



## 2021 Annual Report Security/Safety

### Committee

- The Security/Safety Committee began the 2021 year by distributing to residents a comprehensive Emergency Planning Guide. This guide, developed by Dennis Olson was designed to assist residents with a variety of emergencies. Dennis has extensive background in emergency planning, and we were delighted he agreed to provide us this guide. This Planning Guide also requested that residents update their emergency contact listing with the Villages, for input into the directory.
- Education on speed limit continued with the speed trailer parked along GVW. This provided instant feedback to motorists, and the hope was that those who exceeded the 15MPH would adjust driving habits. Letters were also sent to Regency, and the Walla Walla Housing Authority asking that they educate their employees or residents to our speed limits.
- A walk-thru was conducted in the spring of Village roads and sidewalks, looking for any potential hazards to motorists or walkers.
- The committee worked with the Common Grounds to assist in identifying hazardous intersections due to overgrown trees and shrubs, and sidewalks that could be trip hazards.
- In the spring and then as a follow up in the fall, the committee painted simple crosswalks at five locations where the path/trail crosses the roads. This has been a big boost towards the safety of walkers, as cars have been observed slowing down at the crosswalks, and parents have been observed teaching their children the safety rule of crossing the road. It is also a reminder to walkers that they have left the path and are now on a road.
- The late spring brought to College Place, BIRD Electric Scooters for rent. This popular activity soon brought the scooters into the Village and onto the sidewalks and pathways. Our walks and paths have always been marked with no wheel goods, for safety reasons. The electric scooters pose an even higher risk as they can travel at high speeds. The committee contacted the local franchise and requested that the Village property be listed as a “no ride” zone, as we are private property. This was completed.
- A change to Goggle Maps was completed, now showing the streets of the Villages as a private road. If a driver is using Goggle Maps to navigate, the program will no longer route them thru the Villages. Multiple requests were required to complete this, Thank you to board and committee members who made the request to Goggle Maps.

Respectfully Submitted

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