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**December 1, 2025**

## NEWSLETTER

### ***Message from the President***

As we near the end of 2025, I would like to thank the residents who are the community's eyes and ears, who call, send cards and extend personal face-to-face greetings with words of appreciation and encouragement to me and Board members. You are greatly appreciated for your kindness.



This year's Veterans Day Celebration was very well planned. Social Committee Chairperson Sedatrist Ballard and members did an outstanding job in honoring our veterans on this special day.



A special thank you to Charles County Roads Division for their timely repairs on the sidewalks in the community. The uneven sidewalk sections could cause serious accidents and falls. This prompted my call to the County Roads division. Within days, workers were out marking sidewalk sections needing repair. A few days later, repair crews arrived to begin repairs.



There have been complaints of children living in our community. Unlike our surrounding communities, Colonial Charles is a 55+ community and underage children are not allowed to reside here. Please follow our community guidelines and follow them to avoid fines and possible legal action.



A friendly reminder to our dog owners to keep pets on a leash when not on your property. In accordance, in part, to *County e-code 230-12.4, Public Nuisance, A. "A public nuisance is when an*



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*owner or custodian allows an animal to: (4) Intimidate pedestrians, neighbors or passersby."*

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### **Health - Wellness - & Other News**

Health officials are recommending adults aged 65-plus speak with a health provider, such as a doctor, pharmacist or a nurse before deciding to take the COVID-19 vaccination. The guideline change takes in consideration the increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

*AARP Bulletin, Nov/Dec 2025*

The new tax laws for 2025, the standard deduction for 65 and older is now \$15,750 for individual filers and \$31,500 for joint filers. From 2025 through 2028, 65 or older may get an extra bonus deduction of up to \$6k per eligible individual even if you don't itemize.

*AARP Bulletin, Nov/Dec 2025*

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### **Approved Motions — November 2025**

- (1) High Sierra, Spa Jet Replace Go Kit, Seal Plate, \$845.54
- (2) Fidelity Mechanical, Annual Maintenance Contract, \$9,170.00
- (3) High Sierra, Indoor Swimming Pool Agreement, \$12,500.00
- (4) High Sierra, Outdoor Swimming Pool Agreement, \$2,600
- (5) Luna Landscaping, repair section of boundary fence, \$480.00

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### **Architectural Design**

Design Review Applications are available at the Clubhouse, on the community webpage and on the Majerle Management portal. Applications can also be dropped off at the Clubhouse. Any exterior work (additions, changes, etc) to your home must first be approved by the Architectural Design Committee.

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### **Grounds Maintenance**

#### *Complete Landscaping Schedule*

No landscaping schedule at this time.

Complaints should be directed to: [groundsmaintenance@colonialcharles.org](mailto:groundsmaintenance@colonialcharles.org)

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### **Clubhouse**

Community Christmas Party, 20 December 2025 (*flyer distributed separately*)

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### **Management & Community Inquires should be addressed to:**

Majerle Management Services, Inc.  
1375 Piccard Drive, Suite 210  
Rockville, MD 20850-4311  
Stephanie Martin, 301-220-1850

Register for the online portal at: <https://mmi.cincwebaxis.com>

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***Colonial Charles Utility Group (Cygnus) Recurring bill is due in January 2026.***

*Payment Authorization Form can be found on community webpage: [colonialcharles.org](http://colonialcharles.org)*

*\*When changing credit card for utility payment(s), a new authorization form has to be submitted.*

*POC: Heather Patterson, 404-465-3681*

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### **HOA Board Meetings Schedule**

*No scheduled meeting*

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***Town Hall - January 21, 2026, 3:30p***



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Grounds  
Clubhouse

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Member-at-Large  
Clubhouse  
Architecture

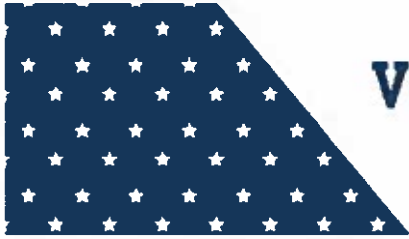
*Clubhouse Facility Managers*



**Reva Ware**



**Vivian Madison**



## VETERANS CORNER



[1-800-MyVA411 \(800-698-2411\)](tel:1-800-MyVA411)

[Veterans Crisis Line: Dial 988, then press 1](#)

