



Charter Point Security is Hot Topic

Charter Point Safety & Security Efforts

JSO off-duty patrols (schedules vary)

Strong relationship with patroling officers

Strong advocacy relationship with Sheriff's Advisory Council (ShAdCo)

Neighborhood vigilance (calling JSO to report suspicious activity, keeping street lights working, etc.)

Shooing away solicitors and peddlers; ordinance education and awareness

Continual assessment of security alternatives by CPCA Board

JSO officers living in the neighborhood; visibly parked patrol cars

A security survey will be launched soon to assess the level of neighborhood interest in security alternatives. An open meeting will follow. Date/time TBA. For more information about Charter Point security, contact George Odongo, Security Chair at 745-0231 or odongog@bellsouth.net.

CPCA Membership Update

Please note an asterisk (*) in your 2008 Neighborhood Directory for the following members:

Dr. John Lewis
Tony & Julie Middleton
Keith Sanger, Virginia Cook
Randy & Laura Saffy
Al & Candace Weigand

Thank you for your CPCA support!

The Charter Point Security meeting held Wednesday, July 16 was well attended. Chris Gilpin, *National Crime Stop Program*, shared valuable information about personal protection, victim selection and identity theft crimes. Lt. Robert Amy, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) and Charter Point resident, spoke about neighborhood security, the Edenfield Road "element" and suggestions for best safety practices. Amy stressed the importance of calling the JSO non-emergency number (630-0500) when suspicious activity or persons are noticed. Call 911 for emergencies, of course. A security analysis was distributed at the meeting which briefed the costs, pros, cons and challenges of various security options, such as more off-duty JSO coverage, private security patrol, gating the entrance, entry surveillance cameras and miscellaneous extras. Attendees were asked to read and reflect on the information for later discussion. There will be a follow-up meeting soon to discuss next steps.

Security Analysis:

Current security coverage entails (1) off-duty police patrols: 40 hours per month, schedules vary (morning, afternoon and evening). Cost Summary: \$29.50 (\$26 per officer hour + \$3.50 to COJ) = \$1180; \$27 per shift for scheduler fee @ 10 = \$270. Costs: per month - \$145; annually - \$17,400. Pros: Unmistakable police presence; visible crime deterrent; can arrest someone; carry weapons; access to back-up assistance and police technologies; familiar with

area, especially activity on Edenfield Road; coverage leverage through CPCA relationship with ShAdCo (Sheriff's Advisory Council). Cons: Limited coverage (40 hours per month or roughly 10 hours per week). Coverage subject to cancellation during staffing shortages or local emergencies. (2) *Unofficial Neighborhood Watch:* Unorganized activity, relying on neighbors being vigilant for suspicious activity and calling the police; Breaking News email alerts.

Other Security Measures for Consideration:

(1) *Private security patrol* - Perimeter Security, Inc: Provide mobile patrol coverage for 4 days a week - 6 hours per night - at the rate of \$120.00 per night. Cost \$480/week; \$24,960, annually. Pros: Per hour cost is less than off-duty JSO charge; more hourly coverage per week than JSO; provides a visible security presence; roughly the same cost as annual JSO charge for 40 hours per month. Cons: Security patrol staff cannot arrest anyone and do not carry a weapon; must call JSO for assistance. Challenges: If more patrol hours are required beyond 6 hours, 4 days per week (e.g., 16 hours per day: 8AM - Midnight for 7 days), this is a considerable expense that must be borne equally by all property owners. \$20/hour x 16 hours = \$320 per day x 7 days = \$2,240/week, \$116,480 annually. Private security at this rate (832 hours per year) = an in-

crease of \$99,080 annually, above current JSO hours (roughly 500 hours per year @ \$17,400). Dues would need to be increased significantly (\$215 + \$411 = \$626/property owner).

(2) Surveillance Cameras at Charter Point Entrance

Install a digital video surveillance system with remote viewing capability at the entrance to Charter Point. Prices vary depending on the number of cameras and level of technology, such as number of cameras, monitor, audio, infrared, recording specs and capacity, remote viewing capability, and DSL interfacing, and other factors, such as warranties, service agreements and training. Estimates: Commercial Security Services, Inc: \$5320.51 24/7 Protection, Inc.: \$36,617.64 Engage Technologies, Inc.: \$17,500 Pros: May help identify and lead to the arrest of criminals; surveillance signage may deter criminal activity; provide watchful eye at school bus stop. Cons: Fixed costs expensive (installation and equipment) depending on sophistication of equipment; variable costs (repair, maintenance, replacement) can be expensive; equipment subject to vandalism; does not directly prevent crime activity; video and archiving responsibilities Challenges: All property owners must share equitably in the cost.

