

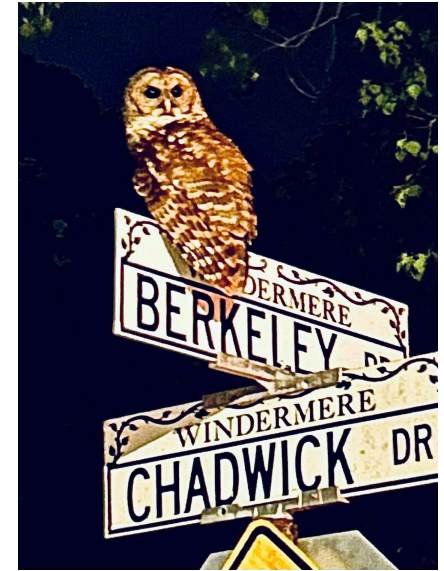
Old Windermere Neighborhood Association 2026 Annual Newsletter

Old Windermere is a true gem, ideally located just minutes from downtown, close to the beaches, near water accesses, adjacent to the Greenway, and within walking distance to shops & restaurants. And with the upcoming pedestrian/bike bridge across the Ashley River, even more destinations will soon be easily accessible.

Our location is both our greatest strength and our biggest challenge. Our area is very desirable. Currently, homes in OW have been thoughtfully renovated rather than replaced. But demolish-and-replace development is happening all around us. As a neighborhood, we must continue to consider how to best preserve the character and charm that drew us all to Old Windermere and which makes it so special.

Below is a brief update on key initiatives with OWINA involvement.

- **OWNA Website:** We continue to expand the website launched last year by Barbara Stroud. Visit OWNACharleston.com to learn more. For those of you having skills in this area, we really need your help. Please get involved and reach out via email at OWNACharleston@yahoo.com.
- **Stormwater Improvements:** Phase 1, a \$10 million part of the Windermere Basin project, is underway. This phase includes 2 new/upgraded outfalls and improvements to Greenway drainage. The City is holding a meeting on 4/29 at 6:30 in the Saint Andrews Elementary school to review plans for this project.



- **Pedestrian/Bike Bridge:** OWINA partnered with neighboring communities to advocate for changes to the bridge landings on the Charleston side to provide safe access to City of Charleston recreational amenities (e.g., Brittlebank, the Joe, Citadel stadium, etc).
- **Sidewalk Repairs:** Due to our continuing efforts to make our sidewalks safe, the City addressed numerous trip hazards by grinding uneven areas caused by tree roots as an efficient alternative to full replacement.
- **Character Protection Ordinance:** Ongoing discussions with City leaders (including the Mayor) continue as we explore ways to protect neighborhood character. We are considering next steps.
- **Undergrounding Power Lines (Stocker):** Currently, projects in other areas must be completed before ours can be taken on due to limitations on the number of active projects. Once taken up, residents will be polled to determine their position (yes or no) on implementing this project.
- **Stocker Entrance Improvements:** OWINA input shaped enhancements to this neighborhood gateway undertaken to improve safety. The project is now completed.