Dear GVOL neighbors, 2/27/2023

We can’t believe March is already upon us! Your Board of Directors has been busy and eager to update you regarding a few things within the community. Specifically, this month we wanted to focus on safety and sanitation. Neighbors have recently raised concerns about recurring issues in these two areas. We are bringing these concerns straight to the community because this neighborhood belongs to us all, and we need everyone’s help to address repeated problems.

**SAFETY:**

**Slow down.**  Please drive slowly in our neighborhood and follow the posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour (mph). The Board has heard repeatedly from neighbors reporting people driving at excessive speeds through GVOL streets. Here is where we need your help. We could all diligently monitor our speeds and politely wave to someone who may not be adhering to the 25-mph speed limit. Doing these two simple things could help us all be more aware when driving too fast.

**Keep everyone safe.**  We routinely have children playing outside and people walking, jogging, and biking. Excessive speeding and distracted driving (texting or talking on a cell phone while driving) can be dangerous. Nothing is more important than our family members and GVOL neighbors, so please slow down and obey the speed limits. Unlike other neighborhoods, we don’t want to resort to speedbumps to reduce speeds to a safe level and keep the streets safe—instead, we are counting on each of you.

**Stop means stop.**  STOP signs located at neighborhood intersections are not a suggestion. All drivers should come to a complete stop to prevent accidents; this is especially important at the entrance to our neighborhood which is often congested in the morning and afternoon. Even though we have highlighted this issue several times, some neighbors still ignore the signs (typically driving from Odyssey Drive).

Please obey the law and keep everyone safe.

**Park in a safe place.**  Another safety issue at the front entrance is parking when residents wait for the school bus. Cars have been parking too close to the stop signs. DMV regulations specifically state vehicles must not park 30 feet from a STOP sign and 20 feet from an intersection or crosswalk. This behavior confuses approaching drivers and impairs traffic flow, increasing the chance of an accident.

Please, park at least 30 feet from the stop signs on Odyssey Drive or Chariot Court and ask your kids to walk a few feet to where you are parked. The Board is discussing different solutions on this topic.

**SANITATION:**

**Yes, pet poop.**  We live in a beautiful neighborhood and want every neighbor to be able to enjoy outdoor activities throughout our community. Several neighbors are again finding pet feces on sidewalks and their grass. Page four of the neighborhood Declarations clearly states that pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.

Furthermore, all outside pets should be fenced in the backyard, and dog houses are prohibited. Pets should also be on a leash when walking through the neighborhood. Please respect your neighbor’s property by cleaning up and not walking your pet across others’ lawns. Instead, walk in the open space area or along the grassy area near the curb. The ability to keep a pet is a privilege, not a right. According to our Declarations, upon written notice, any pet that becomes a source of unreasonable annoyance to others or any pet owner that fails or refuses to comply with the restrictions may be required to remove the pet from the community.

**Contacting the Board.**Constant communication is important and we want to ensure that the Board hears your concerns. To reach the Board, please use the COMPLIANCE section of the community webpage at [GVOL.net](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.gvol.net%2F&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4216001303ea4e3cbdbc08db192f8a74%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638131464193566355%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=g9gNTwtdfAtdigPiUF0DDTLC7W%2B6UZqoR%2B4fdYdWHiY%3D&reserved=0). Using the website helps ensure your matter is captured, formally recorded, and ultimately addressed more promptly.

Thank you in advance for being responsible and courteous neighbors and willingness to help keep Greenville Overlook clean, safe, and beautiful for everyone. Together, we can make our community the most desirable place to live in Wilmington.

We look forward to the next community update in April when the Board will share a report on its key accomplishments since the November 2022 election.

Your Greenville Overlook Board of Directors