## The Oaks January 2024 E-Blast

To Charleston Commons HOA Homeowners:

## Winter Weather and Unit/Home Precautions to Reduce Risk of Frozen Pipes

## Leased Unit Owners: PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH TENANTS

High winds and extreme cold temperatures are forecast for the next week!

Trash containers should be secured in garages or behind an enclosure.

Please take all possible preventative steps to reduce the possibility of frozen and broken pipes. If the heat is turned off, there is a high probability of frozen pipes and potential damage to units throughout the Winter months. Please leave your heat turned on and the thermostat set at 65 degrees or higher to reduce the risk of frozen pipes inside your Unit. Please do not turn off or leave thermostats set at very low temperatures when freezing conditions are forecast, particularly during cold nights, Holidays or other periods when Units may be unoccupied.

Precautions to take to reduce the risk of frozen/broken pipes:

- 1. Open all cabinets and doors to spaces where pipes are located including attic access, bathrooms, closets, etc., to allow for the circulation of warm air;
- 2. Set up fans to blow heat into cold rooms or areas with exposed pipes;
- 3. Open faucets to trickle water in various locations to allow water flow through pipes;
- 4. Ensure outdoor faucets are covered and hoses are disconnected;
- 5. Ensure pipes are insulated, and cracks and openings are sealed.;
- 6. Products such as heat tape and insulation may be installed to further limit the risk of frozen pipes;
- 7. Set thermostats at 65 degrees or higher to maintain a warm ambient temperature in homes and
- 8. If you have garage doors, they should remain closed to retain ambient heat.

Thank you, Charleston Commons HOA Board of Directors Chris Kelley, President Judy Agnew, Secretary Jose Perlaza, At Large