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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David Gorlesky – President (455-5299)

Hello everyone! Winter will be here before we know it. The Summer heat and storms have taken a toll on our common areas and personal properties. Now is a good time to finish repairs, cleaning and maintenance to prepare for Winter and the upcoming year.

We still have more social events scheduled so check the Porter's Landing website, weekly update email, and our new message boards exiting the community. Volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Kim Tatum.

The BOD continues to be working with the Clubhouse and Pool Committees on improvements. More improvements are in the works.

In addition, we have worked with the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office installing no trespassing signs around the pool and at the Clubhouse giving them the ability to arrest trespassers on site. Sheriffs will continue to drive through the community.

Community Hot Topics:

- Please pay outstanding dues or fees prior to year-end. Budget discussions are underway and outstanding dues/fees will have impacts.
- The Board will not be increasing dues in 2019.
- Yard waste and storm damage debris should be disposed of properly. The common areas of the community are not for dumping.
- We have finalized no trespassing policies with the Cabarrus County Sheriff's

Office. Signs are installed and trespassers will be arrested, charged and vehicles towed at the owner's expense.

- When parking on our streets, please stay off the grass and park in the correct direction. Also be mindful of how narrow our streets get further in the community. Cars parked on both sides of the road can make it difficult for cars to proceed and could prevent emergency vehicles safely navigating our streets in an emergency.
- Sorry, nothing to report on beavers. We do however have 2-3 small coyote packs near the community and sighted within the community. Please be aware of your surroundings especially at night.

Anyone interested in receiving community updates by email, please send your email address to the Board or AMG.

The Board of Directors would like to hear from you! Limited attendance at our monthly meeting makes it difficult to know what's on your minds.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteers in our community to help make this a GREAT place to live.

The monthly HOA meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at the Clubhouse starting at 7:00 p.m. All homeowners are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

David Gorlesky – President



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LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Carmen Montante (454-5828)

Anna Dollar (454-5817)

Greetings.

The Landscaping Committee helps maintain the overall appearance of the neighborhood by keeping the Board of Directors informed of issues and by scheduling projects to complement those of our landscaping contractor Terra Green. This saves the community a lot of money. We have a great committee in place but we can always use some manpower for special projects.

We have contracted with Ricardo Cruz once again to spruce up the common areas with fresh pine needles. He does a great job and is reasonably priced also saving us money vs. Terra Green. We hope to get back on twice a year applications to keep the grounds "fresh." Look for that fresh look around December 12th.

Terra Green has replaced some of the dead shrubs at the Crossroads entrance and exits at no charge and has swapped out the Spring annuals to Fall violas. We selected purple and white. Pink tulips will pop up in the Spring. We also had them move the daisies off to the side of the beds so as to not block our Porter's Landing signs.

Over the past several months we have received calls and emails with concerns about the general appearance of the landscaping in our common areas along the Baystone walkway and adjacent areas. Both irrigation runoff and tall grassy weeds have been a problem. The prolific growth of nutsedge grass is due to excessive watering of the pathway area. We appreciate the feedback from the community and will be addressing this problem. The excess amount of rain has not helped. Please be patient but don't hesitate to let us know when you see something wrong. Anna Dollar is our irrigation contact. She can be reached at (704) 454-5817.

You can expect to see our Crossroads and Baystone entrances magically decorated around the first of December.

Our Landscaping Committee is always looking for suggestions from the community on how to make things better. Please feel free to email or call Anna Dollar (704) 454-5817 or Carm Montante (704) 454-5828. Happy Holidays to all.

DOES YOUR DRYER VENT NEED TO BE CLEANED?

Do you know your dryer has a vent system? Of course you do but do you know that it should be thoroughly cleaned every year? Most people don't know that and usually can't remember when it was last cleaned, if ever.

The National Fire Protection Association and USFA FEMA list that there are many thousands of dryer fires every year and the single leading cause is failure to properly clean them at least annually.

Do you see lint at the vent outlet or does the dryer take longer to dry the clothes, especially towels and jeans? Has it been over one year since your vent was thoroughly cleaned? If so, you need to have it done. A short brush or a leaf blower will not do the job. Hot lint is like glue and the more that sticks to the pipes the more resistance it causes which allows more lint to stick. It is a viscous cycle that creates a very real fire hazard, as well as costing you money in electricity and wear and tear on your dryer.

