



Charter Point Notes

June 2009



A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken. -- James Dent

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Congratulation Graduates!

By Walt Holton
CPCA president

On behalf of the Charter Point Community Association, I extend greetings and congratulations to the graduates and parents of graduates within our neighborhood.

As the month of June arrived, did you hear a long, soothing sigh across the neighborhood? Did the sound come from our children (students), our teachers, or from parents eagerly welcoming the approach of summer? June has always been one of my favorite months. Early on in my life, June meant the start of a fun-filled summer. However, as my childhood years swiftly passed and the yoke of responsibility settled onto my shoulders, I began to associate the month of June with the phases of life's journey – graduation, adulthood, marriage, parenthood, professional pursuit, and retirement.

For our graduates, today represents the first day toward the rest of your life's journey! Where you go from here and how you get there will be determined by a number of factors, but key among these factors will be your personal attitude, determination, and commitment to excellence. I'm certain your parents and teachers prepared you with the basic necessities to enter into the next phase of your life. Go forth with confidence in yourself and the knowledge that you are loved and not alone!

We've often heard that it takes a village to raise a child. Not everyone embraces this concept, but it depends on how you look at it. Raising our children is a personal responsibility, but I see Charter Point as a village -- our village! If everyone agrees that this is our village and embrace a personal pride in its appearance, management, upkeep, safety, and following our village rules, then our children will be afforded an environment very similar to what is expected in one individual household. Are we not a village?

Well, school is out, the rainy days are fading, and summer is almost upon us. It's time to breakout the barbeque grill and beach towels, and get better acquainted with our neighbors. I wish everyone a safe, joyous summer season.

Upcoming Charter Point Activities



Charter Point Hurricane Preparedness

Saturday, June 20

2:00 - 3:00PM

University Park Library



New Resident Welcome Party

Saturday, July 11

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

5487 River Trail Road, N.



National Night Out

Crime Prevention Block Party

Tuesday, August 4

Time/Location TBA



A Message from Mayor John Peyton

Dear Friends:

Earlier today, I began a series of presentations to the Jacksonville City Council and other community members that outlines a plan to make difficult budget-balancing decisions in the short-term while continuing to make important investments in our city's future.

Since taking office, I have committed to running the city like a business. And, just like the private sector, the City of Jacksonville must keep working, keep investing and keep moving forward despite these trying economic times. To do that, we must identify ways to stimulate our local economy and grow our tax base while still making prudent decisions regarding the 2009-10 fiscal year budget.

As in previous years, the next budget will require difficult conversations about how to make the best use of our available revenue. I've asked all non-public safety departments to trim operating costs and eliminate vacancies. In addition to freezing salaries and eliminating approximately 100 vacancies, we will be addressing the biggest expense driver in our budget – pensions.

The top three priorities for the remainder of my term in office have been – and will continue to be – economic development, addressing crime in Jacksonville and improving the quality of and access to the St. Johns River. Last year we were able to devote more than \$30 million to crime prevention, intervention and rehabilitation efforts. In the coming budget I will propose fully funding year two of *The Jacksonville Journey*. Next year's budget will also reflect an effort that combines two of our priorities: economic development and the river.

I am recommending a bold plan to enhance and expand a key capital area of our city that can deliver the best return on our investment – the downtown riverfront. Downtown Jacksonville is the heart of Northeast Florida and attracts 12 million visitors annually, making it a huge source of entertainment dollars. Since 2000, a strong partnership of the public and private sectors has put \$1.1 billion into the redevelopment and improvement of downtown.

I am committed to continuing this growth through carefully planned projects that will provide better river access and a more lush and vibrant downtown. It won't be easy, but the steps we take now will improve our quality of life and lay the foundation for even bigger growth when the economy rights itself. During the next several weeks, you will hear me talk about rethinking our space at Metropolitan Park and greening up the area around Friendship Fountain on the Southbank.

I will be talking about expanding and enhancing our river access points so that families have a place to gather. We've seen recent successes with this at the Riverside Arts Market. Thousands visit every Saturday to congregate with neighbors and friends or just to enjoy the music, art and sights of our river. We have a tremendous opportunity to parlay that success into confident investments in other downtown riverfront spaces.

We have an obligation to move this city forward and make sound decisions that lay the foundation for a healthy economy and an improved quality of life. I expect this effort to have a prominent place in my budget for next year, and I look forward to our continued partnership as we work toward that end.

