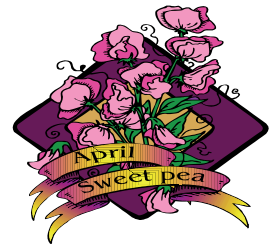




# Charter Point Notes

April 2009



## Charter Point Calendar



**CPCA Members' Meeting & Election**  
April 6, 2009 6:30PM - 8:30PM  
University Park Library



**Community Improvement Work Day**  
Saturday, April 18  
8:30AM - Meet at the entrance  
Bring rakes, shovels, pruning tools.



**Charter Point Community Garage Sale**  
Saturday, May 16, 2009  
8AM - 2PM

\* **Greater Arlington Civic Council**  
1st Thursday, 6:30 PM - Regency Library

\* **Sheriff's Advisory Council (ShAdCo) - Sector D**  
2nd Thursday, 7:00 PM  
Regency Square Community Room (next to Sears)

\* **Greater Arlington/Beaches CPAC**  
(Citizens Planning Advisory Committee)  
2nd Monday, 6:30 PM - Regency Library

\* Open to the public



Charter Point would not be the wonderful neighborhood that it is without a dedicated group of volunteers, who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Be sure to take a moment to thank the following neighbors for their time and talent this past fiscal year. Charter Point community service is more than being a Board member. Working on the C&R Revision project, landscaping and cleaning up common areas, delivering newsletters and luminaries, producing newsletters and the residential directory, assisting or hosting with social events, decorating the bulletin board and front entrance at holiday time, and representing Charter Point at civic meetings, are prime examples of service above and beyond.

***"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." -- Margaret Mead***

Many thanks to volunteers Ben & Carol Allen, Bob Austin, Bob & Doris Barletta, Janice Barrett, Alice Bayne, Mark Bayne, Bill Cuartero, Susan Davis, Alice Dent., Betty Fischer, Debbie Graham, Craig & Linda Hemphill, Walt & Deborah Holton, Bobby Huey, Chris & Kathy Ingram, Lillian Kabase, Millie Kanyar, Carole Mays, Becky Moseley, George & Lula Odongo, Elizabeth Palmer, Brent & Mary Parker, Usha Patel, Joe Roesler, Terri Ryder, Laura Saffy, Trish & Rene Sapia, Tom Schmidt, Chip & Mary Sink, Susie Smitha, Doug Tibbetts, Nancy Tinsley, Webb Wade, Jan Walker, Ernie Waller, Sheila Ward, Don & Dona Whalen, Pris Wrenn, and Kathleen Young.



Have you responded to the **Charter Point C&R Revision Survey**? If not, please respond by April 4. Your feedback is critical to shaping Charter Point's future standards of living. To respond to the survey confidentially online, e-mail [cpcanews@aol.com](mailto:cpcanews@aol.com) to request the secure link. Or respond via the hardcopy survey enclosed with last month's newsletter and mail to Walt Holton, 4304 Fern Creek Drive. ~ Thank you, C&R Revision Committee

**2009 CPCA Membership Dues** If you've not yet remitted your 2009 dues, please send your check (\$215) to Kathy Ingram, Membership Chair, 4575 Oak Bay Drive, West, payable to Charter Point Community Association. MEMBERS: If you have any questions about CPCA governance, financials, or want to learn more about activities and volunteer opportunities, plan to attend the CPCA Semi-Annual meeting on April 6. Exclusive membership privileges include the right to vote in Board elections and participate in membership meetings. Thank you for your support! It's the right thing to do!



## CPCA Board Election



CPCA Board Officers will be elected at the CPCA Members' Meeting, on Monday, April 6 at the University Park Library (6:30PM-8:30PM) All nominees must be current CPCA members in good standing. Nominations may be made from the meeting floor. Only members in good standing are eligible to vote. Board positions are filled by a majority vote of Association members present at the meeting (CPCA by-laws).

**Candidates running for office (two year term):** President - Walt Holton, Joe Roesler  
Vice president - Bob Barletta, Ernie Waller  
Secretary - Linda Hemphill (unopposed); Treasurer - Bobby Huey (unopposed).

