

## Observations from the Architecture Review Board (ARB)

The Refuge is a uniquely designed and aesthetically appealing community, which we all want to maintain in the same wonderful manner as the day we all moved in. Our covenants are written with the intent to help each of us preserve this community and our individual property values. As property owners or residents of The Refuge you are asked to follow the guidelines in the covenants.

A few observations have been forwarded to the ARB and in turn, we would like to gently remind everyone of the upkeep that is required:

- Spring is here! There are a few homes that have over grown landscape hedges and lawn edging that requires immediate attention. This includes overhang/encroachment on the sidewalk. Upkeep on lawns is necessary.
- Several flower beds/pots require immediate attention (trimming, mulch/pine straw).
- All garbage cans need to be properly stored (not visible from the street), additionally, place all trash cans and lawn debris out Wednesday evening, no sooner than 5 p.m., and promptly return your trash can after trash pickup on Thursday (NLT Thursday evening for those with busy schedules).
- Watch your speed while traveling our roads!
- Be mindful of your pets, please leash and pick up any waste left behind. Additionally, incessant barking is a nuisance violation. Some of our neighbors, both young and old, may have an earlier bedtime.
- Vehicles should not be parked on the street overnight. Further, RV's, Motor Homes, Bus, ATV, and/or Motorcycles are not to be parked in driveway or street overnight. If temporary parking is required for visiting guests, simply notify the HOA Board to obtain pre-approval. Safety is important and allowing emergency vehicles access is crucial.

Welcome to all of the new residents of The Refuge.

Soon, you will see construction work on the newest addition to our playground, swings!

The Board is addressing a number of items that have been brought to our attention and are continuously working. Spring Clean-Up is tentatively scheduled for May 4, 2024.

Additionally, to those new to the Lowcountry, hurricane season begins June 1<sup>st</sup> and runs to November 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions or concerns on how to prepare, should this be your first season, feel free to reach out to the Board or your neighbors for guidance.

Forms and information can be found at <https://refugeatwhitehall.org/>.