

Charter Point Notes



December 2010

December Activities



Door-to-Door Luminaria Candle Deliveries

Please have your \$5.00 contribution ready when your luminary candles are delivered. If you are away from home when your candles are delivered, look inside your delivery bag for contribution instructions. If more convenient, add \$5.00 to your 2011 CPCA dues check! Thank you for your festive participation on Christmas Eve. 'Tis the season!

Cookies, Cocoa & More! - a Holiday Open House

Thursday, December 16

6:30PM - 8:00PM

5487 River Trail Road, North
Craig & Linda Hemphill, hosts

*Cost to attend: A good deed!
Bring 2 canned goods or other non-perishable item for the food drive.*

Holiday Food Drive - Second Harvest Food Bank

Saturday, December 18

10AM - 2PM

Intersection of Oak Bay Drive @ Charter Point Blvd

Place canned goods and non-perishable food (ex: cereal, powdered milk, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, baby food, etc.) items in the bin located at the 4-way stop (Oak Bay Dr & Charter Point Blvd). All food donations will be turned in Monday, December 20. Thank you for helping less fortunate families in Jacksonville. No one should go hungry, especially over the holidays.

Best Decorated House Contest!

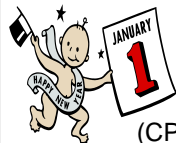
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Holiday home exteriors will be reviewed by Santa's judges for "Best Decorated" honors. The winning household will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate and a *Best Decorated Home* sign to display in the front yard.

Christmas Eve Luminaria Candles Lighting

December 24 @ dusk - Light candles curbside at dusk and leave burning through the night for a stunning holiday expression. For maximum neighborhood appearance, please limit street parking that evening. And don't forget turn off your sprinklers that evening.

Keep Charter Point #1 Among Arlington's Premiere Communities



Start the New Year off right by promptly renewing your 2011 Charter Point Community Association (CPCA) membership dues. Annual dues remain reasonable at \$215. A solvent membership provides the revenue necessary to assure the Charter Point lifestyle enjoyed by all – security patrol, well maintained common areas, standards enforcement, residential directory and other perks. Thank you in advance for your steadfast community support. ~ Bob Barletta, CPCA Membership Chair

Make check payable to Charter Point Community Association. If paying electronically, assure your check is set for delivery to Bob Barletta, CPCA Membership, 4432 Fern Creek Drive, Jacksonville 32277. If more budget friendly, dues may be paid in two monthly installments if arrangements are made in advance.

Reason for the Season!



"It's the most wonderful time of Year"-- already? It seems only a few months ago we took down our Christmas decoration and stashed them away. But, time flies when you're having fun unless you're a youngster as I once was.

The year is 1961 and everyone is so excited we can barely sit still! I can hear our teacher saying for the umpteenth time that our party cannot start until the lunch period ends 12:30 pm. Today is the last school day before we start of our Christmas break, and we will celebrate with cookies, cocoa and a gift exchange between classmates. While it's hard to recall which was more exciting, the party, gift exchange, or no school for two weeks, what resonates in my memory is my teacher driving home the point that Christmas meant more than a party and school break -- it meant celebrating the birth of Christ.

I'm sure many of you have similar memories and shared them with family and friends. However, over the years many of our established traditions and practices have changed or faded away. Some to accommodate political correctness, some for judicial balance, and some resulting from a lack of interest/participation by those affected.

As a resident of Charter Point, I consider everyone within the community to be part of my family! Although we may not have a personal relationship with each other, I want to think we share similar bonds with the long established traditions and practices of maintaining the appearance, security and property value of our residence. Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, December truly is "the most wonderful time of the year" and is a tradition worth keeping!

At the risk of violating political correctness, I want to extend best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and joyous New Year this holiday season!

Walt Holton, CPCA President

Newsletter e-Delivery Reminder!!

