

ABINGDON VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION

2017 Winter Newsletter



What is New?

Outside of attending the monthly board of directors meeting, the best way to learn the latest news about neighborhood goings-on is to go online.

AVHA Site: www.abingdonvillageha.com
Nextdoor: www.nextdoor.com/join/QDRGUZ
Facebook: www.facebook.com/AbingdonVillageHomesAssociation

For problems, questions, concerns about the neighborhood, please call the manager at 757-333-7675 or send an email to either:

admin@communityfirstmanagement.com
info@abingdonvillageha.com

Pool Passes

This year, the pool will be **open 7 days a week!** Pool passes will be again be available for purchase this spring.
More information to come!



Culverts & Verizon Covers

The city has been contacted several times to address the debris and erosion in the culverts. It remains a work in progress.

Hurricane Matthew resulted in some missing covers on Verizon boxes which left dangerous holes around the neighborhood. The board has asked Verizon to replace the covers.

From the President

Upon review of AVHA minutes beginning with 1969, I learned that the issues surrounding the fences and annual assessments have been a problem for a very long time. As indicated at the annual meeting in October, the board of directors has directed the attorney to seek to resolve these matters once and for all by requesting a declaratory judgment. Because the court's decision will affect all of us, we will each receive legal notification of the action. The judge's ruling will enable the current board and future boards to properly move forward.

Due to the fact that our current documents are so very out-of-date and are not in harmony with the Virginia Property Owners' Act, we hope to have those revised in 2018 to bring them up to current legal standards.

Your board of directors is continuing to work on repairs, improvements, and communication within the neighborhood, and we appreciate all the encouraging comments and offers to help we have received.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and effort on behalf of the community, opportunities are available. You can help with litter pickup, spring cleanup, participate in social events, and also download the application to offer your candidacy to the board.

www.abingdonvillageha.com/documents

On behalf of the board,
Donna Astern
President and Neighbor

Helping Hands Program



The city's program offers a one-time help to senior citizens and physically-challenged residents who need help with their yard work and are financially unable to do so. Call for details. (757) 385-4650

Speed Limit Sign



Some months ago, the board approached the city about increasing the penalty for speeders on Amherst/Auburn due to the high volume of speeding school traffic. As part of their study, the city set up a traffic calming sign for a couple of days near the clubhouse and a monitor on Auburn for a week. At this point, we are waiting for further action from the city.

Landscaping

Now that LJ's Lawns, Lights, and Jobs has completed the "deep clean" work on the paths, we can all do our part to help keep AVHA tidy.

- When you take your garbage can to the curb each week, please take a look at your street and pick up any litter by your house.
- Please bag up your yard debris, and do not blow leaves or grass clippings into the street, culverts, or paths.
- Trim hedges and branches back from the paths and sidewalks. *(Please note: If the lawn company has to clean it up, the resident will be billed.)*
- The city will pick up lawn debris in clear bags on Fridays. The city will only pick up bulk items for which they have received a direct request. Call 757-385-4650.

Crime Prevention

- 1. Lights**
 - Dusk-to-dawn lights around your home discourage criminal activity
- 2. Locks**
 - On everything: gates, garages, sheds, vehicles, doors
- 3. Litter**
 - No debris, a well-maintained home, yard, and common areas send the message that we are attentive to outside activity
- 4. Let your neighbors & police know**
 - If you plan to go away, inform someone to keep an eye on your property
 - Police non-emergency 757-385-2800
 - Call and offer your help with Neighborhood Watch. Coordinator is Maurice Washington 757-502-3240

Neighborhood Crime Statistics July-Dec 2016

Assault 1	Hit & Run 1
Burglary 1	Larceny 2
Drug/Narcotic 1	Larceny from vehicle 7

Board Meetings

Held on the 2nd Monday of each month at the clubhouse, starting at 7:30 PM, these meetings are open for observation to all residents of Abingdon Village. Q&A at the end.

Board Member	Position	Term Expires
Donna Astern	President	2017
Charisse Keys	Vice President	2018
Bryan Carl	Treasurer	2018
Vicki Nuvill	Secretary	2017
Johnnie Waters	Director	2019
Scott Astern	Director	2018
Sabrina Arehart	Director	2019
Jordan Patterson	Director	2019
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