



**Welcome to the first edition of the  
Four Seasons at Charlottesville  
Community Newsletter**

The newsletter is being produced by the newly formed Communications Committee.  
We plan to publish the newsletter bi-monthly.

**We need your help!** Articles and photos of interest to our community are needed and welcome. You don't have to worry about the small stuff when you submit something for the newsletter—just send the info and photos. We'll write it up and edit the photos so it all looks great.

The next issue will be Jan/Feb 2013. Submit at any time, but the submission deadline for the next issue is December 15. Send all material to our editor, Dianne Wilson, via email, [jimndi7777@gmail.com](mailto:jimndi7777@gmail.com), or leave the information with the Clubhouse staff at the front desk with Dianne's name on it.

**Thanks to all who have contributed to this first issue!**

**Four Seasons Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, November 17, 2012**

**11:00 am**

**Clubhouse Ballroom**

**Everyone is encouraged to attend!**

## *~ To Residents from the Board of Directors ~*

### **Letter from the President of the Home Owners Association**

On behalf of the Board of Directors I welcome you to the inaugural edition of our community newsletter. Now that we have formed a Communications Committee we have the capability of providing our neighbors with up-to-date information concerning important issues, events, and what's happening in our community. We also envision a medium within which we can provide information of a more personal nature about our residents, their families, and their accomplishments.

For this initial issue of our newsletter I want to mention a few timely and important subjects for your information:

**The 2013 Budget:** The HOA, with the great work done by the various committees, saw the 2012 budget come in "under budget" because we did things smarter than KHOV. However, because of all of the smart things we did in 2012, we are not going to achieve the "under budget" gains in 2013 that we did in 2012. Most of the 2013 budget is known, while the budget line item that carries the most unknown is the one titled "snow removal". So how we deal with this item will influence the 2013 budget.

**Mowing & Trash Removal:** As we approach the end of the year, the Board is going to ask Home Owners to change the DCCR (Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions) to exempt "grass cutting" and "trash pick-up" as "opt out" services. To change the DCCR, it takes a positive vote of 2/3's of the Dwelling Units, or 81 Dwelling Units. Therefore, please understand that by not voting, it is the same as voting NO. **Please vote.**

The following are some questions that you should ask yourself as you think about this item: If we decide this [grass cutting and trash pick-up] is in fact a special service and allow the opt-out, it will become very management intensive. This is beyond the scope of services of our MSC's contract (because this was not contemplated when they bid the project). Everyone will be paying a different rate. What will be the notice period for opting back in? What if you sell your home during the growing season and you opted out? Is the new owner stuck with no landscaping? How long will we have to get landscapers queued up to mow for the new owner? There will most likely be a surcharge to the Association from MSC to cover this change. Also, are the residents going to be happy with multiple grass cutting companies in our community weekly? Who will monitor mowing? When your neighbor's grass is too tall, who will the complaint go to? What will be an acceptable period to come into compliance, etc? What if you don't come into compliance? Will the Association front the money to have your lawn mowed and try to collect it back from you? With regard to "trash pick-up", do you want multiple companies transiting our street on different days at different times? Do you want these heavy trucks using our streets, streets which we own and must maintain? As the President of the HOA, I support changing the DCCR to exempt "grass cutting" and "trash pick-up" as an "opt out" service.

**How do we get more people to attend the HOA Meetings:** I have been on the board for the past 15 months, and I am surprised that so few residents attend the Board meetings? Any suggestions on increasing attendance will be appreciated.

Respectfully,  
John Normand

## ~ Resident in the News ~



### Congratulations to Sue Stover!

One of our residents, Sue Stover, has been chosen as America's selection to be Artist in Residence at the famous Les Amis De La Grande Vigne Estate in Dinan, France.

The Committee of Les Amis De La Grande Vigne, was created by artist Yvonne Jean-Haffen in 1993 before her passing at age 93. Ms. Jean-Haffen studied art in America and was greatly influenced by her American experience. As a result, she bequeathed her home as a museum and the studio as a place for selected American artists to come and paint the beauties of Brittany. The Committee selects one artist each month from America to come to Dinan, live there in the studio of the estate, and paint for one month.

At the end of the month, the members of the Les Amis De La Grande Vigne select one of the original works painted by the artist of the month for permanent display in the museum. Sue Stover was the American artist selected for October 2012. It is truly an honor for Sue Stover to join the ranks of excellent artists from the United States. Sue departed for France on September 26 and returned home on October 31.

Sue has a degree in Commercial Art from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. She has taken her art around the world as she traveled with her husband, Jay, and family, painting children's walls in an USAF Base hospital in Japan. She also did play programs and scenery for various Embassy acting groups in Africa and China, as well as landscape oil paintings throughout her travels. Currently, Sue is teaching a beginner's art class at the Clubhouse

- article by Betty Ray

## ~ Meet Your Neighbors ~



*Joe & Vera Reece*

Joe and Vera are some of the newer residents of Four Seasons and live at 86 John Rucker Drive.

### *A note from Vera:*

When Joe and I moved here in May it was a huge change for both of us. Joe was giving up his four car garage, and I was giving up my beautiful mountain view. I was probably a little more apprehensive than Joe because I am not as outgoing as he is and did not know how I would "fit in", knowing this is an "active adult community". But we both knew it was time to downsize.

My apprehension was soon washed away with the welcoming feeling we received from everyone we met. I love the feeling of community and the new friendships we are developing.