Charter Point Lights Up for Safety - Keep entry, landscape and other exterior lights turned on throughout the night to deter burglars!

(3) Gating the Community: According to City of Jacksonville - Public Works, we cannot install a security gate at the neighborhood's entrance unless we successfully petition the City to deed over our streets to Charter Point, converting them from public to private roadways.

Petition procedure (*Close and Abandon Streets*), in brief:

- File application with Public Works (\$1,500 non-refundable fee) Include a copy of a "letter of intent to make roads private" (sent to all residents)
- Coordinate effort with JSO and EMS services.
- Public Works researches and runs application through 15 agencies
- Application reaches City Council, subject to 2 public hearings
- If passed, then signed by Mayor
- Entire process takes 4-6 months

Pros: Restricts access of undesirables to Charter Point, depending on the style/strength of the gate; help prevent criminal activity. **Cons:** All Charter Point property owners would be responsible

for the expense of road repair, improvement, paving, drainage, etc.; ready access for emergency vehicles would be slowed; the possible necessity of having a turn-around spot for those whose entry is rejected; keeping residents from building on the easement. Residents would own the road and easement, but could not build on the easement. JEA, Bell South would still have the right to access it. **Challenges:** All property owners must agree to the gate and assume an equal percentage of the cost.

(4) Miscellaneous Security Measures:
Charter Point Vehicle ID Decals or License Plates: Display a Charter Point decal or license plate on vehicles to denote residency. **Pros:** Low cost to produce; Identifies resident vehicles; link address or lot number to decal in Charter Point records. **Cons:** Tracking tag number changes; decal retrieval when vehicle is sold; may attract attention from undesirables (decal is seen on a vehicle, undesirable person follows driver to Charter Point.); not a crime deterrent or preventative. **Formal Neighborhood Watch:** Reactivate Neighborhood Watch; form teams and street captains; consult JSO for start-up. **Pros:** No-cost vigilance. **Cons:** Eventual apathy; insufficient block captains or teams; **Challenges:** Having

enough people at home during the day to monitor their area; engaged coordinator needed.

Surveillance Sign in Lieu of Cameras:



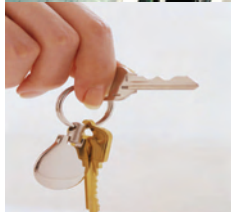
Example

Position one sign at front entrance, apart from current signage, and another at the 4-way stop.

Pros: A visible crime deterrent, implying the entrance or all of Charter Point is under surveillance. Low cost: Approximately \$300-500, depending on size. Post two signs, one positioned at the entrance, another at the 4-way stop to maximize message. Reasonable cost; would not necessitate a dues increase. **Cons:** Does not prevent crime or capture identity of vehicles. **Challenges:** Signage assumes criminals can read or know what 'surveillance' means.

Report suspicious activity or persons to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office non-emergency line (630-0500).

Good Security Practices, Common Sense



- Close and lock all doors and windows even if you're leaving home for only a short time.
- Use automatic timers on lights, radio and/or TV to give the impression someone is home, or leave a radio playing and a light on, when you are not at home.
- Install motion-sensitive or low-voltage lighting around your house.
- Lock up ladders, tools, and other items which might be used to gain entry to your house.
- Keep trees and shrubs pruned to eliminate hiding places.
- Install door and window alarms; Install a reinforced bar on sliding glass doors.
- Do not allow strangers in your home for any reason; do not leave repairmen or technicians alone in your home.
- Never leave a key outside, no matter how clever you think your hiding place is.
- Display your house number so it can be seen, even at night, in case the police need to find your house quickly.
- Before going on vacation, ask the police to patrol closely (call 630-0500 or 726-5100); stop mail and newspaper deliveries; ask a neighbor to watch for and remove fliers or deliveries that may accumulate by your door; be sure your lawn is cared for during extended absences.
- Keep valuable items in a safe-deposit box.
- Always lock your car; do not leave money, cell phones or valuables in plain sight of passer-bys.
- Be mindful of your surroundings when entering your home, especially after getting out of your car.
- Post a "Beware of Dog" sign on a fence whether you own a dog or not.
- Install an alarm system or post an alarm sign;
- Be a good neighbor - Keep a watchful eye around the neighborhood, especially during the day; report any suspicious activity to the police (630-0500); call 911 for emergencies.