This will be the final newsletter mass distributed in hard copy. Effective January 1, 2011, the newsletter will go "electronic," available on the Web (www.charterpoint.org) and by e-mail automatically to *Charter Point Breaking e-News* recipients. Printed copies will be available to households without Internet access. Contact the *Charter Point Notes* editor at 904-745-1833 to continue receiving a hard copy.

To join *Charter Point Breaking e-News*, contact cpcanews@aol.com. E-bulletins are sent blind copy to preserve recipient privacy.

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To **Debbie Sheppard** for her hard work coordinating our successful community Garage Sale last month.

To **Rene at rjswebdesigns.com** for keeping our Website updated and functioning.

To our **Newsletter reporters** for faithfully delivering the monthly newsletter and Christmas luminaries.

To **Jan Walker** for keeping the community Bulletin Board always looking attractive and welcoming.

Charter Point Community Association Board Member Elections - 2011

✓ Civic minded ✓ Strategic planner ✓ Can-do attitude

If these qualities sound like you and you are a CPCA member in good standing, your volunteer service is needed on the CPCA Board!

Positions open for election in 2011:

President, Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer (2 year term)

A Nominating Committee will compile a ballot of candidates for the above positions. Contact any board member to add your name to the ballot or to nominate a CPCA member who approves of being nominated. The slate of candidates will be published in the February newsletter. Elections will be held at the CPCA Members' meeting in March 2011. Only members in good standing may vote, either in person at the meeting or by written proxy.



December
Yard of the Month
The Zellner Family
4352 Maywood Drive
Lot 115



Holiday Illumination . . . Charter Point Style!

Charter Point has a tradition for its beautiful display of luminaries throughout our neighborhood each Christmas holiday. Shortly everyone will receive a package of candles with instructions enclosed. If a house or lot is vacant, please volunteer to help display the candles assigned. We hope for 100% coverage for a wonderful effect! A \$5.00 donation is asked to help defray the cost of supplies. Contribution envelopes are enclosed in each candle package for convenient mailing in case you missed your personal delivery. Additional supplies are available by contacting Carol Allen 745-3164. Let's make Charter Point a memorable and beautiful holiday evening for everyone this season!

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make our neighborhood tradition possible this season. Supply Organizers: Becky Moseley, Bob & Doris Barletta, Deborah Holton, Betty Wilson, Alma Lopez Mitchell and Betty Fischer. Distributors: Alice Dent, Terri Ryder, Betty Fischer, Susie Smitha, Elizabeth Palmer, Nancy Barnes, Debbie Graham, Carole Mays, Susan Davis, Becky Moseley, Brent & Mary Parker, Lula Odongo, Pris Wrenn, Bob Austin, Laura Saffy, Larry Newton and Don & Dona Whalen.

"Wouldn't it be wonderful to find one gift that you don't have to dust, that must be used right away, is practical, personal, fits everyone, and will be remembered for a long time? I penciled in "gift certificate for a flu shot."
~ the late Erma Bombeck, humorist



Need a Dependable Teen Helper?

Call Tanner Moseley*

743-7049

**Charter Point resident*

Lawn mowing, pet sitting, light chores



Attention: Watercraft Enthusiasts! Jet Skis & Trailer For Sale

(2) 2000 Yamaha XL 1200 Jet Skis & New Trailer
155 HP; 3 seater; less than 50 hours
Mint condition, garage housed and winterized
Priced to sell at \$6,725 (wife wants the garage back)
Call 904.699-4025



A New, Nearby Grocery Store in Our Future?

According to a reliable tenant in the Gazebo Shopping Center, a Rowe's Grocery is planning to open in the former Publix space shortly after the new year.

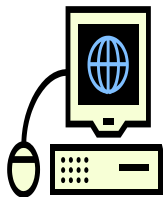


Co-Op Anyone?

Interested in saving money through the group purchasing power of a Charter Point Co-Op? In these tough economic times, several Co-Op ideas have been bandied about the neighborhood to meet a particular need and save money.

