Dear Neighbors,

Ever since our family moved here over 16 years ago, we have been impressed with the spirit of community in Village Green. This stems from the willingness of Village Green residents to volunteer their time and money to keep Village Green a top notch place to live. We couldn’t have modernized the clubhouse within the budget without the help of a number of people giving their nights and weekends to make it a great place for residents to use for parties and meetings. Volunteers come out every year to decorate the Village Green entrances for holidays and street signs at Christmas time. This month a number of volunteers were elected to the board. We still need one more volunteer to manage the clubhouse and tennis courts. So, if you can volunteer, please call me or any one of the board members.

The board did some research and located Town of Farragut regulations limiting how dish antennas can be placed. These are now posted on our website (www.VillageGreenWeb.com, click on “About Us”, then on the “by-laws and rules” link). This problem highlights how our rules and restrictions are not keeping up with current trends (e.g., solar panels on roofs). So, the board is creating a committee to review our rules and restrictions and make recommendations for changes. Some changes may require a vote by the VG residents. If you are interested in being on this committee, please speak with a board member.

Neighbors are beginning to see unqualified people going door-to-door looking for work. One of our residents was left with only part of the job done (and all of the money paid). Another resident is missing the tools the workers borrowed to do the job. These people were likely not insured which could have cost a resident a lawsuit if they were hurt on the job. VG has a posted no solicitation policy anyway (except for school and scout fund raisers and solicitors properly registered with a permit). As the security alert sent to people on the VG e-mail list indicated, the sheriff’s office can be notified of solicitors by calling the non-emergency line, 215-2444.

Village Green has a few vacant lots and some people have started to dump their yard clippings, etc. on these properties. These lots are actually owned by Village Green residents, some of them elderly, and it is a big problem for them to go out and clean-up other people’s trash. So please dispose of your trash appropriately.

The board is looking forward to making this a productive new year. Feel free to give the appropriate board member a call with questions and be sure to thank them for being a Village Green Volunteer.

Bob Hunter

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The Village Green mailing list is used to provide timely security alerts to our residents. Optionally, you can have your newsletter sent to you by email and/or reminders of upcoming events (e.g., Easter party for the kids). The list is secure and will not be used for any other purposes. You can “opt out” at any time by clicking a link. To get on the list, open your Web browser and go to www.VillageGreenWeb.com/email and complete the form and select the types of e-mails you wish to receive.

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The venerable Village Green Newsletter is in new hands. We would like to thank Dick Woodring for the hard work he put into editing and delivering the newsletter before us. We hope the newsletter will to continue to be a source for news and events around the neighborhood as well as an outlet for neighbors to air concerns about problems they've noticed in the community. To that end, please send letters-to-the-editor, corrections, or anything else of general interest to sivoh1@gmail.com or mail to Alex Cruikshank, 345 Russfield Dr., Knoxville, TN 37934, or call 675-1576. We are also interested in publishing some history about Village Green. If any of you were living near the neighborhood when it was created or moved into the neighborhood soon after, we would love to hear from you.

Alex Cruikshank
Kimberly Stetson

Swim Team registration will be held on Saturday, April 11th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Village Green Clubhouse. This registration is for returning swimmers and any new VG resident swimmers only. Any children ages 5 (by May 31st, 2010) to 18 who love to swim and live in Village Green are welcome to join the team.

To register, a PARENT needs to bring:

1. CALENDAR: A parent needs to sign up to work at meets.
2. PROOF OF MEDICAL INSURANCE
3. CHECKBOOK: Registration fee for Village Green residents is $125; t-shirt orders will also be taken at registration.

Swim Team Sign-ups

Practice will begin on Tuesday, June 1st at the South Monticello pool. Head coach Anita Dinwiddie will be returning for her 20th summer to coach our swimmers, along with several assistant coaches. We are fortunate to have such wonderful coaches willing to come back every year to work with our swimmers.

The swim season consists of the Green and White meet (home practice meet), 4-5 dual meets against swim teams in our division, the Smoky Mountain Invitational Meet in Alcoa (July 10th - 11th), and GKAISA's City Meet at the UT Aquatic Center (July 30th - August 1st).

Being on the swim team is more than just swimming! There is a carnival for the 10-and-unders, a trip to Dolly's Splash Country for the 11-and-ups, and a fun trip for the older swimmers. The end-of-season awards banquet celebrates the accomplishments of every swimmer.

Please contact Heather Finley at 675-3479 or heathfin@yahoo.com if you have questions or need more information.

Please Note: A late fee of $25 per swimmer will apply for all registrations after April 10th. If you know that you will be unable to come to registration on April 11th, you must contact Heather Finley to make other arrangements BEFORE March 27th.

VG Men’s “Doubles” Tennis League Sign-Up Sheet

The men's tennis league will have three 10-week sessions this year, beginning with the spring session, which starts the first Tuesday in April (from 6:30 until 10:00 p.m.), and running to the end of October. The cut-off for sign-ups will be March 20th, and the fee for each session will be $10.00 (for tennis balls). Make checks payable to Tom Koepp.

Please fill out and return, with payment, to Tom Koepp, 444 Russfield Dr., Knoxville, TN 37934.

Name ____________________________________________

Address __________________________________________

Phone ____________________________________________
Announcements

**Garden Club**
The Garden Club will be installing new officers Monday, March 8th at 10 a.m. in the clubhouse and will resume scheduling gardening events in subsequent months. Homeowners interested in participating in the club should contact the incoming president, Cathy Tidwell at 966-9995.

**Dogwood Arts Trail**
This is an early reminder that the Dogwood Arts Trail will be passing through Village Green throughout the entire month of April. Please keep this in mind as you plan your spring gardening season.

**Alzheimer’s Support Group**
A support group for Village Green residents and others caring for a loved one with Alzheimer’s disease meets on the first Monday of each month. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., Monday, March 1st at the Village Green Clubhouse. Recently, the group adopted a new format, meeting every other month at the Clubhouse and on alternate months at a local restaurant. The 2010 schedule includes Clubhouse meetings in March, May, July, September, and November. At those meetings, members will choose a restaurant for the next month’s meeting. For more information, call Carole Conklin, 966-4461 or Sherry Paris, 675-5285.

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