

Hartsfield Village

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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 Board of Directors wishes everyone good health and happiness during the continued quarantine!

All future H.O.A. Board Meetings will be held virtually via Zoom on the third Monday at 7pm. Agendas, Financials and the link to join can be found at www.HartsfieldVillage3.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi Neighbors! As 2020 draws to a close, I hope you are as excited about 2021 as I am. I'm looking forward to increasing travel, social activities and many adventures with friends. This edition of our HV Newsletter contains news for all and a summary of what your Board of Directors has planned for next year. This is very important to me. The Board strives to do good things with your homeowner dues and that requires planning.

Look for our assessment of the community and what we want to focus on both in the community and for the community.

2021 dues are due by March 1, 2021. It's important that you meet this deadline so that 1) your Board has the resources to care for the neighborhood, but 2) more importantly so you can vote at the March 15, 2021 Annual Homeowners Meeting. Revision of our Bylaws is on the agenda and that will affect everyone so you will want to make your voice heard. We are still working on how to hold the Annual meeting, and how to accomplish necessary voting so keep an eye out for that information.

You may have noticed a pile of "clayey sand" by the parking pad recently. We actually had a small sinkhole open up! I later learned from a high ranking Geologist with the Department of Environmental Protection that our pond, Gum Pond, is actually a large sinkhole like Lake Jackson, and that we may have some smaller ones elsewhere in our neighborhood. Keep an eye on your property so you are aware of such areas. This sand is available for Homeowners to haul to their yard for use so long as it stays level with the grass in that area.

Finally I want to wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy end to 2020 regardless of how you celebrate it. Be sure to stop by the parking pad when you see the signs for another "Meet & Greet" with your Board.

Community Needs Assessment: The Board believes it is time to develop a plan for the next few years of projects that should be undertaken to keep our neighborhood safe and attractive. A list was developed and you will receive a copy at the Annual Membership meeting on March 15th or you can view it on our website at www.hartsfieldvillage3.org. This list will be ever evolving as new projects are identified by the Board or by homeowners.

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of Directors**



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Safety in our Community

FREEDOM...such a wonderful word. We all love it! From the freedom to live on our own, to retire from work, to drive a car, to travel wherever we want. So when the speed bumps were recently removed from Foster Drive, some homeowners took advantage of that freedom and put the pedal to the metal. The posted speed limit in Hartsfield Village is 15mph. Some are ignoring that limit and this endangers others. A child riding a scooter near the road. A dog running to get in an owners car. A resident out for a daily walk around the neighborhood. All of these situations can turn deadly when speed limits are ignored.

Don't wait until TPD is asked to more closely monitor our neighborhood. Do your part now by driving safely down Foster Drive. Ask your guests to do the same. New modular speed humps will be installed soon but until then, and even after that, please drive responsibly.

Designed as a safety measure for the protection of children and pedestrians in the neighborhood, they have grown into an issue that has damaged cars, slowed emergency vehicles, and perhaps outgrown their usefulness. That's why your Board voted to remove them and place a fewer number of modular gradual speed humps. They are much more common in newer areas.

A large portion of your dues went into the speed bumps and even more will go into removal and the speed humps. You might ask, why would your Board make a decision one way then reverse it years later? We listened to YOU! Not everyone will be happy with this direction but we have heard positive support from a great many of you. This is why it's important for you to pay your annual dues this year and into the future. Give the Board the resources to do what needs to be done. Make your desires known. Email the Board anytime at BoardHV3@gmail.com.



Tree Trimming

You will soon be noticing some tree removals and tree trimming in the neighborhood. This will be in addition to the recent work done by the city of Tallahassee to clear branches away from utility lines. The work we are having done is part of the Boards recent Needs Assessment. All work to be done was checked by a certified arborist to ensure that it was necessary and appropriate. During this event some homeowners are taking advantage of the convenience and having some work done on their own property. In this way the HOA was able to negotiate a better rate for everyone. If you are interested in something like this just send an email to BoardHV3@gmail.com.

Annual Meeting ~ Bylaws Changes

It isn't often, but there are times where it becomes necessary to modify the HOA Bylaws. Such changes must be voted on by all eligible members at the Annual meeting on March 15, 2021. **(Another good reason to pay your dues prior to the deadline of March 1, 2021.)** A copy of the Bylaws with the proposed changes will be available soon on the website, www.hartsfieldvillage3.org, but below is a synopsis.

The Board of Directors is changed from a set number of five (5) directors to "a minimum of three (3) but not more than five (5) directors". This change is suggested as it has become increasingly difficult to find volunteers to fill positions on the Board.

Terms of office of the directors is clarified. Directors will serve for one year terms but no more than three (3) consecutive years in the same office.

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors are changed from monthly to quarterly. This will reduce unnecessary meetings of our volunteers but because there is still a provision for emergencies, will ensure important business will still be accomplished.

A new lengthy section is added to state that new road construction or modification of existing roads or speed control devices must be approved by a 2/3 vote of all eligible homeowners. Major decisions affecting everyone should be neighborhood-wide decisions.