Ideas suggested include a Home Improvement Co-Op, in which lumber, paint, shingles, etc., could be purchased less expensively by a group of homeowners instead of individually. Also suggested was a Produce Co-Op and a Tool Co-Op. Produce orders could be pooled among neighbors and purchased periodically in bulk from the Farmer's Market at reduced prices. A Tool Co-Op could create a vast tool collection via a neighbor-to-neighbor lending program or a tool library.

For more information or if interested in participating, contact Ev & JoAnn Bennett at 745-1598 or 472-0701.



www.charterpoint.org

Check out the Website for copies of CPCA governing documents, architectural approval forms, activities calendar, archived newsletters, phone numbers for City services and much more!

Community Bulletin Board

The community bulletin board at the 4-way stop is available for neighborhood use. As signs are generally not permitted on our lots or in common areas, the bulletin board is a great place to post items for sale, lost pet information, and other announcements.



Friendly Reminder: Architectural Approval is Required for Home Exterior Projects



Before launching any exterior home improvements, such as structural expansion, fence construction, painting, driveway paving, roofing, etc., be sure to heed certain requirements within the Charter Point deeded covenants and restrictions (C&R). A copy of the C&R is available on the Charter Point website (www.charterpoint.org) which outlines what is expected before commencing an exterior construction project and the parameters of what is permitted. It also lists the steps necessary to obtain approval for the proposed construction. Obtaining approval for your construction project is not a difficult process, but it is required to be sure that each project falls into the guidelines set forth by the C&R.

- **Submit a construction proposal** to the C&R architectural committee or C&R chair. Your proposal should include types and color of materials, size of construction, etc. Provide as much detail as possible to assure you will not face any difficulty later with a project that does not meet guidelines. A *Request for Approval of Construction or Alteration of Structures* form is available on the Charter Point website to use to describe your project.
- **Include a picture and/or diagram.** If your project will include major landscaping or driveway expansion, it is important for the board to see a diagram and/or a picture of what the final result will be in order to be sure that property lines, drainage, etc. will not be affected adversely by your project.
- Once received, **your request/proposal will be reviewed promptly.** A C&R committee member may make a follow-up visit to your home to discuss the project to be sure that nothing was omitted that needed to be included in the request.

Thank you for doing your part to be sure that we, as a neighborhood, adhere to the guidelines designed to uphold the value and beauty of Charter Point. ~ Craig Hemphill, C&R chair

Covenants Enforcement Update

Many thanks for all the hard work that many residents have put forth into lawn improvement over the past months. A very cold winter last year and a brutally hot, dry summer made it difficult to maintain yards. Recent landscaping and revived yard maintenance efforts has greatly improved many properties and not gone unnoticed.

Meanwhile, the C&R standards enforcement committee, in conjunction with the Board, continues to address several areas of neighborhood concern amicably, such as offensive lawn condition; non-compliant For Sale and For Rent signs; visible sheds; unseemly driveway clutter visible from the street; excessive tree cutting/removal and yard waste debris left lingering curbside; and parking of trailers and other vehicles (RV's, commercial trucks) that are not permitted on resident property. The committee has also solicited architectural approval applications for notable exterior improvement projects not applied for prior to commencement. Alternatively, the committee has approved several architectural project applications, such as fence replacement, exterior painting, window and roof replacement and major re-landscaping, and was consulted on tree removal. Lawns at vacant properties are also being attended to, with costs recouped by owner invoicing or lien attachment.

Charter Point Covenants were originally developed over 35 years ago and revised in 1985 and 2010 to assure our neighborhood is kept to the high standards we have come to expect. Thank you again for taking pride in your community and adhering to the covenants. Your support and many kind words regarding the tireless efforts of this committee are greatly appreciated. ~ Walt Holton, CPCA president

Look What's Cookin' in Charter Point!



