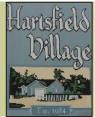
### HARTSFIELD VILLAGE



(Our Mission Statement: To be the best working class neighborhood in Tallahassee and preserve the spirit of the American Dream for all who call Hartsfield Village home.)

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## The HOA Board of Directors would like to wish everyone HAPPY HOLJDAYS... and may you have a blessed and prosperous New Year!

#### Did You Know...?

#### Our monthly Board meetings are held the **third Monday** of every month.

- Our annual HOA meeting is held the third Monday of every February.
- Anyone may attend and speak\* at our meetings, not just Board Members (\*must sign up on the Discussion Sheet before start of meeting).
- The Community speed limit is only 15 miles per hour.
- The main intersection at Foster Drive and Nannas Loop is only a 3-way STOP... so vehicles leaving Solstice Court don't have to stop.
- The Community "STOP" signs are legal and properly posted... this means you can be ticketed if you don't stop. (Think about it... would you want your child or pet run over?)

#### **Safer Streets**

Hopefully, by now, you have seen and read the new Hartsfield Village Towing Policy mentioned in the previous newsletter and a topic question on the neighborhood survey being conducted by the Board of Directors (see page 3 for more details). The policy was implemented to create safer streets in our Community and to ensure that emergency vehicles can move as needed throughout the Community.

The policy was recently updated to add the word "asphalt" to paragraph #2 for clarification; it is printed in its entirety on page 2 or can be accessed on the HOA website at http://hartsfieldvillage3.org/hoatowing-policy/.





## Would you be interested in Serving on the HOA Board of Directors?

The HOA Board of Directors is elected to a three-year term; however, sometimes a vacancy arises prior to the end of a Director's term which needs to be filled prior to the Annual Meeting. If you have any interest in serving on the Board, please send us an e-mail at Board@hartsfieldvillage3.org or call (850) 296-0688 and leave a message.



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#### **HOA** Towing Policy

The Board of Directors recently updated the HOA towing policy to clarify "street" in Item #2 below. For those homeowners who are landlords, please remember that it is **your responsibility** to notify your current and new tenants about the specifics of the HOA's current towing policy. If you have any questions, please contact the Board at Board@hartsfieldvillage3.org or call the HOA voice mail number at (850) 296-0688.

- Roam Towing Roam towing hours 12:00 am to 6:00 am. Roam towing gives the HOA contracted towing company the right to tow any vehicle that is parked illegally between the hours of 12:00 am and 6:00 am without being called by a HOA Board member.
- 2. **No Parking in the Street/Asphalt –** If a vehicle is parked in the street/asphalt or partially on the street/asphalt it is subject to being towed at any time.
- Tow any vehicle parked where "No Parking" signs are posted or other "HOA Parking Restriction Signs" are posted.
- 4. Tow any vehicle that is blocking a sidewalk, UNLESS the vehicle is parked in a driveway and no portion of it is on the street/asphalt. This is a City of Tallahassee Ordnance.
- 5. **Non-Roam Towing** Towing will occur only if the request is called in by an HOA Board member. As this towing will be done on an as-needed basis, there are no time parameters.
- 6. Violators will be towed at owner's expense.

#### **Towing Service**

Due to the continuous complaints, potential emergency services issues and inconveniences of vehicles being improperly parked on our streets, American Eagle has been authorized to operate in Hartsfield Village. The vehicle owner will be responsible for the towing fee.

American Eagle Towing and Recovery, Inc.

5263 Capital Circle, SW, Tallahassee, FL 32305; (850) 574-9200

#### **HOA** Fees and Assessments

It's that time of year again! Your 2017 annual Homeowner's assessment (dues) of \$144.69 must be paid in full by February 1, 2017.

You should be aware of the late fee that can be assessed if you don't pay your annual dues on time (18% annual). But did you know about some of the other fees you may incur as a resident or homeowner in our neighborhood?

There is a \$100.00 fee any time a request is made for an Estoppel letter. The HOA can also assess a fine for instances when your trashcans are not returned back to your home within 24 hours of pickup. Below is a breakdown of these fees:

- Annual Homeowners Dues Late fee 18% per year
- Estoppel fee of \$100
- Trashcan violations \$75 first offense, \$100 per offense after, after third offense, your trash can will be removed by the City of Tallahassee.
- Towing fee set by American Eagle Towing and Recovery

#### Neighborhood Survey

Recently, the Board of Directors began conducting a survey of all residents in our Community. The focus was to gain feedback on ways to improve our neighborhood and increase the Community's involvement within the HOA.

If you have not yet been surveyed, you can print a blank survey form located at the front page of the HOA website under "Recent Posts". Fill out the survey, scan/e-mail it to the Board's e-mail address, mail it to the HOA post office box, or deliver it to one of the Board Members.

