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**From the HOA President:**

The Homeowner's Association and all Refuge Members are encouraged to share information with the entire community by posting information in our neighborhood newsletter. This is a great forum for us to reach all of the members of the neighborhood! It is so important to stay informed.

The covenants are there to protect each homeowner and protect the value of our homes. Most of us moved into The Refuge because it appealed to us, the aesthetic charm of The Refuge. To keep this charm each property owner needs to enjoy their home and still abide by the Covenants.

The Board has copies of the covenants if you need a copy or wish to have a copy e-mail to you just make a request. Please take the time to look over your HOA covenants and correct any problems or violations without notice from your HOA Board.

## **Special Meeting .....**

The Board of Directors has called a Special Meeting. Each homeowner should have received a notice for this meeting along with a proxy statement.

You are cordially invited and you should plan on attending this meeting being held at Coosaw Country Club on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 7:00P.M.

The subject of this meeting is to properly vote in a new Board of Directors. We must have a sufficient number of HOA members or their **Proxy** Statements in order to complete this. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please complete the attached "Proxy Statement" allowing you to assign your voting rights to another property owner or the Board.

## **Community Clean Up ...**

With spring fast approaching, the HOA will organize a cleanup day for the homeowners. This is a good chance for our resident to work together as a group and socialize with your neighbors.

Our focus will be on the Front entrance that needs some TLC, and other related issues around the community. A luncheon will be held for the group at the end of the cleanup. More information along with date and time will be established for this event once the new board members are selected.

## **SAFETY First....**

With the longer, warming days come kids will start playing outside. It is so refreshing to see all the wonderful children in our neighborhood enjoying life. Just do not forget them when you are driving (watch you speed).

## **Traffic Signs and Posted Speeds...**

The Refuge is home to many families: moms, dads, children, in-laws, and pets. If anything were to happen to any of our loved-ones, we would be devastated. Many residents of the Refuge are taking the safety of our families, neighbors, and friends for granted by not obeying traffic signs and posted speeds of the neighborhood.

In particular, the 3-way stop sign in our neighborhood is being dangerously ignored. There have been several incidents reported where drivers are speeding through the intersection, while narrowly missing an innocent biker or neighborhood resident walking their pet and/or pushing a baby stroller. This is not only unsafe and impolite to fellow residents, but it is also illegal to ignore posted traffic signs.

The North Charleston Police Department has been notified on several occasions and will begin routine surveillance of the 3-way stop intersection within our neighborhood. Each of you are encouraged to be examples to others by following all posted traffic signs and politely reminding others who you observe violating them to think of other residents' safety first. Full community involvement is the only way we can continue to ensure the safety of our loved ones and those we hold dear to our hearts.