Savory Baked Holiday Brunch

- 1 pkg. (17.3 oz.) frozen puff pastry (2 sheets), thawed
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- Dash hot pepper sauce
- 2 (10 oz.) pkgs. chopped spinach; thawed & drained
- 4 slices thick cut bacon, cooked & chopped
- 1-1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup chopped sweet red peppers

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Unfold pastry sheets. Roll out 1 sheet to 11-inch square; set aside. Roll out other sheet to a 12" square; use to line bottom and side of greased 9" spring form pan. Remove 1T. beaten egg; set aside. Mix ricotta, pepper sauce and spinach with remaining eggs. Layer half each of the bacon, cheese, egg mixture and peppers in pastry-lined pan. Repeat layers. Cover with remaining pastry sheet; fold edges of pastry under and tuck inside pan. Brush top with reserved egg. Cut slits in top of crust with sharp knife to allow steam to escape. Bake 45 - 55 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 10 minutes. Run small knife around edge of pan to loosen crust before removing spring form rim. Serves 10-12.

Veggie Cassoulet



- 2 T. olive oil
- 2 zucchini, chopped
- 2 celery stalks, sliced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
- 4 cloves garlic, sliced
- 1 can (14 oz) diced tomatoes, drained
- 3 c. drained cannellini beans, save juice
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- 2 dried bay leaves
- 4 slices crusty whole-wheat toast

Heat oven to 400°. Cook zucchini, celery, onion, salt and pepper over medium heat until tender, about 8 minutes. Mix in garlic and cook another minute. Combine veggies, tomatoes, beans, 1/4 cup of the bean liquid, thyme and bay leaves in a 2-qt baking dish. Bake until golden, about 30 minutes. Remove bay leaves and serve warm with wheat toast. Serves 4.

Santa's Sleigh Cocktail

- White sugar crystals, coarse
- 2 cups eggnog, chilled
- 1/2 cup brandy
- 1/2 cup amaretto liqueur
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 scoops vanilla ice cream
- 4 cinnamon sticks



Dampen the rims of 4 martini glasses and then line the rims with sugar crystals. Combine eggnog, brandy, amaretto, nutmeg, and ice cream in a blender; process until smooth. Pour mixture into martini glasses and garnish each with a cinnamon stick

Hearty Pumpkin Bisque

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 pound of ham, cut in 1" cubes
- 3 (29 oz.) cans pumpkin puree
- 1 (32 oz.) carton chicken broth
- 1 cup cream
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar



Melt butter in a skillet over medium heat. Cook onion and garlic in butter until soft. Combine onion, garlic, ham, pumpkin puree, chicken broth, cream, cinnamon, nutmeg and brown sugar in a slow cooker set to Low; cook 8 to 10 hours. Garnish with a dollop of sour cream. Serves 8-10



Mini Crab Tarts

- 1/3 cup cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup crabmeat - drained, flaked
- 2 T. chopped green onions
- 1 (2 oz) pkg mini phyllo tart shells
- 1/3 cup whole cranberry sauce

In a small bowl, combine the cream cheese, crab and onions until well blended. Place the tart shells on an ungreased baking sheet. Drop 1 T. of the crab mixture into each shell. Top each with 1 teaspoon cranberry sauce. Bake at 375 for 12-15 minutes or until heated through. Makes 15 tarts.

Blueberry Walnut Salad



- 1 (10 oz) package mixed salad greens
- 1 pint fresh blueberries
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 1/2 cup raspberry vinaigrette dressing
- 1/4 cup crumbled Gorgonzola cheese

Toss the salad greens with the blueberries, walnuts and raspberry vinaigrette. Top with Gorgonzola cheese. Serves 4-6.



Fruitcake Fun Facts? The first recorded fruitcake was in Roman Times, and some believe the fruitcake to be the cause of the fall of the Roman Empire. Another little known fact is the method of determining whether a woman was a witch during the Salem Witch Trials was to offer the suspect a piece of fruitcake. If she ate it and lived, it was considered proof that she was, in fact, a witch. (*The Retro Housewife's Fruitcake Page, www.retro-housewife.com*)