I go out for early morning walks and enjoy seeing the beauty that surrounds you. I feel safe, secure and happy. As I was walking one morning, I mentioned to one of our neighbors about giving up my "dream home" to move here—but she put it all in perspective for me when she said, "You may have given up your dream home but you found your dream neighborhood". How true that is!

I know this community has been through (and continues to go through) more than its share of trials. The fact that the neighborhood has been through so much and still remains close and welcoming bodes well for a positive future here. So "Thank You" Four Seasons neighbors for creating such a wonderful place to live!

- Vera Reece

## 2012 Dates to Remember

**November TTT**—Third Thirsty Thursday **Veteran’s Day** will be held on Thursday, Nov. 15, 7:00—9:00 pm. It will include a four member color guard, a 50/50 raffle with proceeds going to “Support the Troops”. Delicious desserts will be provided by Chef Shelley Wooldridge. Everyone is invited to come out and recognize our own Four Season’s Veterans. Cost is \$10 per person and the deadline for signing up is November 8.



### Christmas decorating

in the club house will be on Wednesday night, December 5, 7:00 –9:00 pm. Those who want to bring cookies are welcome to do so. Eggnog will be provided

### New Year’s Eve, Monday, December 31 8:00 pm—1:00 am

The community will be celebrating at the clubhouse with music provided by DJ’s4u. The caterer is Shelley Wooldridge and she will be serving heavy hors d’oeuvres. As always, BYOB.



### Local Events

Friday, November 30

**Grand Illumination—Tree Lighting** on the Downtown Mall, Charlottesville. 5:00 –7:00 pm

Saturday, December 1

**Holiday Heritage Parade**—Downtown Mall—10:00 am—11:30 am

Saturday, December 1

**Christmas Parade** in Stanardsville—6:00 pm followed by the lighting of Stanardsville Town Tree at the town hall.

**A Big Thank You** goes out to several men of our community who got out on a beautiful October Day and worked on finishing the brick walk from the fountain to the street! This unfinished walkway has been an eyesore in the community for a couple of years. Frank Steele and Orv Kiehn from the Landscaping & Grounds Committee headed up the project and they were joined by Peter Bowles, Terry Pratt, Jack Sauter, Harold Robbins, Tom Slonaker, Bill Groening and Marilyn & Paul Kiehn in completing the project.



### **A Red Sunset Maple tree**

(donated by a resident in the community) was planted in the park at Prestwood Drive and Mistland Trail. As the tree matures, it will provide shade to one of the benches.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Christmas and New Year’s Day both fall on Tuesday. There will be **NO** trash pick-up on either holiday. **Trash pick-up will be on Wednesday, December 26 and Wednesday, January 2.**

## ~ Volunteer Group ~

### CARING HANDS

***Caring Hands*** is a group of volunteers here in Four Seasons. Our mission is to help our neighbors when they are ill, or lonely, or have a personal need.



Things we do:

- Provide transportation to appointments (please give a 24 hour notice)
- Pick up prescriptions or groceries for neighbors who are ill or unable to drive.
- Pet care for ill neighbors
- Provide a meal when needed
- Calls to neighbors on a regular basis to make sure they are okay
- Visit neighbors who are lonely or homebound.

We cannot provide home nursing care, house cleaning services, or meals on a regular basis. Please call one of the coordinators listed when you have a need for the services we can provide. If you know of neighbors who need our support, please call or email the coordinator. We will make contact with the neighbors.

Team Coordinator—Chris Sauter—434-990-5790—home (cook, deliver meals, transport, chores)  
609-208-0008—cell

Wilma Bergeret—434-985-3326—Wbergeret@aol.com (most services)  
Petie Bonsteel—716-341-5829—bonsteel@sbcglobal.net (most services)  
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Diane Denton—434-985-4768—dmdenton@gmail.com (communications, research, other)  
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Marilyn Kiehn—434-985-7209—marilynkg@embarqmail.com (companionship, transportation)  
Keith & Kathy Livingston—434-985-8331—livingpc@comcast.net (most services)  
Doug Miller—434-985-1200—dsmiller1@comcast.net (on-line communications, chores, transport)  
Betty Ray—434-985-8593—bettyray@aol.com (most services)  
Vera Reece—434-990-1977—Joehas442@aol.com  
Colleen & Tim Sizer—703-577-3066—tisizer@gmail.com (pet care, respite, companionship)

***The Caring Hands Team*** will hold a meeting on Monday, November 12, at the Club House at 10:30 am. Everyone is encouraged to attend in order to meet the team of volunteers and to get a better understanding of the services that they offer.



**Happy Birthday Joe!!!!**

Joe Orsini (October 18), Joe Preston (October 14)  
and Joe Reece (October 19) celebrated their birth-  
days together.



~ A Special Social Event ~



**Ladies Lunch Bunch**  
held October 26. Vera Reece & Coleen Sizer were the hosts for the event. Chef Shelly Wooldridge catered the food.



~ *Get Ready for the Holiday Season* ~



December 8 - 16



November 22



December 26—January 1



January 1



December 25

**The Mountain Breeze at Four Seasons Charlottesville**  
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**Phone Numbers to Remember**

**Club House — 434-990-2012**

**Emergency — 911**

**Greene County Sheriff's Office — 434-985-2222**

**Identity Theft Hotline — 1-877-438-4338**

**National Do Not Call Registry — 1-888-382-1222**

**Better Business Bureau of Central Virginia — 1-804-648-0016**