



# Charter Point Notes

January 2011



"Tomorrow is fresh, with no mistakes in it."

— L.M. Montgomery (Anne of Green Gables)

## Charter Point's Holiday Glow



Charter Point looked its loveliest on Christmas Eve, with nearly all curbsides twinkling with the warm glow of candlelight. Thank you to all who participated. A \$5.00 donation is asked to help defray the cost of supplies. Contribution envelopes were enclosed in each candle package for convenient mailing in case you missed your personal delivery. If you haven't yet made your

contribution, please take a moment to mail or deliver it to Carol Allen, 4534 Oak Bay Drive, W. Or simply add \$5.00 to your annual CPCA membership dues check before mailing to CPCA Membership Chair, Bob Barletta at 4432 Fern Creek Drive.

## Food Drive a Heartfelt Success!

Charter Point's food drive to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank was a great success. The contribution bin was filled to overflowing and needed extra containers to hold all the food donations. Our neighborhood food collection was estimated to have weighed nearly 300 pounds. Thanks to all who contributed so generously to help many less fortunate Jacksonville families eat well over the holidays.



## Best Decorated House



It was a tough call to choose just one from among so many beautifully decorated homes, but top honors went to Randy & Sandy Groom, 5456 Pearwood Drive (lot 160).

As winners, the Grooms will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate. Look for the *Best Decorated Home* sign on display in their front yard.

Visit [www.charterpoint.org](http://www.charterpoint.org) for copies of CPCA governing documents, architectural approval forms, activities calendar, archived newsletters, contacts for City services and more!



## Welcome 2011!

Have you ever wondered why we are so excited about New Year's Day? When did it start and why? Well, according to Wikipedia, "*The Roman ruler Julius Caesar established January 1 as New Year's Day in 46 BC. The Romans dedicated this day to Janus, the god of gates, doors, and beginnings. The month of January was named after Janus, who had two faces - one looking forward and the other looking backward.*"

Wait a minute, not everyone is interested in the history of New Year's! True, but I'll bet everyone has a tradition (culturally or newly adopted) they follow relating to New Year's Day! Let's see, which of these actions apply to you on January 1<sup>st</sup> -- making resolutions; watching football, movies, or parades; attending church services or charitable events; preparing/eating special meals; temporary hibernation; hunting etc.? The possibilities are endless but, I believe that *what* you do on New Year's Day is less important than *who* you share the event with!

For me personally, January 1<sup>st</sup> is a time of renewal with family and friends! A time to take stock in where we've been, where we are now, and where we want to go! It is a time for meditation and commitment on how we want to proceed along life's journey! After all, getting there is half the fun but it starts with having an idea as to where ones want to go!

While the events of 2010 are now behind us, I encourage everyone to embrace the knowledge of your recent past to help guide your journey through 2011. And, please cherish the time with family, friends, and neighbors because tomorrow is promised to no-one!

On behalf of your Community Association, I wish you the best of health, prosperity, and good will throughout 2011!

Walt Holton, CPCA President

## The Charter Point Newsletter Goes Green with New e-Delivery!

This newsletter edition is now mass distributed almost exclusively in an electronic format, available on the Web ([www.charterpoint.org](http://www.charterpoint.org)) and by e-mail automatically to *Charter Point Breaking e-News* recipients. Printed copies will be made available to households without Internet access. Many thanks go out our many newsletter "reporters," who tirelessly delivered newsletters door-to-door to 240 residences over the course of 35+ years.

**Attention: Breaking News e-recipients.** Please discuss the value of joining the Charter Point Breaking e-News group with neighbors who may not be part of it. Also, if you know of neighbors who may not have a computer or Web access, please have them contact the *Charter Point Notes* editor at 904-745-1833 or any Board member to assure they continue to receive a newsletter in hard copy. To join *Charter Point Breaking e-News*, contact [cpcanews@aol.com](mailto:cpcanews@aol.com). E-bulletins are sent bcc: to assure recipient privacy. Breaking e-News members automatically receive the newsletter via email.