Dog Days of Summer

The phrase **Dog Days** or "**the dog days of summer**", refers to the hottest, most sultry days of summer that fall between early July and early September, but the actual dates vary greatly from region to region, depending on latitude and climate. Dog Days can also define a time period or event that is very hot or stagnant, or marked by dull lack of progress. The Dog Days originally were the days when Sirius, the Dog Star, rose just before or at the same time as sunrise, which is no longer true owing to precession of the equinoxes. The ancients sacrificed a brown dog at the beginning of the Dog Days to appease the rage of Sirius, believing that that star was the cause of the hot, sultry weather. The term "Dog Days" was used by the ancient Romans, who called these days *caniculares dies* (days of the dogs) after Sirius (the "Dog Star"), the brightest star in the heavens besides the Sun. Popularly believed to be an evil time "when the seas boiled, wine turned sour, dogs grew mad, and all creatures became languid, causing to man burning fevers, hysterics, and phrensies"

In recent years, the phrase "Dog Days" or "Dog Days of Summer" found new meanings. The term has frequently been used in reference to the American stock markets. Typically, summer is a very slow time for the stock market, and additionally, poorly performing stocks with little future potential are frequently known as "dogs." A casual survey will usually find that many people believe the phrase is in reference to the conspicuous laziness of domesticated dogs (who are in danger of overheating with too much exercise) during the hottest days of the summer (Excerpted from Wikipedia, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dog_Days).

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Planning a home improvement job? Planting a tree? Installing a fence?

WAIT! Here's what you need to know first:

Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling 811 before each job. Homeowners often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked, but every digging job requires a call – even small projects like planting trees and shrubs. These assumptions can be life-threatening.

A new, federally-mandated national "**Call Before You Dig**" number, **811** was created to help protect you from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects. If you hit an underground utility line while digging, you can harm yourself or those around you, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood and potentially be responsible for fines and repair costs.

One easy phone call to 811 starts the process to get your underground utility lines marked for free. A local One Call Center operator will ask you for the location of your digging job and route your call to affected utility companies. Your utility companies will then send a professional locator to your location to mark your lines within a few days. Once your underground lines are marked, you will know the approximate location of your utility lines and can dig safely, because knowing what's below protects you and your family. For more information about 811 in Florida, call 800-432-4770 or log onto www.callsunshine.com.



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Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM Sat 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

New! Saturday noon FedEx Express pick-up.

Community Blood Drive

Saturday, August 9
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM



Sponsored by Watson Realty
5610 Ft. Caroline Road
(next to the Gazebo Shopping Center)

The Blood Alliance (Jacksonville's community blood bank) bloodmobile will be parked on site at the Watson Realty office, 5610 Ft. Caroline Road. Donation appointments are strongly encouraged. Call 744-8710 to sign up. Walk-ins are welcome, but donors with appointments will be taken with priority. For more information about donor eligibility, call The Blood Alliance at 353-8263 or visit the Web site www.igiveblood.com/donating/faqs.



Summer blood supplies are low.
Please help save lives.

Millie Kanyar, REALTOR/Manager



August
Yard of the Month
Congratulations to

Alan & Luvinie Reaves
5389 Oak Bay Drive, N.
Lot 214

CPCA Semi-Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, September 20, 2008
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
University Park Library



Community Work Day, A Big Green Thumbs Up!

Everyone driving in and out of Charter Point can see how nice our right-of-way looks along University Blvd. This is due to the wonderful volunteers who helped make this possible. All the trees were trimmed up and back to alleviate crowding and road encroachment. Pruned tree limbs covered the ground everywhere. Thank goodness for helping hands that worked to clip large branches into piles as others sawed them off each tree. Since Southern Waste would not pick up the tree clippings, several neighbors volunteered to be recipients of one pile until Friday's pick up day. Bob Barletta's trailer was a blessing; otherwise tree debris would be lying all over until someone could haul it off. No doubt, everyone participating made an overwhelming two-man project into a successful team effort!



Please thank your neighbors: Bob Barletta, Walt Holton, Sandy Pond, Tom Schmidt, Brent, Mary & Brendon Parker, Alice & Mark Bayne, Debbie & Jonathan Graham, Kathy & Chris Ingram, Ben & Carol Allen, and Jeff & Beth Boyd.

Covenants Corner



Charter Point is a deed restricted community. Covenants and Restrictions for our community state that approval must be obtained prior to any exterior changes and/or improvements made to any properties within our legal boundaries (Charter Point C&R, Article III, Section 8 [b], p.5). To make application for architectural approval, download an Architectural Review Application in PDF format from www.charterpoint.org. For a paper copy, contact Craig Hemphill, C&R Chair, at 745-1833 or email rcaigh@aol.com. Attempts will be made to return approvals in a timely manner. All items governed by our Covenants and Restrictions require an approved application prior to construction/installation. Kindly make application as far in advance as possible to prevent frustration for all. Friendly reminder: Except Charter Point-approved *For Sale* signs and small security alarm signs, other signs are not permitted on any lot (Charter Point C&R, Article III, Section 17, p.6), such as political signs and service provider companies (e.g., construction, remodeling, roofing, painting, pool resurfacing, pest control, landscaping, etc.). Thank you for your cooperation.