(Received via email to cpcanews@aol.com, May 21, 2009)



What is a Covenant?

Research indicates this term has deep roots in theological descriptions of the promises of the Deity to believers, both Biblical and Talmudic. Thus, it conveys an image of a solemn promise, not to be broken, and to be honored intensely.

As chair of the covenants and restrictions committee of Charter Point, I feel it is important to revisit the solemn promise we gave to each other when we bought our lots in this community. We bought here because of the upscale designed homes, beautiful trees, and well-kept yards. When we bought, we purchased our homes subject to COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS. The developer, Western Grain International, Inc., recorded covenants relating to each of three separate parcels of Charter Point, relating to three "Units." Don't worry about those complexities – it was all put together in a tidy package and recorded as a cohesive whole on June 11, 1984 as "Consolidation and Amendment by Restatement of Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for Charter Point, Duval County, Florida," and you can find it recorded in the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Volume 5745, page 339 of the official records of Duval County, Florida. Or you can go online and read the covenants at <http://www.charterpoint.org>. Click on the button, "Covenants & Restrictions" to read or download in Adobe Acrobat PDF format.

What happened when the developer recorded those documents was to impose the provisions contained in them on the use of the properties. We own our properties SUBJECT to the covenants and restrictions. When we bought, we PROMISED each other that we would follow the restrictions. We accepted the term "Covenants" to designate the solemnity with which we would hold our promises to restrict the use of our land, so that we would not impinge on the values we hold dear, and so that we would maintain the property values of our neighbors. Value is supported by the standards of the developer.

Sometimes purchasers of homes do not appreciate what has been done for them by the creation of restrictive covenants, but they take the value when the home is purchased. Despite lack of appreciation or even inattention, with purchase comes defined responsibility. Hence, we owe each other a cooperative effort to maintain the standards of the community.

Update: The C&R Revision project is progressing methodically and in good order, with the committee examining every word in the first revised draft for effectiveness and appropriateness. The committee represents diverse points of view, which should provide assurances that the project is not being "rubber stamped". A final revision product will be presented for neighborhood consideration sometime this summer.

~ Craig Hemphill, C&R Committee Chair

OPERATION: REALITY CHECK

Operation: Reality Check is a City of Jacksonville initiative aimed at ensuring that residents who live in a storm surge zone know their evacuation status and have a personal disaster plan for themselves and their families. Markers placed near Charter Point (University at Edenfield) and other areas around the city demonstrate the maximum height of storm surge at each hurricane category level.

The City of Jacksonville prepared a useful *Hurricane Planning Guide* to help citizens prepare for and respond to hurricane dangers. To obtain a copy or for more information about hurricane preparedness, damage awareness, or to obtain a special needs form, call City Link (630-CITY) or log onto the City of Jacksonville Web site (www.coj.net).

Operations Reality Check: Storm Surge Calculations and Nearby Marking Location (Data obtained from www.coj.net)

Source: 1998 Northeast Florida Evacuation Study - All calculations subject to +/- 20% error rate. Based on 1929 datum & maximum of maximums. Wave action must be added to elevations displayed.

Marker Location	Base Elevation	Storm Category					High Water Mark				
		1	2	3	4	5	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4	Cat 5
Edenfield Rd (at University)	7'	4.7	6.6	14.5	18.3	21.5	-2.3	-0.1	-7.1	-10.8	-10.8

Community Hurricane Preparedness Presentation
 Saturday, June 20
 2-3PM
 University Park Library



Kittens Need Good Homes!

A litter of pur-r-r-rectly delightful kittens need good homes. Recently discovered in a Fern Creek backyard, the kittens are stabilized and temporarily sheltered but need to be adopted soon. The kittens are black/white, brown tabby (pictured), and one gray. Anyone who has adopted a stray can tell you how devoted the pet becomes. Somehow they know they were saved from a hard life on the streets. Or worse. If you have a kind heart and a loving home to offer a purring, playful waif, please call Sharon White ASAP at 718-7518.



Security Reminder

Our off-duty police security patrol coverage makes rounds in police vehicles, often parking in visible spots. Patrol schedules vary to keep any undesirables from discerning a particular coverage pattern. Although we benefit from patrol coverage, we should all keep a watchful eye for suspicious activity, especially at night, on weekends, and at holiday time. As good neighbors, continue to look out for one another and our properties. Do not hesitate to report suspicious activity and persons to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) non-emergency line at 630-0500. Call 9-1-1 for emergency situations, of course. Also report your concerns to Nathan Jackson, CPCA Security Chair, at 762-1983 or nej9004@aol.com. Nathan will communicate your information to the police officers patrolling the neighborhood. Thank you!



