



May 15, 2017

Dear Homeowners,

Several weeks ago, we experienced a severe windstorm on our regular trash collection day, and strong winds are predicted again for this week (5/17).

Strong winds can indiscriminately scatter loose trash everywhere – the wind doesn't know where our property lines begin and end. The previous storm was predicted, so we appreciated that some of our owners reacted by weighing down loose recycling and trash items in advance. Groot suggests weighing down the totes on windy days with a heavy item such as a brick, making them less likely to tip over. Place the brick on top of the tote, not inside it. Loose recycling items such as cardboard should be tied together with twine.

We also appreciate your help with the cleanup effort after a strong windstorm by picking up trash that may have blown into your yard. We live in a common interest community, so it is important that each of us pitches in to help maintain our property values, our good appearance, and our quality of life. Thank you for your assistance on this.

Please remember that ground feeding of wild critters is against our rules. Ground feeding may attract undesirable critters such as coyotes and skunks. Suspended feeders are allowed.

Each homeowner in Charter Hall owns four parking spaces located on your lot (garage and driveway) for you to use exclusively as you please. The guest parking spaces are owned by the association and are for short-term use only. Our rules prohibit "regular or sustained" parking in these spaces so that they are available when needed. The board has defined this as 72 hours or less.

Our rules, however, allow the association to okay longer-term parking in the guest spaces to accommodate unusual circumstances such as a contractor's vehicle or out-of-town visitors. Please refer to Chapter 10 of our rules for more information, and contact Mperial if you would like to request permission to park in a guest parking space for longer than 72 hours. Vehicles not belonging to Charter Hall residents or their guests will be towed.

Our landscaper has made us aware that some of our owners are driving on the grass between driveways. This can damage the sod, and the cost of any needed repairs will be charged back to the owner.

We would like to encourage you take a moment to read the Palatine Newsletter which is mailed to residents 3 times a year and available online. This document frequently contains information that you might find useful. Our Palatine councilman is Brad Helms (district 6), and the district website is at...

http://www.palatine.il.us/departments/village_council/district6.aspx

Something that many folks may not know... in Palatine all calls to the police or fire departments, whether it is an emergency or not, should be made to 911. The Dispatch Center will triage the calls to get the right help to the right place in the sequence needed. So, if you see or hear anything that concerns you call 911 while the situation is still happening. See Palatine's website for more information.

<http://www.palatine.il.us/featured/call911.aspx>

Finally, we have been told that some dog owners may be failing to pick up and properly dispose of dog waste. There is not much we can do about this unless a resident sees it happening and is comfortable confronting the person, or knows who it is and informs our management. We recently sent a message to Deer Run management asking them to remind their owners that this behavior is unpleasant, unhealthy, and against Charter Hall and Palatine rules.

Thank you.
The Board of Directors

Please file this with your other important Charter Hall documents for future reference, and transfer those documents to the new owner at closing if you sell.

As always, please contact us at CharterHallHOA@gmail.com or 847 757-7171 with questions, issues, or suggestions. Remember – we care. But we can't fix what we don't know about.