



ABINGDON VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION

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Our website is up and running!!!!

After the first of the year we will have all the necessary information that you will need to keep you informed and up to date. Right now

it consists of the basic information but we are still in the process of compiling ALL the information to make totally user friendly.

From the Business Manager:

***If you would like to receive email communication in the future instead of paper copies, please email me at avhamanager@verizon.net and put your name and address in the subject line. **ALSO**, since our bylaws require notification be mailed; I will also have to have a statement in writing telling me that you wish to receive electronic communications in the future. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 420-3416. Thank you, Stacie Dayton.

****UPDATING OUR GOVERNING DOCUMENTS****

By-Laws, Declaration of Covenants, Articles of Incorporation and Rules and Regulations.

Since our current documents are over 30 years old and extremely outdated, it is time for them to be updated to fit the needs of the community in our current world/life situation..... It is not possible to draft new documents from scratch at a meeting, therefore our association attorney is working on a draft that will be sent to all homeowners, then she will be coming to meet with homeowners in January/February (date to be determined) to go over the draft, hear ideas, ask for input and answer questions. After that, when a final draft is completed, I will be going door to door to have all homeowners review documents for approval. 75% of homeowner approval is needed to change/update the Bylaws/Declaration. Unfortunately since homeowner turnout at annual meetings is usually very low, the only way to get this information to all homeowners is to go door to door; and since we can all agree that our 30 year old documents need to be updated, this seems to be the best way to make sure everyone knows and is involved in this process. All homeowners will be notified with the date of the meeting..... As always, if you have any questions, please contact our business manager.



MAINTENANCE

LEAVES, LEAVES, LEAVES!!

It is that time of year again, the leaves are down and it is time to make sure they are taken care of. Many of you have raked your yards and bagged your leaves and we thank you.....Others have yet to do so and it is not fair to the homeowners who have cleaned up their yards. It is important for ALL homeowners to take responsibility for the clean up of their yards. A neighborhood inspection will be done around the first week of January and violations will be issued in accordance with our governing documents to any homeowner whose yard is not in compliance. *Having the mindset that you will do it once they all fall isn't fair to your neighbor who may be bagging and raking on a regular basis. Let us all be courteous of our neighbors. Once raked all leaves should be bagged, clear only, and at the curb for pick-up. **NO ONE should be dumping leaves over their fence in the common area.** MOST of the time a violation by the association is also a city violation, so having the violation cured when received by us is better than receiving one from the city. If you have any questions regarding violations, or would like to report a violation, please call the association number at 420-3416.*

We thank you for your compliance and understanding.



Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at the the clubhouse, starting at 7:30pm. These meetings are open for observation to all residents of Abingdon Village.

2011 AVHA Board Members

President-Joe McIntyre
Vice President-Scottie Burnette
Secretary- Dana Hayner
Treasurer- Gideon Goodwyn
Maintenance-Art Ray
Pool Director-Brian Hayner
Hospitality-Janice Jones
Architectural-Stacie Dayton
Business Manager- Stacie Dayton
Messages may be left for any board member at 420-3416

Neighborhood Watch

Anyone with any questions or concerns regarding our Neighborhood Watch, should contact Art Ray at 424-2558, 581-6382 or by email at rayaj2@aol.com. (That is rayaj2)

DITCHES

We are aware of the problem with the ditches. Mr. McIntyre has been to the city countless times to address this issue. He has been relentless in trying to get this situation handled. We appreciate your continued understanding in this very frustrating matter.....We are still asking that if you are still having problems to please notify us so we may let the city know.

Annual PUD Fees

Enclosed you will find your PUD fee bill for 2013. You will notice the slight increase. According to our By-Laws, Section 3, pt B, The dues may be increased annually according to the consumer pricing index formula. Upon the appropriate calculations, the increase comes to .03% of our current dues which equals \$10.50. Therefore, taking the current amount of \$350.00, then adding \$10.50, the new total will be \$360.50.



2012 POOL SEASON

The needed pool repairs were completed and the pool had opened on time.....As always, pool season was a success, meaning homeowners who took advantage of the pool enjoyed themselves.....The pool company did have some new lifeguards this past summer which was not without incident. We want all homeowners to know that when a situation was brought to our attention it was handled. Sometimes these young lifeguards that come in do not realize that there are certain rules and guidelines set up by the association that must be followed. We addressed these concerns with the pool company and they immediately handled them.....We may possibly be amending our pool pass procedures for the next pool season. If that is done you will be notified in the spring newsletter.



ANIMALS

This is still an ongoing problem and we are receiving numerous complaints from homeowners. PLEASE, do not let your dog defecate on your neighbor's lawn!! It is your responsibility to clean up after your pet. (No matter how small the dog.)

Whether you are a pet owner or not, no one wants to have unwanted animal waste in their yard.

Other areas of concern:

DOGS- All dogs MUST be on a leash if not on your property. If you have a dog that continues to get out of your yard, animal control will be called.

CATS - We have also had many complaints regarding cats roaming around the neighborhoods. As pet owners we need to be mindful of our fellow neighbors who may not have pets and be respectful of their right to not have dog and/or cat waste or unwanted animals on their property.

According to Virginia Beach city code 5-67, NO animal is permitted to run at large within the city. This includes dogs, cats and other animals.

HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

If you know of any of our elders in the community that may need help, please do not hesitate to call the association. We are here to help the members of our community and if someone is in need, we will find the resources needed to help them. 420-3416

TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Virginia Beach Citizens Services- --311

Non Emergency Police (4th Precinct)—385-2800

Non Emergency Fire Department—385-4228

Virginia Natural Gas—1-800-229-3578

Dominion Virginia Power—1-888-667-3000

City Treasurer (water) 385-4631

Waste Removal/Bulk Pick up-385-4650

(New online form to fill out for Bulk pickup, please visit the city of Virginia Beach website for more information.)

Verizon--1-800-483-3000

Cox—222-1111

College Park Elementary—648-2280

Brandon Middle School—648-4450

Tallwood High School—648-5700

HRSD —460-2491

City Parks and Recs—385-1100