied to rezone 7 parcels of land totaling approximately 44 acres and located off of Womack Road northwest from the Chester Village area.

Suggestions & Ideas: Any suggestions or ideas related to our WEBSITE... its content; or layout etc. we would welcome and consider for implementation with the webmaster all submissions... me (Russ) know!

Respectfully,
Jodie Coutts, Recorder