

Village Green Crier

September 2024

President Message

The VGCA Board has been diligently looking at the next year as one to build membership. For a variety of reasons, even basic membership in the neighborhood has dropped to an all-time low, threatening the future of the association. We have been discussing ways to get the membership back up and have listened to many of you.

We have started going back to our roots of communicating with the neighbors by the old-fashioned printed paper. Block captains have volunteered to pass out communications to all neighbors, regardless of membership status. We will continue to put out the Crier and send it via e-mail but we are also going to be posting a box near the clubhouse for our printed newsletter since many of you have asked for it. Realize however, that this does add a financial burden to our already strained budget.

Another response, based on neighbor input, is a new way to pay for your membership. We will be rolling out a system where you can pay for any level of membership on a monthly basis.

Our membership drive officially starts in March so please consider joining, even at the basic level, to help support your entire neighborhood.

Pool Managers Note

We had another successful season self-managing the VGCA pool. This was the 5th season we have self-managed, saving the association approximate \$56K over those 5 years. We had 93 pool memberships this year. Our swim team had an undefeated season and swim lessons were provided to several new swimmers by our coaches! We employed 11 lifeguards this season, 2 of which this was their first job. We had several volunteers run our concessions stand resulting in \$1062.38 in sales with a profit of \$628.85. Thank you to Evie Block (and her mom) for setting up the inventory, establishing prices, staffing, and serving our customers. The concession stand is 100% volunteer run and profits helped pay for the new benches built by Derek Joyner and Donnie Woodruff. Thank you to all the volunteers that help with the pool, swim team, and concessions this year! It takes a village to run our pool. See you in the Spring!

What's Happening in the Green



Did you know that Newport News homeowners qualify for a free smoke detector? Call 757-975-5454 or fill out the online form. <https://www.nnvagov/FormCenter/Fire-Department-3/Smoke-Alarm-Request-43>

2025 VGCA Board Nominations

Board Members positions are up for nomination this year and the community needs those members who have ideas on how to help prepare our neighborhood for the future. Please send nominations to board@vgnn.org for the following board positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) Please see the VGCA Website for more information on Board and Committee Positions.

Meeting is scheduled for October date/time TBD.

Treasurer Message

The Village Green Community Association operates as a 501(c)(7) Social Club. VGCA is operated by a volunteer board, responsible for maintenance of community property including our beautiful park and pathways.

VGCA is financially supported by annual membership dues; facility rental/usage fees, sponsorships, donations, investments, or other fundraising activities.

VGCA Board Members

President: Glenn Woodell
Vice President: Stand Van Pelt II
Treasurer: Kelly Matteson
Secretary: Ashley O'Malley

Members can be contacted at:
board@vgnn.org

City Events & Festivals

Hilton Village Farmers Market, Hilton Village.
Recurring weekly on Saturdays until
December 21, 2024

Annual Denbigh Day Parade and Festival
September 21st @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Parade,
live music, games, inflatables, educational
displays, photo ops, arts & crafts vendors.

FALL-O-WEEN October 5 & 6 @ 10:00 am - 5:00
pm. Newport News is harvesting spooky fun
for everyone a two-day, family-friendly
festival. Newport News Park

<https://nnparksandrec.org/events/>

Gardening “To Do” Tips

This month usually brings mild weather. Plant or transplant
cool-weather crops such as beets, broccoli, cabbage,
carrots, collards, lettuce, mustard, onions, radishes,
spinach, and turnips.

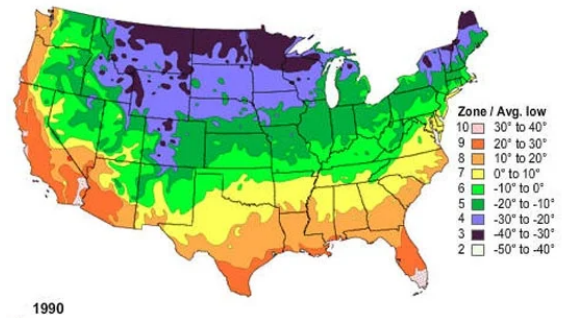
Start preparing your flower beds for the planting of cool-
season annuals.

Divide and replant perennials and bulbs that have become
overcrowded or too large.

No more pruning your shrubs or trees, unless it is
necessary. Pruning may encourage new growth to occur,
which might be damaged during the winter.

Move your houseplants back indoors.

<https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/>



What's on the Menu?

Shortbread Cookie

Ingredients

1 cup unsalted butter, softened
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
Confectioners' sugar, optional

Directions

Preheat oven to 325°. Cream butter and sugar until
light and fluffy, 5-7 minutes. Gradually beat in flour.
Press dough into an ungreased 9-in. square baking pan.
Prick with a fork.

Bake until light brown, 30-35 minutes. Cut into squares
while warm. Cool completely on a wire rack. If desired,
dust with confectioners' sugar.

Nutrition Facts

1 cookie: 183 calories, 12g fat (7g saturated fat), 31mg
cholesterol, 2mg sodium, 18g carbohydrate (6g sugars, 0
fiber), 2g protein

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