

Charter Point Notes

May 2011

"My mother had a slender, small body, but a large heart - a heart so large that everybody's joys found welcome in it, and hospitable accommodation." - Mark Twain



Mother's Day — Not Just Another Holiday!

Don't forget! Next Sunday, May 8, is Mother's Day!

While celebrations of mothers and motherhood occur throughout the world today; many of these have histories that can be traced back to ancient festivals. However, modern US-celebration of Mother's Day is not directly related to these festivals. One of the early calls to celebrate a Mother's Day in the United States was the "Mother's Day Proclamation" by Julia Ward Howe, written in 1870 as a pacifist reaction to the carnage of the American Civil War and the Franco-Prussian War. The Proclamation was tied to Howe's feminist belief that women had a responsibility to shape their societies at the political level.

In the late 1880's, Ann Maria Reeves Jarvis, mother to Anna Jarvis, founded Mothers' Day Work Clubs in five cities to improve sanitary and health conditions. The Mothers' Day Work Clubs also treated wounds, fed, and clothed both Union and Confederate soldiers with neutrality. On May 12, 1907, two years after her mother's death, Anna Jarvis held a memorial to her mother and thereafter embarked upon a campaign to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday.

In 1912, Anna Jarvis trademarked the phrases "second Sunday in May" and "Mother's Day", and created the Mother's Day International Association. "She was specific about the location of the apostrophe; it was to be a singular possessive, for each family to honor their mother, not a plural possessive commemorating all mothers in the world." She succeeded in making this nationally recognized in 1914. This is also the spelling used by U.S. President Woodrow Wilson in the law making official the holiday in the U.S., by the U.S. Congress on bills, and by other U.S. presidents on their declarations.

So, with this brief history to motivate your actions, please be considerate, compassionate, and generous when honoring your mother, and motherhood this coming Mother's Day! (Source: Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

Memorial Day 2011 is a United States federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May (May 30 in 2011). Formerly known as Decoration Day, it commemorates U.S. soldiers who died while in the military service. First enacted to honor Union soldiers of the American Civil War. It was extended after World War I to honor Americans who have died in all wars. Memorial Day often marks the start of the summer vacation season, and Labor Day its end.



Begun as a ritual of remembrance and reconciliation after the Civil War, by the early 20th century, Memorial Day was an occasion for more general expressions of memory, as ordinary people visited the graves of their deceased relatives, whether they had served in the military or not. It also became a long weekend increasingly devoted to shopping, family get-togethers, fireworks, trips to the beach, and national media events such as the Indianapolis 500 auto race, held since 1911 on Memorial Day.

If you're remaining in town this Memorial Day weekend, I encourage you to check out the 2011 Jazz Festival which continues the tradition of Jazz in Jacksonville with a variety of jazz genres and special components. Back again is Art in the Heart Art Show & Sale, a juried art show and sale, Wine Down: A Wine Tasting Experience featuring a variety of fine wines. Other activities include the 'Round Midnight Jazz Jam and a Jazz Brunch. For more information, visit www.jaxjazzfest.com, e-mail events@coj.net or call 904-630-3690.



Although most will embrace the Memorial Day weekend a fun time with family and friends, I encourage everyone to pause and pay tribute to thousands of service men, women, and civilians who made the ultimate sacrifice throughout our Nation's history defending the freedom we share today! is a time to 50,000 attendees expected! Be safe and enjoy the holiday!



It Pays to Advertise!

Advertise your business or community activity 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.

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Security Reminder

If planning an event at your home in which you expect a large number of guests parking along the street, please give our neighborhood Security Chair Nat Jackson a call so that he can alert our JSO officers to keep an eye on traffic flow.

If going away on vacation or other travel, please ensure all doors and windows of residence are secured before leaving and suspend delivery of mail and newspapers. Also recommend you call JSO Non-emergency number 630-0500 and request a "dark report." An officer will call you back for more information, which will be passed along to the officer who patrols Charter Point at night. Although the officer cannot "watch" your house continuously, the officer will try to check on your house each night. Enjoy your holiday travels and please be safe!

