

Fall 2010

Archdale

ACA P.O. Box 41543 Charleston SC 29423-1543

President's Corner

One issue that constantly plagues Archdale is the lack of street paving. Some people misdirect their frustrations at the Archdale Civic Association (ACA) when they feel their street is not receiving the proper attention from county authorities. While the Board understands your frustrations, I would like to take a moment to clarify the Association's limited role in street paving decisions.

First, we need to understand the annual budget for un-incorporated Dorchester County only allows 12 miles of roads to be paved each year! With this county as large as it is, the Petro Tax collected doesn't go very far. Secondly, the County's view is that there are other needs in the county greater than ours. I have made many requests to our county councilman, engineer, and others, including those on the transportation steering committee requesting they proceed with the paving we need done.

Those attending the ACA general meetings are aware that occasionally we need to strike repeatedly as individuals from many fronts in order to be effective. Simply put, your Association's power is limited to making requests of our county officials, and, when we do so, our requests carry the same weight as those of any private citizen.

There is a separate budget available for potholes. When I was compiling a list of potholes in the neighborhood, I couldn't get a single person to phone me or reply to my email. I ended up jogging and walking every single street in Archdale to come up with the list.

If you want part of those 12 miles to come back to Archdale, complaining to the ACA and refusing to pay assessments isn't going to make that happen. It's going to require YOUR involvement, with more voices than mine being heard by our county officials.

People are often quick to complain, but when it comes time to be a part of the solution, the silence is deafening. As always, making Archdale a better place to live is going to require the involvement of every resident. This is what will make Archdale great!

~Eric Zink, ACA President

Holiday Safety Spotlight

Every one of us deals with hazards in our daily life, from the moment we wake up to the moment we go to sleep. How we navigate through those hazards is mostly within our control; all you need is common sense, especially during the upcoming holiday season. As you celebrate Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and New Year's with friends, family, or by yourself, there are simple things you can do to prevent common mishaps from dampening your festivities.

Doing some feasting? Thaw, prepare, cook, and store your food at the USDA recommended safe temperatures, before, during, and after the cooking process. Wash your hands, especially when preparing poultry, keep raw food separate from cooked, and refrigerate leftovers promptly.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2

7:00pm

Archdale Civic Association

2011 Board Election

2011 Budget Approval Vote

Ashley River Fire Department

TREASURER'S REPORT

As the year winds down we are pleased to report we have stayed below budget in all areas. Our 2011 Budget will be presented at the December 2, meeting for your approval. We look forward to seeing you there!

<u>Expense Category</u>	<u>Actual Expenses:</u>	<u>Budgeted:</u>	<u>Difference:</u>
Common Area Upkeep	\$18,674	\$18,800	-126
Assessment Billing/Collection	796	1,094	-298
Communications	698	1,629	-931
Operating Expenses	915	2,616	-1,701
Totals	21,083	24,139	-3,056

To date, 63% of the annual assessments have been collected.

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Restricted ~ Residents

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Will you be decorating, maybe hanging lights or placing candles? Fire and electrical hazards are amplified during the holidays, with Christmas trees, candles, and fires in the fireplace. One "oops" can turn into a huge tragedy. Keep candles away from pets and inquisitive children's hands, and never keep candles lit when you leave a room. Water your tree daily to keep it from drying out, and turn off the lights when you leave the house or before turning in for the night.

Please drive safely-not only during the holidays, but all year! Residents enjoy walking around the neighborhoods, so keep an eye out-heed the 25 mph speed limit on Archdale residential streets. Have a plan before you hit the road; if you drink, **DON'T DRIVE**. Keep your vehicle tuned and fueled, have an emergency kit, and plan your route. Make sure your registration and insurance information are valid. Please be safe, we want to see you next year!

Holiday Crime Watch Tips

- Stay alert to your surroundings
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash
- Lock packages and gifts in your vehicle's trunk
- Have keys in your hand before you go to your car
- Never park in an unlit parking lot or area
- Avoid shopping alone if possible

Numbers to Know

Dorchester Sheriff Department (843) 832-0300

Dorchester County Code (843) 832-0020

Emergency 911

Ashley River Fire Department (843) 552-2425

Dorchester County School District II (843) 873-2901