## 2010 Charter Point Community Association Board

### Officers

#### President:

Walt Holton  
4304 Fern Creek Drive  
762-1502 or wiholton@bellsouth.net

#### Vice-president:

Ernie Waller  
4545 Oak Bay Drive, W.  
743-3395 or earnest.waller@comcast.net

#### Secretary:

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

#### Treasurer:

Bobby Huey  
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743-9837 or yeuh@aol.com

### Committee Chairs

#### Community Improvements:

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#### Security:

Nathan Jackson  
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762-1983 or nej904@aol.com

#### Social:

Carol Allen  
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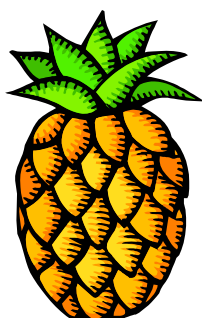
#### Newsletter/Breaking E-News

Linda Hemphill cpcanews@aol.com

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Rene Sapia webmaster@charterpoint.org

[www.charterpoint.org](http://www.charterpoint.org)



**Please Welcome New  
Neighbors!**

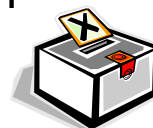
**Bobby and Taffy Thomas**

(Lot 216)

5396 Oak Bay Drive N.

## Charter Point Community Association Board Member Elections - 2011

- ✓ Civic minded
- ✓ Strategic planner
- ✓ Can-do attitude
- ✓ Neighborhood enthusiasm



If you are a CPCA member interested in becoming more involved in neighborhood governance, your service is needed on the CPCA Board!

### Officer positions open for election in 2011: President, Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer (2 year terms)

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 election ballot will be published in the February newsletter. Elections will be held at the CPCA Members' meeting in March 2011. Only members in good standing for 2011 may vote, either in person at the meeting or by written proxy. Board positions and responsibilities are referenced in the Charter Point Community Association By-Laws (posted on [www.charterpoint.org](http://www.charterpoint.org)). Contact Linda Hemphill, CPCA secretary, if you need a hard copy or proxy ballot.

### 2011 Charter Point Community Association Membership Drive!



It's time to send in your membership dues. The Charter Point Community Association is completely dependent upon dues for its activities, which directly affect the quality of our neighborhood and the value of our homes.

Dues remain a reasonable \$215 – that's less than 60 cents a day. Thanks to all who already responded to the dues request sent in December. The Association operates on a calendar year basis, so it is important that dues be paid by January 31 to ensure a more accurate budgeting process.

Please remit dues, *payable to Charter Point Community Association*, to Robert Barletta, Membership chairman, 4432 Fern Creek Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32277. If more budget friendly, dues may be paid in two installments. A reminder will be sent within 3 months for the second payment. If paying electronically, make sure your e-check uses this address. Call me at 743-4996 if you have questions.

## Tiki Turf Lawn Care LLC

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Jacksonville, FL

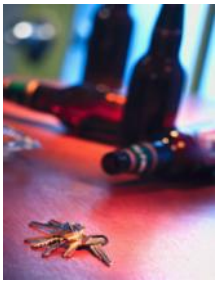
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## Alcohol and Driving Don't Mix

Alcohol and drugs factored into more than 21,000 crashes last year, leading to more than 15,000 injuries! If you drink alcohol, stay safe this holiday season by following a few guidelines:

1) Eat food to slow the absorption of alcohol. Foods high in protein, like cheese, work best, but any food in your system will help.

2) Steer clear of carbonated alcoholic beverages and "shots" to avoid rapid absorption of alcohol. Carbonization increases pressure in your stomach. This speeds the absorption rate of alcohol.

3) Understand your body's reaction to alcohol. Don't be fooled into believing that not "feeling it" after you've been drinking means that you are "okay to drive." Not "feeling it" leads many people with a high tolerance to drink more alcohol than their peers.

This could lead to higher blood alcohol content (BAC) than for those in the group who react to "feeling" alcohol sooner by drinking less. The one with the highest tolerance could have the highest BAC in the group, despite appearing unaffected! Never drive after drinking.

4) Arranged for a designated driver if you plan to drink!

## Covenants Enforcement Update

C&R standards enforcement continues to address areas of neighborhood concern amicably. Enforcement efforts included removal of a non-compliant For Rent sign (company contacted) and notice to remove a commercial vehicle parked in a driveway. A dilapidated portion of privacy fence surrounding a vacant home with a swimming pool was reported to Jacksonville City Code enforcement, as missing fence boards posed a swimming pool access safety hazard. Recent architectural project pre-approvals included fence replacement and exterior painting.