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March Yard of the Month



John and Janet Thomas
4359 Maywood Drive
(Lot 143)



Are you part of the **Charter Point Breaking News** email group? If not, you are missing important news, security alerts, civic bulletins and an automatic e-copy of the *Charter Point Notes* newsletter! More than 75% of Charter Point residents are "in the know," as Breaking e-News members.

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Of Community Interest!

Frontage Waiver ORD 2011-38 will go before the City Council on Tuesday, May 3 for a final vote.

Resident support at the meeting to oppose the ordinance is strongly encouraged (City Council Chambers, City Hall, St James Building, 117 West Duval Street). You do not have to speak unless you wish to. Simply appearing with the opposing Charter Point contingency on May 3 will speak volumes in itself. The more who attend, the better.

Please note the opposition summary below and share this information with neighbors who may not be members of this e-News group.

A concerned group of Fern Creek Drive residents, including CPCA president Walt Holton, and other neighbors have been regularly attending City Council meetings the past two months to keep Charter Point's opposition to this waiver in the forefront. Road Frontage Waiver (Ord 2011-38) relates to a 1/2 acre unimproved land parcel on a portion of the dirt road off Edenfield that abuts several lots along Fern Creek Drive. If the waiver is granted, there will be serious adverse implications to Charter Point -- drainage run-off and septic tank exposure to several abutting Fern Creek properties and potential property devalue to Charter Point as a whole.

Key points:

1. The waiver applicant failed to provide proper notice by posting a sign on the nearest proper road (Edenfield Rod) with directions and distance to the affected parcel. In my opinion, this was just cause for an automatic denial.
2. The City Planning Dept has recommended denial of the application based on various issues.
3. The original lot of record has been subdivided into 3 lots by the person who recently sold this lot to the applicant. That 3rd lot should have triggered small subdivision rules which would require utility connections, proper road, drainage, and waste pickup. This should have been triggered when the lot was subdivided regardless of whether it was sold with the intent of development or not.
4. Plans for the property include a residence that does not conform with the lots it backs up to in Charter Point or the closest homes on the private drive. A similar parcel located at 4298 University Boulevard N, originally sold for \$200,000 in Jan 2007 and was sold a few months ago for \$76,500. It also is a smaller residence, and the builder was allowed to put in a septic mound even though a sewer system runs along University Boulevard. That lot was significantly smaller than one would normally be allowed to place a septic tank.
5. The proposed Edenfield property abutting Fern Creek Drive is putting in a potable well even though a major fuel contamination site is just a few hundred feet south at the convenience store at 4275 University Boulevard N 0 (formerly a gas station). The contamination plume is moving in a N and NW direction. The property is located North of the contamination.
6. The city council has ignored all Planning Dept. recommendations for denial of waivers since 2006 when the last denial was issued. Arlington needs the City Council to cooperate with the Planning Dept. in an effort to stabilize property values and provide for sensible development of remaining infill lots in Arlington which complement the existing properties rather than detract from them.
7. Granting this waiver will set a precedent for doing the same and possibly further subdividing the remaining unimproved lots on this Edenfield private drive. This added density on this private drive will create drainage problems if all use septic mounds, create additional trash cans at Edenfield Road on trash day, and create safety issues since the road was not designed to provide for access of Fire and Rescue equipment.

It is in Charter Point's interest to participate in the opposition and to contact anyone we know in the immediate area to also voice their opinion on this matter. **Please join us at this important meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 5 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, St James Building, 117 West Duval Street!**

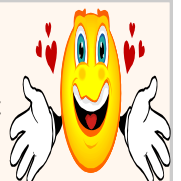


New Neighbors!

