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Getting to Know You....

The 2009 Mariner's Pointe Homeowners' Association Board of Directors welcomes all newcomers to our community and looks forward to the opportunity to get to our know long time residents better than ever!

The Board is eager to know your concerns and thoughts about the community. Board meetings are usually held the third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at the Clubhouse. The meeting dates are posted on our community web site. A sign reminding everyone of a meeting is displayed at the entry to the community. If you'd like to address the Board, please email your request and your name will be placed on the agenda. A question and answer period follows each Board meeting.

About Your Board

Julia Williams – President: A retired English teacher and high school counselor, she has lived in Mariner's Pointe for six and a half years. She served for two years on the SmithStone Homeowners' Association Board of Directors and for three years as an Advisor to the Mariner's Pointe Homeowners' Association. She's an avid gardener. Most people identify her as *the Scottish Terrier Lady* because people pay much more attention to her black Scottie than to her as they walk together through the community.

Kristin O'Carroll – Vice President: Originally from Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY, Kristin moved down south almost fifteen years ago to attend UNC Charlotte. She has enjoyed living in Mariner's Pointe since August 2004 with her dog, Cosmo. Last year, she served as an Advisor to the BOD. Kristin works as a Business Analyst for Wachovia/Wells Fargo, and as a seasonal employee for the Carolina Panthers. She is also an active member of the Lake Norman Zeta Tau Alpha alumnae chapter.

Jim Bongiorno – Treasurer: This is Jim's fourth year of Board service. He has steadily built the HOA reserve fund. He negotiated with the SmithStone HOA Board to reduce Mariner's Pointe's debt to the Master Association from over \$30,000 to \$13,200. He was instrumental in installing an irrigation water meter, saving the community a great deal of money! Annually, he does the HOA taxes, saving the community the expense of paying a CPA. Jim's service to Mariner's Pointe has been invaluable! Jim travels extensively and commutes to his home in New Jersey most weekends.

Residents Directory

Everyone should have received a *Residents Directory*. If the information for you and your household is incorrect, please contact the board by email. Besides residents' information, the *Residents Directory* includes a thumbnail sketch of community rules ("Did You Know"), the Hawthorne and Mariner's Pointe websites and other helpful local information. The Board and the community owe Paul Cushing a huge THANK YOU for assembling, printing, and distributing the *Directory*!

Covenant Corner

Each quarterly newsletter will highlight a few of the rules and regulations we live by as residents of Mariner's Pointe. To view a full version of our Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&Rs), HOA bylaws, Rules and Regulations, please see our website.

- As warmer weather approaches and residents are spending more time outside, everyone needs to remember that residents are responsible for anything their pets leave behind in common areas, fronts and backs of homes. A pet waste station is in the Common Area and near the Mariner's Pointe sign at the entrance to the community.
- All pets must be kept within the dwelling and only allowed outside when carried or leashed by a person who can control the pet. This rule includes both dogs and cats.

Landscaping News

The Landscape Committee again this year will be working to keep our community attractive. A lot of time, money, and energy went into Mariner's Pointe's grounds last year. If everyone follows the (CC&Rs), landscape rules and is diligent about picking up pet waste and trash, we'll all enjoy a clean, welcoming community. We look forward to spring and hope all will enjoy the maples, crepe myrtles, and Knock-out roses that were added last year. Besides these new plantings, overgrown shrubs were replaced and the irrigation system was extended.

Landscape Committee members, Walt Gilbert, Sandy Campbell, and Allison Ward will address concerns you may have about landscaping. They also comprise the Architectural Review Committee. You'll find their contact information in the *Residents' Directory*.

A Note About Violations

We all want Mariner's Pointe to appear attractive to those who live here as well as those who may be interested in becoming our neighbors. So, why does it appear that some residents abide by the rules while others ignore them?

When a resident violates a rule in the CC&Rs the Landscape or Parking Rules, a notice is sent to the resident from Hawthorne Management noting the infraction.

Year to date, nineteen such letters have been sent and four hearings have been held.

When an infraction continues, the resident is invited to a hearing before the Board. If the Board determines that the resident is violating the community's rules, a fine of up to \$100 per day may be assessed! No one wants that to happen!

All violations, hearings, and fines are kept confidential. You may see a violation in the neighborhood and think that nothing has been done about it. However, a notice may have already been sent to the resident and he/she may have paid a fine for the violation.

Volunteers Needed!!!

Our community will be best served if everyone actively works for its well being. Some of your neighbors already volunteer:

- Jim Berry monitors parking.
- Janet Forte gathered email addresses for our directory and helps deliver print materials.
- Paul Cushing helped the Landscape Committee with plantings and repairs to our irrigation system.
- Connie Whitmore and Amanda Berry greet newcomers.
- Chuck Baumhol serves on the SmithStone Board of Directors.
- Barbara Cushing helps keep our community clean by picking up trash regularly.

How about you???? Want to have input on social events? Landscaping? Website development? Newsletter and communications? We need your help! Your neighbors are a talented, interesting group! Get to know some of them better by becoming more involved in community efforts!

If you'd like to participate more fully in community activities, please contact Julia Williams at marinerspointehoa@gmail.com. The Board is looking forward to having as many residents as possible involved in our community.