

Winter 2011

Archdale

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

President's Corner

Your Archdale Civic Association (ACA) and volunteer Board of Directors strive to serve the needs of our community and recognize that communication is vital in meeting our responsibilities.

NEWSLETTER: Your Association distributes a periodic newsletter. One is sent with the invoices and two more are sent in the late spring and fall. If your annual assessment payment has "fallen through the cracks," then you will, at the same time, receive a statement reminding you that your payment has yet to be received.

OUR WEBSITE: A great deal of information is readily available at our website including Covenants & Restrictions, Meeting Notes, and the ACA Budget.

EMAIL ALERTS: Many of our neighbors enjoy receiving timely information via email ranging from Crime Watch or Traffic Alerts to New Neighbor Announcements, plus requests for help regarding lost pets (and in some cases, individuals!). On three occasions we have notified neighbors of firefighting efforts or the Sheriff's burglary investigations in progress via email, texting or telephone using Emergency Contact information on file. If you would like to be included in this flow, please send your name, email address and Emergency Contact telephone number to info@myarchdale.com. **Please put "CONTACT INFORMATION" in the email subject line.**

EMAIL or CALL US: Email addresses for myself, the Treasurer and Webmaster are listed in the sidebar. Suggestions may also be sent to info@myarchdale.com.

FACEBOOK: Join us on Facebook to be aware of important announcements, upcoming events and community spirit. Only residents are allowed in our group!

QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETINGS: Please see "Dates To Remember" on the opposite page.

We look forward to joining you in a better 2011,

~Norman McDonald, ACA President

Fire Safety Spotlight

We've watched the TV news, read the papers, heard the radio. It's a daily story - a family's home destroyed by fire. Fire is a terrifying reality which can strike at any time of day. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, a small flame can take **less than 30 seconds** to get out of control and turn into a major fire.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) website states:

- Cooking is the leading cause of home structure fires and injuries.
- Kitchens are the leading area of origin for home structure fires and injuries.
- Smoking is a leading cause of civilian home fire deaths.
- December, January and February were the peak months for reported home fires and home fire deaths.
- Almost two-thirds of reported home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

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LOCAL DROP BOX

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after Archdale Landing

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Archdale Civic Association

www.MyArchdale.com

DATES TO REMEMBER

2011 General Meetings
@ 7:00 pm

3/24/2011

6/23/2011

9/22/2011

12/15/2011

Ashley River Fire Department

*Dates & time subject to availability
Sign reminders will be posted
on Archdale Blvd.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Archdale Civic Association is pleased to report that the 2011 budget has been approved. Based on historical needs and current goals our 2011 approved spending is:

Expense Category

Common Area Upkeep	\$24,190
Assessment Billing/Collection	\$ 1,150
Communications	\$ 2,030
Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 3,400</u>
Total	\$30,770

In 2010 65% of the annual assessments were collected. While we are proud of the increase from last year, we continue to strive for 100%. Thank you for your continued support!

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Restricted ~ Residents Only

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You can minimize the chance of a fire happening in your home:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including sleep areas, check the alarms weekly, and replace batteries twice a year.
- Ensure your family has an escape plan, with at least TWO ways out of every room. Practice the plan by conducting fire drills with your family.
- Allow at least three feet of space between a space heater and curtains or furniture, and keep pets and children away.
- Have your fireplace cleaned by a chimney sweep every year.

Find more information on the Internet such as the North Charleston Fire Department, where you can print a "home fire safety checklist" to help you develop a fire safety plan. Archdale is also fortunate to have Ashley River Fire Department right at our entrance! Go to the ACA website and click on "Ashley River FD." Stay safe!

Neighborhood Safety Tips For Parents

(National Crime Prevention Council)

- Know where your children are.
- Help your children learn important phone numbers.
- Set limits on where your children can go in your neighborhood.
- Know your children's friends.
- Pick a safe house where your children can go if needed.
- Teach children to settle arguments with words, not fists.
- Work together with your neighbors.

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**