In addition to these surveys, the Board has thus far conducted two follow-up focus group discussions which served as a conduit for owners and renters alike to meet and exchange ideas with the Board. So many good suggestions came out of the

Recently, the Board of Directors began neighborhood survey and subsequent conducting a survey of all residents in our focus groups.

The Board will be sharing all of the ideas over the next few months, so come have a listen at the next meeting! In the meantime, here are just a few:

- Have a neighborhood block party or cookout where neighbors meet, eat and get to know to know each other better.
- Have a Yard-of-the-Month program where winners may receive a donated gift card.

Do you have any other suggestions? Submit them to the HOA Board at board@hartsfieldvillage3.org.



## Man's Best Friend or Neighbor's Worst Nightmare?

Man's best friend right? That's what everyone says about America's most popular household pet. But sometimes those pets can be a neighbor's worst nightmare.

We're talking about barking dogs. Good for security reasons we want our dogs to warn us of strangers or situations that can be dangerous but when the barking goes on for extended times problems are created.

So please be considerate of your neighbors

and if you have a dog that just loves to bark how about keeping a closer eye on him or her and when he's finished outside bring him inside so your neighbors can enjoy our peaceful community.

And PLEASE... if you are walking your dog... clean up after your pet – it's the neighborly thing to do!



"Respecting each other will continue to reinforce your good relationship with your neighbors."

#### **Loud Music**

We are very lucky to live in a neighborhood full of diverse residents. We have young students, working families and retired folks. This means we are all on many different schedules and find ourselves working, eating and sleeping at different times.

Lately there has been a problem with loud music coming from cars entering and leaving the neighborhood. Overtly loud music can be seen as disrespectful to your neighbors who may be resting, working or even ill. Playing your car music loud may be alright while driving down a country highway, but please refrain from doing so once you are in the neighborhood.

It only takes a second to turn it down or even off for a few minutes. Respecting each other will continue to reinforce good relationships with your neighbors.



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# We're on the Web! ... just go to... hartsfieldvillage3.org



**President:** Alan Peltz



Vice President: Brendan Mulholland



**Treasurer:** Deann L. Peltz



Secretary: Shar Gray



Member-At-Large: Sterling Arms

#### Meet Your Board of Directors

Alan Peltz is originally from Miami, Florida, and has lived in our Community for over 9 years. He has served on the Board since March 2015 – as Vice President, Interim Treasurer and, currently, as President. He also lived in Seminole County, Florida, for over 20 years and was a Planning and Zoning Commissioner for 4 years; while there, he also served a term as President of his HOA which consisted of 500+ homes. Alan worked for FEMA for several years and retired from the Florida Department of Education as Disaster Recovery Coordinator in 2013. He loves the outdoors, and his hobbies include kayaking, caving and camping.

**Brendan Mulholland** is originally from Clermont, Florida, and moved to Tallahassee in 2007. He has lived in our Community for the past 2.5 years and has served on the Board since March 2016. He currently works for the Florida Forest Service which is part of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services as GIS Specialist. His hobbies are biking, boating, fishing, hunting and anything outdoors.

**Deann Peltz** is originally from St. Louis, Missouri, and came to Florida in 1974. She lived in Jacksonville for nearly 25 years before moving to our Community in 2010 when she married Alan. She has served on the Board since March 2015 – initially as Secretary and currently as Treasurer. Deann has worked in the legal field for over 30 years and is currently employed by the Florida Department of Health as a Senior Legal Assistant in the Office of the General Counsel. Her hobbies include dancing, interior decorating, camping, kayaking and caving.

Sharmarie (Shar) Gray has lived in our Community for 1.5 years and has served on the Board since March 2016. She currently works for the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity as a Program Manager and has lived in Tallahassee most of her life (with a few years spent in Gadsden County). Her hobbies are karaoke and watching football.

Sterling Arms has lived in our Community since 1993 and has most recently served on the Board since March 2015. He is currently retired and is a Vietnam veteran who served in the United States Navy. Originally from God's country (Texas), Sterling has lived in Tallahassee for over 40 years. He has been married for 23 years, and his hobbies include yard work and playing poker.



#### Potential Neighborhood Meet-and-Greet

While surveying the Community, many residents expressed a desire to have a neighborhood gathering or block party of sorts to get to know each other better... maybe a covered dish BBQ/cookout at the lake access area on Foster Drive.

The Board of Directors would like to know whether you support the use of

HOA funds to supply the main course (meat) for such a cookout? Please send your comments to the Board at the e-mail address below.

Residents would then be asked to bring a covered dish and a couple of chairs. The chit-chat will continue as we stuff our faces while listening to some neighborhood musicians entertain us!