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# MARINER'S POINTE NEWS

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## Recent Board Actions

The Board:

- Accepted Landscape Committee's resignation.
- Asked for community volunteers to serve on the Landscape Committee.
- Requested outgoing Landscape Committee to send all architectural/landscape requests from Jan. 1, 2009 to date to the Board.
- Will address all landscape/architectural requests hence forward.
- Will send violation letters.
- Approved a new charge for the Landscape Committee.
- Will accept the full assessment payment at \$275 through December 1.
- Hired arborist who removed the dead pine behind 7908 MPC and pruned the birch in common area.
- Adopted the amended Landscape Rules.
- Terminated the landscape maintenance contract with Home Property Lawn Care.
- Hired Lynch Lawn and Landscape as the new landscape maintenance contractor, at \$18,300/year. Contract begins December 4.
- Approved the 2010 budget.
- Denied payment for shrubs to replace boxwoods installed in December 2008.



## Annual Meeting

**Thursday, December 17, 7:00 PM**

**Smithstone Clubhouse**

**Seats are limited, so you might want to bring a lawn chair.**

## **Board Elections**

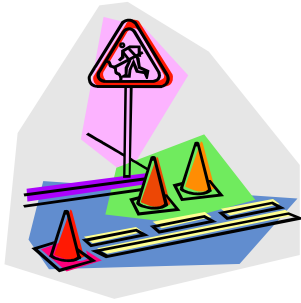
All three seats on the Mariner's Pointe HOA Board of Directors will be up for election at the Annual Meeting, December 17.

If you have 5 – 15 hours a month that you could give to the community, run for a Board seat!

Qualifications? You must own a home in Mariner's Pointe – simple! Without a Board, Hawthorne Management Co. will make the community's decisions, hire its contractors, and set policies.

Do you really want someone who doesn't own a Mariner's Pointe home to run your community? If you don't step up, who will???

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### Special Assessment Update

As of October 31, the HOA had \$9,700 in the Reserve Fund and was meeting budget expectations. By November 30, 37 homeowners had paid the reduced Special Assessment amount of \$275. Many thanks to those who took advantage of the early payment option! Those early payments enabled the HOA to have the streets repaired before the really bad weather set in!



### Check it out!

The Mariners Pointe HOA website is new and improved!

Visit:

<http://marinerspointehoa.org/>

Many thanks go to Paul Cushing and Kelly O'Donnell for their excellent work to make things more user-friendly!

Great job guys!



## A look ahead...

What would you most like to see the community accomplish in 2010?

A couple of years ago, many wanted more trees in the community. Today crepe myrtles and maples grace most common areas.

What needs to be done in 2010?

- Top coat streets?
- Pressure wash homes?
- Have one trash contractor and one day for trash collection?
- Increase social activities?
- Amend the CC&R's/Bylaws to provide for staggered terms of Board members?
- Establish a community vegetable garden?

Please share your ideas at the Annual Meeting!



### Safety Tips from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office:

Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas: the Holidays are coming fast and the season for increased criminal activity will come with them. Don't be a victim. Take time to put safety first. Safeguard your personal information, lock up your valuables, secure your property and home and develop a healthy skepticism. Don't throw away sales receipts, credit card transactions or other information that may contain credit card and/or account numbers. Purchase a good paper shredder and use it.



### The Holidays and the CC&R's

Holiday decorations delight just about everyone. The community has established rules for what kinds of decorations may be displayed and when they may be displayed:

- ❖ Holiday decorations may only be displayed from October 1 – November 10 and from the day after Thanksgiving until January 10.
- ❖ These decorations are limited to door wreaths, window wreaths, window candles, bows, ribbons, wooden/straw sculptures, wire mesh lighted sculptures, lights on shrubs, and mailbox swags or garlands.
- ❖ No air powered devices are permitted.

Within these guidelines, everyone can enjoy decorating his/her own home and all the neighbors' decorations.

No matter if your holiday plans include travelling or hosting family and friends in your own home, be safe, take pleasure in the good stuff and enjoy the warmth of the season.

### ~~Newcomers~~

The Board and its advisors with help from Connie Whitmore and Amanda Berry try to meet all newcomers within a week of their moving into the community. But there are always those who slip through the cracks. If you're aware of a new resident, please email the Board with the person's name and address so that the newcomer can be contacted.



### WHAT'S GOING ON?

Mariner's Pointe Parties!

Many, many children and adults enjoyed getting together at the Halloween Haunted Alley! The adults met neighbors they hadn't known before and watched a delightful parade of fairy princesses, spider men, assorted ghouls and even a blind referee! Children cleaned up on candy! Despite the weather, good conversation and good food ruled the night.

If you missed the Halloween party, don't miss the Christmas Walk About! Mark your calendar for a good time!

**Christmas Walk About ~ various homes  
Saturday, December 12**

**Annual Meeting ~ Smithstone Clubhouse  
Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 PM**