# Charter Point Community Association Board

## Officers

### President:

Linda Hemphill  
5487 River Trail Road, N.  
745-1833 or cpcanews@aol.com

### Vice-president:

Ernie Waller  
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743-3395 or earnest.waller@comcast.net

### Secretary:

Walt Holton  
4304 Fern Creek Drive  
762-1502 or WLHolton@Bellsouth.net

### Treasurer:

Bobby Huey  
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## Committee Chairs

### Community Improvements:

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### Security:

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### Newsletter Editor

Linda Hemphill  
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### Web Site

Rene Sapia  
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**Please welcome new Board Committee chairs, Kathy Ingram (Membership) and Nathan Jackson (Security), recently appointed (per CPCA by-laws) to fill vacated positions, mid-term. Other mid-term appointments: Carol Allen, Hospitality Chair (previous Community Improvements co-chair) and Ben Allen, Community Improvements Chair (from previous co-chair). Many thanks to George Odongo, outgoing Security Chair, for his years of diligent, watchful service.**

## President's Message

by Linda Hemphill



As I transition out of my post as president, I look back on my five year tenure with pride and gratitude. I am proud of Charter Point's vitality, fiscal solvency, and sense of engagement. Whether you agree or disagree with the prevailing winds of change, I am always heartened when people speak out, pro or con. The importance of communication can never be understated. Ever hopeful for continued positive change, I am equally grateful for the support of board members with whom I have served over the years and the confidence of the neighborhood at large. Many thanks to all who contributed to the community this past year -- board members, newsletter reporters, committee members, and special project volunteers. You are the core of our community. Without your dedication and hard work, we would not have the delightful neighborhood in which we all enjoy living every day. Kudos as well to the C&R Revision Committee for working to establish the improved standards our neighborhood sorely needs and for the many hours of hard work ahead. One final thank you goes to all who responded to the C&R Revision survey. Your feedback is crucial to crafting a first-rate C&R document that will serve our neighborhood in a beneficial way, tempered with fairness. Be assured the final revision proposal will be put to a neighborhood vote, preceded by open opportunities for discussion.

New leadership often effects change, but I am confident the tradition of responsible, transparent governance will continue. Looking back over 35+ years of Charter Point's rich history, it may surprise you to learn that present concerns are not far removed from those expressed by neighbors who preceded us -- security, property upkeep, aesthetic standards, and the financial responsibility of all to bear a fair share of the load. The more things change, the more they remain the same is apparently true. But it is not enough to know we live in a great neighborhood. We must all take steps to assure our future by taking action in the present, whether serving on a board committee, planting flowers in a neighborhood improvement project, or sharing a homemade dessert with neighbors at a social event. Most importantly, a solvent treasury is necessary to sustain the neighborhood aesthetic that attracted all of us to move here in the first place. Charter Point is neither a trailer park nor subsidized housing and deserves our support. Hence, we should ALL be good financial stewards. Thank you to the high percentage of dues-paying residents for championing the membership ideal. To those on the fence, I invite you to join your neighbors in supporting the CPCA. If household finance is a pressing concern, let's talk. If something else is standing in the way, take a leap of faith and open a dialogue with a Board member or the new CPCA president (to be elected April 6).

In closing, I am staunchly optimistic about Charter Point's future and look forward to supporting our new leadership to move our neighborhood forward in the year ahead. Thank you again for your past support and constructive feedback. It was my honor and great privilege to serve.

### Yard of the Month!

**Tom & Jane Schmidt**  
4526 Oak Bay Drive, West - Lot 202



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## A Message from the Mayor

(received via e-mail to cpcanews@aol.com)

Dear Friends:

Today I announced an aggressive plan to secure federal stimulus dollars from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for Jacksonville's local economic recovery efforts. The federal bill, passed last month by President Barack Obama, aims to infuse nearly \$800 billion in new spending and tax cuts into the economy.

An investment of that magnitude must begin and end with local government, local industry and local non-profits that stand ready to assist Jacksonville citizens. The national economic downturn has slowed local markets and Jacksonville continues to suffer from sluggish real estate and construction industries, an unemployment rate that stands at 8.5 percent, and one of the worst foreclosure rates in the nation.

As we aggressively pursue funding, I have three primary goals for the allocation and expense of federal recovery dollars on the local level. This money must provide the immediate fuel for new investments in our community, stimulate the local economy in a meaningful way and ensure transformation change for our community – the result of which will stand the test of time.

As mayor, I have an obligation to see that this money is responsibly and appropriately put toward new programs, new projects and new investments that will reenergize the local economy today and benefit our community long-term. We will be seeking money to hire and deploy new police officers in our neighborhoods, to improve the efficient movement of goods into and out of our port and to ensure the health of the St. Johns River by increasing funding for storm water improvements and septic tank remediation.

The opportunities for investments through the stimulus plan are broad and massive. There is money for workforce training, housing, public schools, colleges and universities, healthcare and every other segment of this community. As a community we will pursue what Jacksonville rightfully deserves, and the only limitations to our success will be the power of our creativity and the strength of our partnerships.

Through formula-based grants, Northeast Florida already expects to receive nearly \$145 million for local transportation projects and \$10 to \$15 million through Justice Department, Housing and Community Development and Energy grants. As a community we will also submit applications for competitive grants and will compete with other governments, non-profits and any other qualifying organization across the country. Discretionary funding will be awarded by federal agencies and we will rely heavily on our Washington delegation to help secure this funding.