[Health Benefits Hotline: 877-222-VETS \(8387\)](#)

### ***Veterans Initiatives and Plans for 2026***

- **2026 VA Disability Rates:** VA disability pay rates will increase by 2.8%, effective December 1, 2025, based on a 2.8% COLA.
- **GI Bill reinstatement:** GI Bill benefits reinstated for veterans discharged for refusing the COVID-19 vaccine.
- **EHR rollout:** The VA plans to resume the rollout of its new Electronic Health Record (EHR) system to 13 new sites in 2026, with \$3.4 billion allocated in a recent spending bill.
- **Disability claims:** The VA has released a new video tutorial to assist veterans in filing disability claims online.
- **Homelessness grants:** The VA awarded \$84 million in grants to combat veteran homelessness.
- **Veterans' ACCESS Act:** The Veterans' ACCESS Act of 2025 is being considered to ensure veterans are educated on healthcare choices and have timely access to care.
- **House Committee actions:** The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported out 25 bills for consideration, including legislation aimed at modernizing the VA disability appeals process and ending certain controls over healthcare choice.
- **Mission statement update:** The VA has announced an updated mission statement, which recognizes its "sacred commitment to all Veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors".
- **Health equity:** A special issue of *Health Equity* was published to focus on improving care for minority veterans.
- **Prostate cancer research:** The VA is developing an AI that can predict aggressive prostate cancer.



### **Barking for a Reason: Why We Should Pay Attention**

Dogs bark. That's normal. But sometimes, barking means, "Hey, something's not right!"

Pro tip: If your dog's barking more than usual, take a quick look outside before telling them to quiet down. They might be reacting to someone walking too close or hanging around.

And if you notice a neighbor's dog sounding the alarm, keep an eye out, too. In our watch, we count on every set of ears—human or canine.

Neighborhood Watch  
We look out for each other

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*Merry Christmas - Hanukkah - Season's Greetings - Happy Holidays*

*May the blessing of joy abide within you;*

*May the blessing of peace rest upon you;*

*May the blessing of love flow out through you;*

*May all the blessings of the Lord be yours*

*at Christmas and in the new year.*



# December

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© Puzzles and Plans 2024

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# DECEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Chair Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p Dancercise 6:15p	<b>2</b> Grand Room Rental 2:00p Virtual Bible Study 7:30p Request logon	<b>3</b> Chair Aerobics 12p	<b>4</b> Phase 10 2:00p Pool/Spa Closed 2:00p	<b>5</b> Grand Room In Use 3:00p	<b>6</b> Card Room Rental 2:00p
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Chair Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p Theatre Group 6:00p	<b>9</b> Bingo @ 6:30p Virtual Bible Study 7:30p Request logon	<b>10</b> Chair Aerobics 12p	<b>11</b> Phase 10 2:00p	<b>12</b> Pokeno 2:00p	<b>13</b> Crafty Crafts 10:00a
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Chair Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p	<b>16</b> Virtual Bible Study 7:30p Request logon	<b>17</b> Chair Aerobics 12p	<b>18</b> Men's Luncheon @ 12:30p Phase 10 2:00p Pool/Spa Closed 2:00p	<b>19</b> Pokeno 2:00p	<b>20</b> Holiday Party 4:00p @ Clubhouse
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Bid Whist 2:00p	<b>23</b> Virtual Bible Study 7:30p Request logon	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> FM Office Closed	<b>26</b> Pokeno 2:00p	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Bid Whist 2:00p	<b>30</b> Virtual Bible Study 7:30p Request logon	<b>31</b> NYE Party 8:00p @ Clubhouse			





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## NEWSLETTER EXTRA

### ***Neighbor Spotlight***

Colonial Charles has many very talented residents with different professional backgrounds. So, I'd like to close out the year with a Neighbor Spotlight on Glenita Buckner.

Glenita is a product of Washington DC, graduating from Anacostia High School. She then attended Bowie State University where she is inducted into the school's Sports Hall of Fame as a member of the school's first Black cheerleading squad.



She has brought this same energy and teaching skills to our community as Line Dance instructor. Her patience with those of us who turn right when we should be turning left, is amazing. We appreciate and thank you for your time, energy and kindness.



Residents interested in group bicycling can join the Colonial Charles (CC) Riders. Whether you own a 2- or 3 wheeler, all are welcome. Great exercise and fun. Leave your name and contact information at the Clubhouse, if interested.

