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March Newsletter

President's Message

Our HOA Social on February 8 highlighted the Adopt-a-Class TN program. This program was founded in 2017 by village resident Karen Hamerslag to create opportunities for residents to volunteer in local elementary schools. Currently the program supports Steekee, Loudon, and Vonore Elementary schools. Attendees at the Social brought school supplies for the program and many gave cash donations. Our thanks to everyone who donated to Adopt-a-Class! In addition, we held sign-ups for the HOA Neighborhood Watch program and had a great turnout for this important activity. Nearly 200 people attended this month's Social. We almost ran out of chairs!

During the February HOA Board meeting a new ad-hoc committee was approved to support the Litter Angels program. Ann LaCour was appointed Chair of the committee (congratulations Ann!). Discussions are currently in progress with the TDOT TN Adopt-A-Highway program to agree on a section of Highway 444 that will be adopted by the HOA Litter Angels. The HOA Board is really excited to contribute back to our community through this important advocacy effort. The Litter Angels have provided a very valuable service through the years and HOA is happy to help ensure their success going forward. The HOA Litter Angels Charter can be found in our public DropBox Advocacy Folder. Click [here](#) to read the complete charter.

The POA Long Range Planning Advisory Committee is preparing to debrief the community on the results of their survey conducted last fall. HOA will be facilitating a meeting with village residents so that LRPAC can take everyone through the survey results. We expect to hold the event within the next few weeks and should have a date and location announced soon. The last LRPAC survey in 2019 was instrumental in guiding the direction of the village and we expect this survey to have similar impact. You won't want to miss this meeting.

Our next Open Village Meeting will focus on the "State of the County" and we plan to have separate events for Loudon and Monroe counties. It's an election year and we all need to understand each candidate's positions and views so we can vote responsibly. On April 7 we are holding a candidate's forum for Loudon county (like we normally do in October for the POA Board candidates). We expect to hold a similar event in Monroe county around the same time, but are waiting to see which candidates are running before setting the date (since we need to confirm their availability). In both sessions there will be an opportunity for Q&A from the audience.

We continue to have open positions that need to be filled. HOA is an all-volunteer organization that depends on all of us working together to make this work. Please consider how you can help to keep HOA great! There is a separate note in this newsletter listing the current openings.

Our next monthly Social will be on March 8. Our theme will be St Patrick's Day and the drinks will be green! Music, games, fun for all. Don't miss it!

Mark Pantley
HOA President