Thelma & Frederick Humphries
5458 River Trail Road, North
(Lot 67)

Charter Point Community Association Membership

Thanks to those who have already renewed their Association membership for 2011. For those who have not, please remit your annual dues (\$215) to Bob Barletta, CPCA Membership Chair, 4432 Fern Creek Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32277. If paying electronically, please ensure this mailing address is noted in your electronic banking record. **This is also the last opportunity to submit information for the 2011 Charter Point Residential Directory which will be published during the month of June.**



A Taste of Charter Point, Just in Time for Mother's Day

Easy Broccoli Quiche

This easy vegetarian quiche is a snap to make and looks great on the table.

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 onion, minced
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 2 cups chopped fresh broccoli
- 1 (9 inch) unbaked pie crust
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 4 eggs, well beaten
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Over medium-low heat, melt butter in a large saucepan. Add onions, garlic and broccoli. Cook slowly, stirring occasionally until the vegetables are soft. Spoon vegetables into crust and sprinkle with cheese. Combine eggs and milk. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in melted butter. Pour egg mixture over vegetables and cheese. Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes or until center has set.



Blissini Spritzer

- 1 1/2 cups *Spumante*, chilled
- 1 1/2 cups orange juice, chilled
- 1 1/2 cups pomegranate juice, chilled
- Mint leaves, for garnish

Combine *Spumante* and juices, and pour into 4 champagne glasses. Garnish with mint leaves and serve. *Spumante* is a dry, crisp sparkling white wine. Substitute with Welch's sparkling white grape juice for a non-alcoholic version.



Banana Crepes

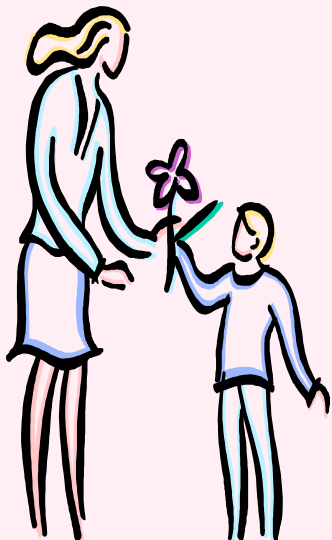
French crepes filled with a sweet cream sauce over bananas and topped with whipped cream.

Ingredients

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon (each) ground cinnamon & ground nutmeg
- 1/4 cup half-and-half
- 1 1/2 cups whipped heavy cream
- 6 bananas, halved lengthwise
- 1 pinch ground cinnamon

Sift flour and powdered sugar into a mixing bowl. Add eggs, milk, butter, vanilla, and salt; beat until smooth. Heat a lightly greased 6" skillet. Add about 3 T. batter. Tilt skillet so that batter spreads to almost cover the bottom. Cook until lightly browned; turn and brown the other side. Repeat process with remaining batter, grease skillet as needed. Melt 1/4 c. butter in a large skillet. Stir in brown sugar, 1/4 tsp cinnamon and nutmeg. Stir in cream and cook until slightly thickened. Add half the bananas at a time to skillet; cook for 2 to 3 minutes, spooning sauce over them. Remove from heat. Roll a crepe around each banana half and place on serving platter.

Spoon sauce over crepes. Top with whipped cream and a pinch of cinnamon.



Memorable Quotes on Motherhood by the late American humorist, Erma Bombeck

"Spend at least one Mother's Day with your prospective mother-in-law before you decide on marriage. If a man gives his mother a gift certificate for a flu shot, dump him."

"Kids have little computer bodies with disks that store information. They remember who had to do the dishes the last time you had spaghetti, who lost the knob off the TV six years ago, who got punished for teasing the dog when he wasn't teasing the dog and who had to wear girls boots the last time it snowed."

"All of us have moments in our lives that test our courage. Taking children into a house with white carpet is one of them. "

"Most children's first words are "Mama" or "Daddy." Mine were, "Do I have to use my own money?"

"Have you any idea how many children it takes to turn off one light in the kitchen? Three. It takes one to say, "What light?" and two more to say, "I didn't turn it on."