### Architectural Approval 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](http://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. ~ Craig Hemphill, C&R Chair



## Tom O'Reilly O'Reilly Painting Phone (904) 813-3870

Excellent exterior work at a reasonable price; always arrived on time; well organized, completed the project on schedule and cleaned up afterward; personable and professional. Free estimate.

*Recommended by satisfied customers, the Perrines, at 4476 Fern Creek Drive*

## It Pays to Advertise!



Advertise your business or activity of community interest in the *Charter Point Notes* newsletter! Or if you've been pleased with the work done by a service provider, recommend the company to your neighbors. Send information to Linda Hemphill, *Charter Point Notes* newsletter editor, at [cpcanews@aol.com](mailto:cpcanews@aol.com). Business ad rates are very reasonable. Activity announcements and service provider recommendations are free of charge.



## Comments Welcome!

Have something to say, but need a platform to say it?

Send concerns or accolades to the Charter Point Newsletter editor at [cpcanews@aol.com](mailto:cpcanews@aol.com). To be considered for publication, letters must bear the name and address of the sender and - because of limited space -- should not exceed 300 words. Letters may be edited to meet space or clarity considerations.



## Lost Pet — Items For Sale — Open House

The **Community Bulletin Board** at the 4-way stop (Charter Point Blvd at Oak Bay Drive) 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. The Plexiglas cover is unlocked and opens from the bottom. The cover is heavy, so two persons maybe needed; one to hold the cover open, another to post a notice. Feel free to post notices and announcements as needed and remember to remove materials timely. *(A special thanks to goes to Jan Walker for her decorating talents and for always keeping our bulletin board looking festive!!)*



## Great Apps for Road Warriors!

From reporting an accident to finding the nearest mechanic, a host of new iPhone and Android apps are available to help make driving a lot easier. Just keep both hands on the wheel. (*AOL Small Business, December 2010*).

### **iWrecked (free)**

Available for iPhone and Android, iWrecked helps you in the event of an automobile accident. Log all your important details ahead of time, such as your insurance company phone number and emergency contacts. After your fender bender, you can capture the location, time, photos and contact information for the other driver, police and witnesses; then send a comprehensive accident report as a PDF. The emergency options menu puts you in touch with a nearby tow truck, taxi or police station.

### **Repairpal (free)**

You may have a favorite mechanic near your home or office, but what do you do when your vehicle breaks down and you are 300 miles out of town? With this iPhone and Android app, you can get estimates for services ranging from regular maintenance to coolant leaks. Find a nearby mechanic and read what others say about the shop. A roadside assistance tab can help find a towing service.

### **Car Finder (99 cents)**

Car Finder lets you take a picture of your parking spot and marks it on a map with your iPhone, so you can find your way back without resorting to leaving a trail of bread crumbs. A built-in parking meter alert lets you know when time is about to expire so you can hurry back and avoid a ticket.

# City of Jacksonville Community Calendar & Special News



## Live at Snyder Memorial! January Art Walk

226 N. Laura Street

January 5th, 5-9 pm

The City of Jacksonville invites you to come in from the cold and make Snyder Memorial one of your premier stops during the *Art Walk for Kids Creations* in January! Bring the family for a variety of complimentary creativity areas for young artists!

## 24th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast



hosted by

The City of Jacksonville

Friday, January 14, 2011

Doors open at 7 a.m.

Program 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Prime Osborn Convention Center



Featuring keynote speaker Mayor John Peyton

Individual Tickets \$25 each

Corporate Tables \$300 (table of 10)

## THE JACKSONVILLE LANDING MARKET

The Jacksonville Landing

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*Every Friday, rain or shine - Free admission*

Dozens of vendors set up throughout the the Landing, selling locally-grown produce, baked goods, plants, pottery, arts and crafts and much more.

(904) 353-1188 • [www.jacksonvillelanding.com](http://www.jacksonvillelanding.com)

## St. Johns River License Plate

A special license plate dedicated to the St. Johns River is now available for purchase at local tax collectors offices. Sales will support programs to protect the river and funds will be administered by the St. Johns River Alliance.



**Code Red Notification System:** The Duval County Emergency Operations Center has implemented a telephone emergency notification system that will call residents in the event of a potential or pending emergency or severe weather. The system will automatically contact Duval County residents with published, residential phone numbers. Individuals who wish to receive notification messages on their unlisted, cellular or business phones are directed to complete an online application form. Contact city services at 630-CITY for more information.