



# Park Crossing Neighborhood News

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## President's Section

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Dear Neighbors,

Happy New Year!! I wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year. Park Crossing Owners Association is doing very well. We continue to have a great Board of Directors made up of your friends and neighbors. They volunteer their time to serve this community. Listed on page 8 is the PCOA Board for 2012.

As a community, we continue to do well in the real estate market. I wish we were doing better but we have been able to hold our own against other

neighborhoods. We have several advantages that continue to help us attract new residents—proximity to I-485, Carolina Place Mall, and South Park Mall. Our neighborhood schools are vibrant due to the parent participation.

Please let me hear from you regarding issues that you feel are of concern to our community. We welcome your opinions and look forward to knowing what is on your mind.



Lang Holding  
President

### Upcoming Events

Jan. 22, 2012 PCOA Board Meeting, 7 pm at clubhouse.  
February 2, 2012 Women's Club Wine Tasting



## Women's Club

Happy New Year!

**While we have enjoyed being your co-presidents, we will be stepping down in May. Here's your chance to bring fresh ideas and energy to the neighborhood. Please contact us if you are interested in learning more and taking over this summer. We would be happy to show you the ropes. We need neighbors to take over in order to continue the WC for the 2012-2013 year.**

Raise a glass to the New Year, and join us for our very popular evening of Wine Tasting coming up on February 2nd. Plan to attend and enjoy refreshments while catching up with neighbors and friends. This event is a Women's Club member event.

Let us ring out the old by thanking the hosts and volunteers for our December events. Thank you so much to Kelly Ingram and Karen Cleary for organizing a successful Holiday Shops. Many people came out and got a jump start on their holiday shopping. Thank you to Mary Lou McElhaney, Karen Cleary, Sue and Tom

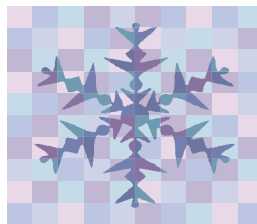
Kueser, Taylor Dries, Kathleen Cooke, Paul Schulz, Ted Miller and Trish Roy for decking the halls and our neighborhood streets! The decorations are fabulous. