

# Homeowners' Association Newsletter

## April 2021

# Hartsfield Village

Est. 1984

### 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.

## Board of Directors



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The next Board Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** and will take place via Zoom. The link will be on our website: [www.HartsfieldVillage3.org](http://www.HartsfieldVillage3.org)

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring Neighbors!!

Spring has arrived and I hope everyone is having a great 2021. Thanks to the homeowners and residents who joined the Board on March 15 for the Annual Member meeting. Your opinion on the neighborhood matters to us, so join a board meeting and tell us what we can do for you. It's a new day and a new Board.

In 2020, we opened the neighborhood to Metronet and soon we will be having an informational Zoom meeting so you can learn more and decide if you are interested. We developed a set of Rules & Regulations in multiple areas with revised processes in line with Florida Statutes. We also distributed three newsletters last year and plan on getting one out per quarter.

Got a problem in the neighborhood? Send it to us! Several new streetlights have been installed as residents report outages. A neighborhood assessment was done which resulted in trees being removed, branches trimmed, ditches cleaned, and a sinkhole filled. Our biggest task of 2020 was removing 8 speed bumps on Foster Drive. We held a couple of meetings to get your thoughts on where to put the new speed humps and those will soon be installed.

For 2021, the Board is working on a city grant to help with the cost of a message board at the front entrance to give you news and meetings information. How do you feel about a Neighborhood Directory with some basic information about our residents? Please let us know your thoughts: [BoardHV3@gmail.com](mailto:BoardHV3@gmail.com).

## **Fires in the Neighborhood**

As we have enjoyed some cool weather over the past months, many have had fires in their yard to burn off debris. However, there are laws about home fires so make sure you are following them, or you may get a visit from the Fire Department.



### **The law requires:**

- Burn only yard waste, NO household garbage, paper products or newspapers
- NEVER leave a fire unattended
- Keep a water hose handy
- Your fire must be 25 feet away from your house, 50 feet from a paved road and 150 feet from any other occupied building

There have been many instances recently where fires in front and back yards did NOT meet these requirements. For the safety of our neighborhood, we will have to contact the Fire Department if this continues, so please be smart when burning.

## **Updates from the Annual Meeting**

Please welcome Sarah Carraway to the Hartsfield Village HOA Board of Directors. She is a long-time resident of the neighborhood and will serve as Vice-President.

Also at the meeting, three of the four proposed Bylaws changes were approved. Once they have been recorded with the Clerk of the Court we will post them to our website. Please let us know if there are any questions.

## **Stop Signs**

We are asking our Homeowners to consider the removal of the two stop signs on Foster Drive, leaving a stop sign on Nannas Loop and adding one on Solstice Court. This would create a main thoroughfare into HV with all side streets having stop signs in a consistent manner. This is not to support those who often glide through the current stop signs now, but rather set clear expectations for the crossing drivers.



## **Do you own a dog?**

Man's best friend is no longer under control in the neighborhood. We have a problem with dogs running loose, doing their business on private lawns, and continuous barking.

The Tallahassee Municipal Code section 4-35 states that it is "unlawful for any animal to run or remain at large on any public street". It also states that it is "unlawful for any animal to be on private property without the consent of the property owner". So, when you let your dog run loose, even for a short period of time, Animal Control can be called for enforcement. The first time may be a warning with subsequent offenses resulting in fines from \$50-\$250 per occurrence. This process is also followed for dogs barking continuously for 30 minutes or more.

So how about it dog owners...if this applies to you, please comply with the city code, control your dogs and prevent a visit from Animal Control.