



Charter Point Notes

January/February



Charter Point Activities

Charter Point Community Association 2010 Membership Drive!

Began December 1, 2009

Financial Forum

January, 2010

Canceled due to insufficient interest

Charter Point Community Association Annual Member's Meeting & Board Elections

April 2010 - Date TBA

University Park Library

Charter Point events are also posted on the Web at www.charterpoint.org. Click on the Calendar link on the homepage.



President's Message - Happy New Year!

Yippee! The long awaited morn has finally arrived and it's, it's a New Year! Whether you joined the hundreds of millions around the world counting down the remaining seconds of 2009, waiting joyfully for the stroke of midnight to toast and sing "Auld Lang Syne", or that you took a less involved approach to the welcoming the new year, congratulations and Happy 2010 to everyone!

January 1, 2010 is a new day, a new birth, a new beginning, a time to take off the old and put on the new – the first day of the rest of your life! While many of us may have experienced challenges of various levels during 2009, I am prayerful that circumstances will allow us to appreciate God's many blessings of family, friends, health, employment, etc., and to embrace life's opportunities to its fullest throughout 2010!

Many of us will make 2010 New Year resolutions but, unfortunately, a few won't be achieved! If you haven't already committed to a resolution, I encourage you to do so but to choose something that is achievable! I offer the following initiatives for consideration/adoption: Resolve to:

- ✓ Meet and get to know three Charter Point residents/neighbors whom you currently do not know.
- ✓ Encourage at least one non-dues paying resident to join the Charter Point Community Association (CPCA).
- ✓ Consent to serve as a CPCA Committee Member or co-chair (elections in April 2010).
- ✓ Participate in community initiatives like Community Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC), Sheriff's Advisory Council (ShadCo), etc.

To quote Forrest Gump from the 1994 movie, "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get." Living in Charter Point is sort of like that, too. The more involved you are in community activities; the more you'll encounter life enriching experiences from your fellow neighbors!

On behalf of Charter Point's Community Association, we wish you much love, joy, health, peace, and prosperity throughout the year!

~ Walt Holton, President

2010 CPCA Membership Drive



Don't forget to remit your 2010 Charter Point Community Association (CPCA) membership dues! A strong, supportive membership provides the necessary revenue that assures the long standing ambience our neighborhood enjoys -- security, a beautiful entrance and common areas, covenants enforcement, a monthly newsletter, and Web site. Thanks to all who have already renewed!

Members also receive exclusive "perks": access to CPCA meetings, voting privileges in elections and governance matters, a residential directory, social event discounts, and special invitations to Members Only activities. Please remit check (\$215) to Bob Barletta, Membership Chair, 4432 Fern Creek Drive, made payable to Charter Point Community Association. Note: If you paid electronically last year, be sure to change the "send to" address to the aforementioned.



Upcoming Board Elections (2010-2012 term)

CPCA Board Committee Chairs will be up for election at the April members' annual meeting. Voting will be held in person at the meeting and by written proxy. A slate of candidates will be published next month. If interested in running for one of these chair positions, contact Walt Holton, CPCA president, at 904.762.1502 or wholton@bellsouth.net or any board member.

Committee Chairs* & Related Activities:

Community Improvements: Oversees common area landscaping and upkeep; coordinates community beautification projects.

Covenants & Restrictions: Reviews external construction plans; investigates C&R issues

Hospitality: Welcomes new residents to the neighborhood with a visit and information packet

Membership: Maintains neighborhood database; prepares dues notices; coordinates membership related activities

Security: Monitors security issues; liaisons with regular and off-duty police patrols

Social: Plans and coordinates social and community service activities

* Chairpersons serve a two year term. Helping hands are also needed to assist with committee activities.

Yard of the Month
The Lee Family
4580 Oak Bay Drive, W.



Best Decorated Home
The Jaber Family
5364 Timberline Dr.

