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January is a big month for VGS

Annual Meeting is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025 at the clubhouse; bi-annual dues must be received this month

January is an important month for the Villages at Godley Station Homeowners Association. The HOA's Annual Meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025, at 7 p.m. at the community clubhouse. Residents should have received a mailer containing an agenda, budget, board of directors ballot, bios for all board candidates, and additional information. The election will take place that night. This meeting is your opportunity to exercise your voting rights and shape the future of our community.

During the meeting, the board will go over the 2025 budget and answer any questions posed by residents. Your attendance and participation are invaluable, and everyone is encouraged to attend. Don't miss this chance to stay informed, get involved, and connect with your neighbors and volunteer leaders.

Also in January, the bi-annual HOA dues payment of \$401.50 is due. Any payment NOT RECEIVED AND PROCESSED by Jan. 31 will be considered overdue and is subject to a 10% late fee. For more information on HOA dues or to make a payment click here.

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7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025: Annual Meeting in person, clubhouse

7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15: Events Committee mtg. at the clubhouse

Help plan 2025 events!

The Activities and Events Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15 to map out the community's events for the next year, and they'd love input from residents! Please join the volunteer committee and help plan events like the Easter Egg Hunt, Ice Cream Social, Trunk-or-Treat, Holiday Party, game nights and more! If you have ideas to improve existing events or add new ones, now is the time to get involved!

More info on this committee and others at godleyhoa.com

for more news & info!





How should I handle that?

Protocols for handling certain situations residents may encounter

A solicitor knocked on my door or approached me

The HOA has signage posted at the entries to our community prohibiting solicitors in The Arbors and Copper Village. Of course this does not stop most of them. The HOA is limited to enforcement actions but if residents can provide names and other solicitor information — like the company they represent, time and location of sightings — we can take action and contact those companies with instructions to stop their efforts in the Villages at Godley Station community.

Also, resident certainly can (and should) inform solicitors that they are not permitted in this neighborhood and they will be reported to the authorities. Please provide the police with as much information as possible, including names and company affiliations, time and location of the encounter, and any other relevant details. By working together, we can address soliciting and similar issues to maintain the community's quality of life.

My neighbor's pets are bothering me

If a neighbor's pet trespasses on your property repeatedly, poses a physical threat, is a noise nuisance, etc., you can report it to the HOA. However, you must share the name and address of the pet's owner so the HOA can take action.

The HOA cannot take any action against stray animals or against animals if the name and address of the owner is unknown. If you have a problem with a stray animal, you must contact Chatham County Animal Control to address the issue.

Please note that there are managed cat colonies in our area, cared for by volunteers and residents. These cats are spayed/

neutered, vaccinated, fed, and loved. They can be identified by their clipped ear tip.

If you see a cat with a clipped ear, please don't report it to animal control. Instead, know that it's being cared for by someone in our community.

Additionally, please remember to keep your dogs on a leash at all times. Off-leash dogs are a violation of both our HOA rules and Chatham County laws, and may result in fines from both organizations.

My neighbor is breaking other HOA rules

If your neighbor is breaking a known HOA rule — such as on-street parking, poor lawn/home maintenance, improper storage structures, trash violations, etc. — you can inform the HOA. Please take a photo of the issue and share it along with details of the perceived violation.

While the HOA will address any verified problem, residents are encouraged to try having a friendly chat with their neighbors before reporting a complaint. Sometimes, a simple, positive reminder is all it takes to clear up an issue!



How to report an issue

If you need to report any of the aforementioned problems or other violations, please email sgibbs@sentrymgt.com and include a photo of the issue, description of the problem, and as many relevant details as possible. Residents can also visit godleyhoa.com and click the "report incident/violation" button on the home page.

Congrats, Lights Contest winners!

Congratulations to the owners of the following homes, whose holiday decor was so beautifully done that they were chosen by their neighbors to win some great prizes!

Santa's Favorite Award: 174 Magnolia Drive

The Griswold Award: 19 Arbors Circle

Reason for the Season Award: 146 White Dogwood Lane

Frosty's Recognition Award: 111 Chinese Fir Court

Non-lighting Decor Award: 479 Copper Creek Circle

The Animation Award: 277 Silver Brook Circle



Jean S. Williams

Jean Williams, a well-known resident of the Villages at Godley Station, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 22, 2024. She was 85 years old and had lived in The Arbors with her husband Roy for the past 10 years.

Jean was a local history aficionado and had a vast knowledge of Pooler's past and the significant events that shaped the city's development. Over the years, Jean wrote many interesting, historical articles for the Villages at Godley Station's bi-annual newsletter. She included captivating, little-known facts and nuggets of information that kept readers intrigued.

As a gift to the HOA, Jean framed a few newsletter articles on Pooler's founding and history and hung them in the clubhouse for residents to enjoy. The next time you're in the building, please pause for a moment to read one of Jean's stories and take a brief trip back through time. She was a fascinating person to chat with and will be greatly missed.