If we are to maximize Jacksonville's overall funding allocation, this community must speak with one voice in Washington. We are working closely with local independent authorities, the school board, community leaders, the business community, neighborhood organizations and non-profits. All will play a role as we prioritize the highest and best needs for our entire community, not just one organization.

I encourage you to visit [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net) for more information about Jacksonville's plan to seek federal funding. I also invite individuals, businesses or organizations interested in learning how to apply for federal money to an Economic Stimulus Summit, hosted by my office and U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown from 8 a.m. to noon on March

23 at the FCCJ Downtown campus. Federal officials from the Departments of Health and Human Services, Transportation, Education, Energy, Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Small Business Administration will be on hand to answer specific questions regarding the distribution of these recovery funds. Please RSVP by calling Rep. Brown's district office at (904) 354-1652.

As we move forward, I ask for patience. We find ourselves in unprecedented times and, as I've said before, this process is much like riding a bicycle as we attempt to build it. It is my hope that the President's plan works and that local efforts will restore confidence in our markets, increase spending and ultimately revive our local communities. The true measure of success will come when, through the proper allocation of stimulus dollars, our communities are not only self-sustaining, but a place for innovation, expansion and progress.

Sincerely,

John Peyton  
Mayor

### Internet IRS/Income Tax Phishing Scam Alert

An Internet phishing scam is making the rounds, such that people received what appeared to be an official looking email from the IRS, complete with the IRS logo and IRS web address. The email referenced a refund and how to collect it.

If you receive such an email, **do not reply**. Delete it completely from your PC, including the Recycle Bin. This is a phishing scam designed to capture information. **The IRS does not initiate communication with taxpayers through email.**

For more information from the IRS on identify theft and tax records, visit the Website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Look for the "Information About" section on the home page, and click on the "Phishing & Email Scams" link. Or call the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit at 1-800-908-4490.



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## DISPLAYING THE AMERICAN FLAG



It is the right of every American to proudly display the Flag of the United States at their home, their business, and elsewhere. When you "SHOW YOUR COLORS" you tell the world that you are proud to live in the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave." The US Flag is a wonderful symbol of freedom, but it is more than that.

***"The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing."***

US Code, Title 36, Chapter 10, § 176. ( j )

It is important to understand the rules and customs explained in the Flag Code for properly displaying the flag. **How we treat the flag says a lot about us as Americans.**

**A properly displayed flag tells the world that:**

- You are proud to be an American; You care enough to learn how to display the flag properly.

**Showing proper RESPECT to the flag** involves many things including the responsibility of every American to learn and be knowledgeable about our flag and its rich history. We also show respect for the flag by:

- How we display the flag; How we respond to the presence of the flag

PROTOCOL defines how we demonstrate our respect for the flag. Much of this is spelled out for us in the FLAG CODE. Included among these rules and guidelines:

- It is customary to fly the flag from buildings or staffs in open areas from "dawn to dusk". The Flag Code ([§ 174](#)) recognizes, however, that some people may wish to create a patriotic effect by displaying the flag from a building or outside staff (pole) 24 hours a day. If such is the case it is proper to fly the flag both day and night, PROVIDED that the flag is properly illuminated at night.
- The 220+ year old Flag of the United States of America is quite "hardy for its age". Throughout its history it has survived many storms...natural and man-made...around the world. You can purchase a flag designed for ALL WEATHER DISPLAY and fly it proudly day and night. If, however, your flag is not manufactured for all weather use, bring it inside when the weather is bad. Just as it is a sign of pride to display the flag, it is a sign of disrespect or neglect to subject the flag to weather that can damage it. (§ 174 c).
- The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.
- The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way.
- The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

If you display an American Flag and/or POW/MIA Flag, please be sensitive to the respect and honor these flags command. Illuminate the US flag at night; do not let either touch the ground; do not leave hanging in inclement weather (unless weatherproof); remove either if damaged, tattered, or torn and dispose of with dignity. Our country and members of the US military deserve our honor and respect.. Anything less is disgraceful and inherently un-American.

## DISPLAYING A POW / MIA FLAG



Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action come from EVERY STATE, thus the POW/MIA flag has precedence over state flags. **POW/MIA flags deserve respectful handling as well.**

If flying the flag from ONE FLAG POLE, the POW/MIA flag is flown directly below the American Flag.

If flying National, POW/MIA and State flags from TWO poles, the POW/MIA flag should be flown from the same pole as the American Flag but beneath the American Flag, with the state flag flying from the pole to the left.

The POW/MIA flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified manner.

(excerpted from [www.homeofheroes.com](http://www.homeofheroes.com), 2009)