I have cleaned a number of the vents here in the community and have many great references. As a retired Fire Officer, I take great pride in my work. I have seen far too many houses devastated by this type of fire. A simple cleaning takes about two hours and usually costs under \$100. Some systems in the original section of the community have degraded and even broken. These need to be replaced ASAP. Please call for pricing on system replacements and to schedule cleanings.

Michael Connor 1326 Piper Court – (704) 995-7191

*Need Notary Services?*Contact Maria Romeo
704-258-1299

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Kim Tatum (1-615-714-8951)

HO HO HO AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS

New Year, New Traditions. On December 8th, we're having Santa for the kids, Starbucks for the adults, and pancakes for everyone at the first ever Porter's Landing Holiday Pancake Breakfast. The Santa and breakfast will be a drop-in event from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

This year we have hired a professional Santa – the kids will love him! Bring your camera to capture the moment. The kids will get a gift bag and will make a craft to take home.

We're looking for a few elves to complete this event. If you've got a great cinnamon roll, monkey bread, or some other baked breakfast treat the neighborhood needs to try, please give Joni Johnson a call at (616) 304-6556—we'd love for you to be a part of this fun event!

This event is completely FREE to all Porter's Landing residents.

Remember to bring your holiday gift items for the family on Crossroads who is still dealing with the effects of the fire, the Flowes Store Volunteer Fire Department or the Salvation Army Toy Drive.

Come as you are! Plan to roll out of bed and join your neighbors for your first cup of coffee that morning—you'll be glad you did!

Tickets for New Year's Eve will be on sale also. See below for more information.

RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR ROCKING THRU THE DECADES

The Social Committee is winding down the year and amping up 2019 with a crazy fun New Year's Eve party. December 31st, 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. THIS WILL BE THE MUST NOT MISS PARTY. The DJ has been hired, the decorations will be on point, party favors for everyone, the drink setups will be available and heavy appetizers are INCLUDED. The music will include all your

favorites from past decades. All this for only \$10.00 per person.

I know you are asking – where can I get my backstage pass to this amazing party? Armbands go on sale at the Holiday Breakfast on the 8th. (See above.) We are limited in the amount of people that the Clubhouse will hold (100) so please get your armbands early. The best part of this event is you can bring your friends from outside the neighborhood and show them what a great community you live in. They also pay only \$10.00 per person.

The stroke of the New Year will bring an extra surprise from the DJ. Get those song and dance requests ready for the biggest party yet!

Added bonus...you can stay safe in the neighborhood, dress relaxed and already have friends you know to celebrate with!

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Ines Aranguren (704-787-8404)

If you would like to reserve the Clubhouse, please contact the Clubhouse Committee at *clubhousecommittee@porterslanding.org*. If you would like more information, please contact the Clubhouse Chairperson Ines Aranguren at (704) 787-8404.

The Clubhouse address is 10801 McCamie Hill Place, Concord, NC 28025, (704) 455-2602. You can pre-check availability on our website at *www.porterslanding.org* by clicking on the link: Community Calendar.

Permitted Hours Of Use – Sunday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; New Year's Eve, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. There is a non-refundable rental fee required for all rentals of the Clubhouse – Monday–Thursday – \$25.00; Friday–Sunday – \$40.00.

AS A COURTESY TO THE RESIDENTS OF PORTER'S LANDING, PLEASE PICK UP AFTER WALKING YOUR DOG. Page 4 November 2018

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Joni Johnson (456-7753) Susan Musialowski (455-8750)

KATIE and CHRIS SMITH 11446 Baystone Place

Katie and Chris moved into the neighborhood in early September from Concord. She grew up trick-or-treating in Porter's Landing, so has always known about it and loved it here. They were looking for a safe and family friendly neighborhood even before they found out they are expecting their first baby in March. Chris is a hunter and Katie enjoys cooking.

LAURA and JOE EDMONDS 11826 Crossroads Place

Laura and Joe and their two cats moved to Porter's Landing from Greensboro in mid-September. The mature trees drew them to our neighborhood. They've been pretty busy working on the house and getting settled. She is a big Panthers fan and Joe loves the Jets. They also root for UNC Chapel Hill basketball. She has worked for Charter Communications for 31 years and Joe is newly semiretired from Advantage Marketing. Laura loves to cook and may even bring some of her bacon bourbon chocolate cupcakes to an upcoming neighborhood event.

