

The City of Charleston Neighborhood Spotlight

Marlborough Civic Association

The Marlborough Civic Association is a voluntary neighborhood association of 74 homes. The subdivision was established in the late 60s as The Racquet Club with the Tennis Center as its focus. The name of the neighborhood was later changed to Marlborough. An example of true community spirit in our neighborhood was evidenced last year when a home was lost to a fire. One neighbor was planning to put a home on the market but instead offered to rent it to the family. Another neighbor organized meals via an online app, and many others contributed with financial assistance.

Association dues are voluntary currently at \$25 per year. Email has proven to be an invaluable way to send out alerts, whether it be for suspicious activity in the neighborhood, lost animals, Team 3 crime reports, City meetings, etc. We also maintain a list of workmen recommended by neighbors and an online directory by name and a directory by house number. A major project in 2011-2012 was to have two new neighborhood signs made and installed. We underwrote the signs primarily through the collection and selling of aluminum cans to the Recycling Center.

As a result of our focus on safety and traffic, a door-to-door campaign resulted in speed humps being installed a number of years ago. Additionally, with help from City Councilman Gregorie last year, we were successful in having overgrown vegetation trimmed along a major highway to improve site visibility which made one of our intersections much safer. A neighborhood representative attends the TEAM 3 Neighborhood Forums (formerly Citizen Advisories) and sends out an email summary on local crime to the community.

We generally have two neighborhood parties each year. Before the school year ends, neighbors are asked to send in information on their children's activities during the school year and this information is compiled and sent out to everyone by email. We feel strongly that the children are a core part of our neighborhood. We want them to have good memories about growing up here. We also try to send out an introduction email telling new homeowners about the neighborhood when they move into it. Marlborough is a really great place to live, whether one is raising young children, enjoying being retired, or somewhere in between!

-Dr. Harriet Reavis, Neighborhood President