2009/10 Charter Point Community Association Board

President:

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Vice-president:

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C&R Revision Committee

Bob Barletta, Nancy Barnes, Bill Cuartero,
Craig Hemphill, Linda Hemphill, Walt Holton,
Millie Kanyar, Joe Roesler, Webb Wade, Ernie Waller



Have you signed your Consent form to approve the new Covenants & Restrictions?

Now that the holidays are over, I hope you will take a moment to review the new proposed C&R document. It is not too late to get on the bandwagon and turn in your Consent. To the many who have already signed their Consent form, thank you!

The revised document is greatly improved, with value added policies that address issues important to concerned homeowners, such as:

- Yard and exterior upkeep
- Ombudsman position to resolve disputes
- Mandatory dues (with a grandfathering provision)
- Clarification, organization, and modernization updates

It is extremely important that the new C&R moves forward. The sooner it is ratified, the better, such that the long awaited new provisions will be in place. Still have questions? Over the next month or so you, you may be visited by a member of the C&R committee to discuss any concerns you may have. Otherwise, please do what is best for Charter Point by signing your Consent form now. Thank you! ~ Ernie Waller, C&R Revision Committee Chair.

Consents may be turned into any Board member or mailed to CPCA secretary: Linda Hemphill 5487 River Trail Rd., N. If you misplaced your Consent form, a copy may be obtained from the Web site, www.charterpoint.org (Revised Governing Documents link). Hard copies are also available to those without Web access.



Our reporters are a vital connection in Charter Point's communication efforts. Thank you to Usha Patel for many loyal years of delivering the newsletter and luminaries and to Carol Allen for taking over as the new reporter for Usha's route (lots 202-206, 222-225, 237-241). Also a thank you to Brent and Mary Parker who took on reporter duties for Kathleen Moran Young after she moved to San Francisco. The Parkers cover lots 119-129.

COMMUNITY VOICES



Over the past year, several residents complained about unleashed pets, especially dogs, running freely within Charter Point. Please note that in Duval County (Jacksonville) Florida, an Animal Control Ordinance (Section 462 of the City Code., *Jacksonville Florida Animal Control Ordinance*) prohibits owners from allowing their pets to run unattended. Pursuant to Section 462.303 (Animals at-large prohibited), no owner of any dog or cat shall permit the dog or cat to be at large, except a dog shall be considered exempt from these provisions if the dog is engaged in law enforcement, hunting, or is located in a "no leash party."

As a pet owner myself, I know that pets will occasionally get loose and run amuck until it returns on its own or is assisted with returning home. Not all pets are people friendly and even so, some people are afraid of dogs, leashed or unleashed. Responsible owners must act accordingly to ensure the safety of Charter Point residents and the pet.

Also, it may be an unpleasant act to pick up pet poop, but as "the owner", it is your responsibility to do so. I want to thank residents who never walk their pets without carrying a poop scooper or other removal means. Not only are your actions appreciated, but it's the law!

Be neighborly and notify your neighbor if his/her pet is running loose. However, being neighborly also includes being responsible! If you experience problems with unleashed animals, report the incident by calling 630-CITY (2489) or go on line at www.coj.net and look under "Services" for Animal Control. ~ Walt Holton

New Security Initiative to be Launched



Security has been on all of our minds lately, especially with the appearance of door-to-door scam artists, a recent purse snatching and attempted auto burglary, and the home invasion last year that brought our community to the national news. Vigilant police patrols recently identified and took action to remove suspicious motorists trolling through the neighborhood. To help keep our neighborhood safer, the CPCA Board is implementing a window decal initiative for resident vehicles. These decals will help police patrols (and everyone) quickly identify Charter Point resident vehicles. The decals will bear a simple acorn graphic on a white background. Decals and vehicle installation instructions will soon be delivered to everyone. ~ Nathan Jackson, CPCA Security Chair



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~ Don Whalen, 744-3778.