DANA BOUDREAULT and TRICIA JENKINS 11423 Baystone Place

Dana is originally from Massachusetts, but has lived in the Charlotte area for the last 13 years now. He is a pilot for Spirit Airlines and a "car guy" who loves to mountain bike. Tricia just moved here this month from Orlando where she has lived for the last 22 years, although she is originally from Maryland. Tricia enjoys the sun and is already looking forward to time around our pool next season. She is currently looking for a management job in hospitality sales and marketing here in Charlotte. They have two Lhasa Apso pups, Bella and Cocoa.

J.C. and MARILU De La Mora 11730 Crossroads Place

J.C. and Marilu moved to the neighborhood in early September. They looked at 20-30 houses before finding their beautiful forever home here. They have three boys, two living here and one in Chicago. J.C. works in finance and Marilu helps him and takes care of things at home. They both love to travel.

Welcome to 11011 McCamie Hill Place and 1480 Little Falls too! If we haven't already, the Welcome Committee will stop by with a welcome basket from all of your neighbors. If you'd like to be introduced in an upcoming newsletter, please reach out to Joni or Susan. We're glad you're here!

If you are new to the neighborhood, we'd love to introduce you in an upcoming newsletter. E-mail Joni at <code>joni_j2000@yahoo.com</code>. Thank you to all for informing the Welcome Committee when a new resident moves in near you!

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Kyle Martin (704-455-5896)

The Porter's Landing Architectural Committee is responsible for maintaining and upholding the Covenants and Restrictions of the neighborhood. It is our responsibility to review architectural requests from homeowners who want to "make improvements" to their property (i.e. add a structure of some sort, fence, utility building, screen porch addition, playhouse, etc...)

Forms may be obtained from any Committee member OR on our website at *www.portersland-ing.org*. Simply go to "Committees and Facilities" then "Architectural" and there you can download forms. Requests require approval before the project begins. Approval process can take up to 30 days.

Thank you and if anyone has any questions, please call me at (704) 650-2569 or email me at architecturalcommittee@porterslanding.org.

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Kathie Berger (455-4847)

Greetings from the Communications Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Directories:

With all the new residents moving in, it's that time again to update the community directory. Stay tuned for more information coming from Diane Zima and Dave Parkinson.

Communications:

Between our website at *www.porterslanding.org*, our resident only Facebook page at "Porter's Landing Residents" and our signage at the two entrances, we really try to keep our residents informed with "up-to-date" information.

In an effort to keep residents even MORE "in the know," the Communications Committee has started collecting emails from those interested in "friendly reminders" sent directly to your email inbox.

If you are interested in receiving these weekly reminders, please send an email to *communications committee@porterslanding.org* with "PL News" in the subject line. You'll be informed on neighborhood socials, road clean-up dates, blood drives and various committee events.

Wishing all residents a very Happy Holiday Season.



Porter's Landing Newsletter Pamela Lorello (704) 455-3635 – pamelarose418@ctc.net

I would like to thank the following people who so graciously gave their time in 2018 to distribute the newsletter throughout our community.

They have been a tremendous help.

Margret & Gerd Blankenburg • Anna Dollar Jean & Bob Gordick • Mary Pressley Maria Romeo • Myleen Sweet



IN THE SPIRIT OF THE
HOLIDAY SEASON,
PLEASE CONSIDER PARTICIPATING
IN ONE OR MORE
OF THE FOLLOWING:

As a neighborhood, we're putting together a Holiday Care Basket for the family on Crossroads who suffered a fire a few months ago. We want them to know that we're all thinking of them this Holiday Season. Please pick up something small to help fill the basket, like a gift card, a packaged fun food item like hot cocoa mix or holiday cookies, or a holiday candle, etc.

We'll also put together a Holiday Gift Basket for the Flowes Store Volunteer Fire Department to say "Thank You" for how they serve our neighborhood. We're looking for similar packaged goods to fill the second basket for the firefighters and their families.



As is tradition for Porter's Landing, we'll again collect unwrapped toys for the Salvation Army.

All items for the above gifts can be dropped off at the front porch at 10820 McCamie Hill Place, or you can bring them to the Holiday Pancake Breakfast on December 8th. Gifts will be assembled for delivery by December 15th.

Thanks for helping making the Holidays special!

Joni Johnson – Chairperson