Helen Roesler, Nathan Jackson, Joe Roesler



Debbie & Jonathan Graham with Susie Smitha

Volunteer Appreciation Event

A scrumptious dessert buffet, including chocolate trifle, peach cobbler, mini éclairs, fresh fruit compote, baked Brie, chilled lemonade, and iced raspberry tea, was enjoyed by all, as they mixed, mingled, and met a few new faces at the Volunteer Appreciation Social held Saturday, May 30, hosted by Craig & Linda Hemphill and Walt & Deborah Holton.

Many thanks to all who attended for their hard work this past fiscal year and to their supportive spouses — Susie & Don Smitha, Nancy Tinsley & Wade Barnes, Carole Mays, Alice Dent, Joe & Helen Roesler, Nathan Jackson & Beverly Chavis, Bobby Huey, Sandy Pond, Mary & Chip Sink, Lula Odongo, Walt & Deborah Holton, Craig & Linda Hemphill. Volunteers who could not attend were clearly missed! Be assured the next appreciation event will not be held on a busy school graduation weekend.



Walt Holton, Chip Sink, Bobby Huey



Don Smitha, Nancy Tinsley, Wade Barnes

Once again, kudos to the many volunteers who help make Charter Point the wonderful community it is from Newsletter Reporters to Luminary Coordinators to Community Work Day helpers to Social Event planners to Board & Committee members and dozens of others in between!



Charter Point's New Neighbors!

Brian & Michelle Alford, along with children Darrick and Seth, settled into their new home at 4471 River Trail Road (lot 183), several months ago. Brian works for Crowley Maritime; Michelle works for Container Services. Phone is 993-8062.

Michael & Melanie (Mimi) Nusbaum and "Cricket," a precocious rat terrier, are enjoying their new home at 4394 Charter Point Blvd (lot 138) after relocating from Virginia Beach, VA. Self-employed, the Nusbaums enjoy golf, golf, and more golf! Phone is 379-8306.

Relocating from Atlantic Beach, **Don & Star Hollenback** recently moved into their home at 5314 Oak Bay Drive, E. (lot 225). Don is self-employed in construction; Star works in the OR at Shands Jacksonville. The Hollenbacks enjoy golf, water sports, and nature. Phone is 379-2265.

Mark Hunter & fiancée Tamara Williams, and children Dominique, Shaquille, Patrick, Tavon, and Tamere moved into their home at 4320 Maywood Drive (lot 106), not long before Memorial Day weekend. Mark is serving in the US Navy, Tamara is a homemaker, and the children attend local schools, elementary through high school. Phone is 374-6123.

Monif & Siham Jaber moved into their new home at 5364 Timberline Drive (lot 119) from University Park on Friday, May 29, along with teens Hala and Tony. Monif is self-employed; Siham is a homemaker. The Jabers also have extended family members (the Yazjis) living in Charter Point. Phone is 744-7282.

Charter Point Breaking News

Be in-the-know at all times! Join Charter Point's e-mail alert group, *Charter Point Breaking E-News*, to receive important neighborhood and Arlington area news. The *Breaking E-News* group is administered confidentially by Linda Hemphill, CPCA secretary. To join, simply email cpcanews@aol.com and ask to be added to the group. *Breaking News* emails are sent "blind copy" to preserve privacy. Only relevant information of immediate importance is sent. Get a jump on the news! Receive advance e-copies of the Charter Point Notes newsletter, too. Keep up with the latest news and receive important advisories while on vacation or traveling on business.

What's Up this Summer?

Experience Jax is an easy way for Northeast Floridians and visitors to find fun and enriching things to do. Whether it's arts, sports, or entertainment – "We dare you to say that there's nothing to do in Jacksonville!" Check out the events calendar at www.experiencejax.com.

Charter Point COMMUNITY VOICES

This space is reserved for you!

The purpose of *Community Voices* is to make a positive difference in the neighborhood by providing a constructive communication forum in which neighbors are invited to make their voices heard.

Share your thoughts - ask questions - get answers.

Make suggestions - offer solutions.

Respond - dialogue - brainstorm.

Send questions and comments for publication to Linda Hemphill, newsletter editor, at cpcanews@aol.com or mail to 5487 River Trail Road, N.

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