Charter Point Breaking News



Join Charter Point's e-mail alert group, *Charter Point Breaking News*, to receive important neighborhood and Arlington area news. The *Breaking News* email group is administered confidentially by Linda Hemphill, CPCA president. To join, simply email cpcanews@aol.com and ask to be added to the group. *Breaking News* emails are sent "blind copy" to preserve email privacy. Only relevant information of immediate neighborhood interest is sent. In fact, *Breaking News* email was recently deployed to alert neighbors to an immediate security concern. *Breaking News* members also receive an advance e-copy of the Charter Point newsletter.

Cran-Dandy Cooler

- 2 cups cranberry juice
- 1 cup pineapple juice
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 (4 oz.) jar maraschino cherries
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 (12 fluid oz.) can or bottle ginger ale
- 1 orange, sliced in rounds



In a gallon pitcher combine cranberry juice, pineapple juice, orange juice, cherry juice and lemon juice. Just before serving, slowly add ginger ale; stir to blend. Serve over ice in cups or glasses. Garnish with cherry and orange slices. 8 servings.

Olive Pecan Spread



- 8 oz. Softened cream cheese
 - 1 cup chopped pecans
 - 1 cup chopped green salad olives w/pimento
- Mix together and spread on party rye slices.

Stay Cool This Summer!

Charter Point Social Committee Questionnaire

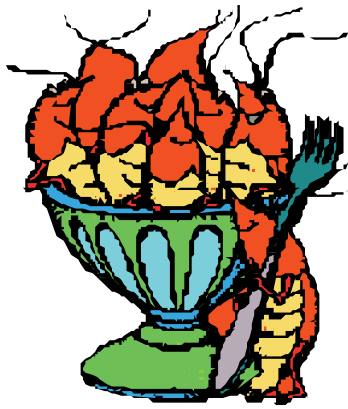
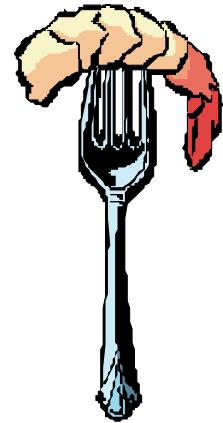
Please take a few minutes to answer this questionnaire. It will enable us to better meet your expectations for community social events. Thank you, Mary Sink - Social Committee Chair.

I would like to attend the following event(s): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> all that apply	I am willing to help/host these events:	Circle One or More
Fall Shrimp Peel	_____	I would like to see more evening/ daytime events. Recommendations:
Children's Halloween Parade & Pizza	_____	I would like to see more events for children / teens / families / adults. Recommendations:
Holiday Cookie Exchange	_____	
Christmas Carding	_____	
Santa's Neighborhood Visit	_____	
Luminaries	_____	I like low-cost potluck events / I like time-saving, catered events.
Progressive Dinner	_____	
Easter Egg Hunt	_____	I would like to serve on the Social Committee or help with social events. Yes / No.
Memorial Weekend BBQ	_____	
Ice Cream Social	_____	
Members Only events	_____	Any additional comments or recommendations:
Other _____	_____	

Name (optional): _____ Number of children and ages: _____

Again, thanks for taking the time to answer this questionnaire. Results will be published in a following newsletter. Your input will be used in planning future events which we hope will be fun and well-attended. Return survey to Mary Sink 5467 River Trail Rd., S, or any Board member.

Ahoy Mates and Landlubbers!



Fall SHRIMP PEEL

Saturday, October 18
7:00pm

Chip & Mary Sink
5467 River Trail Road, South
762-1066

Fresh steamed Mayport shrimp – Sweet roasted corn-on-the-cob
Delicious potluck dishes – Choice of Beverages

\$15.00 per person (CPCA members); \$18.00 per person (non-members)
Half price for kids under 12

Surprise Raffle Items - \$1.00/ticket
B.Y.O. Lawn Chair and a covered dish

Name: _____

Number of Attendees: Adults _____ Teens: _____ Children: _____

Circle Type of Covered Dish: Appetizer Salad Dessert

Circle Beverage Choice: Iced Tea Soda Diet Soda Beer Wine

Return RSVP slip to Mary Sink 5467 River Trail Rd, S.

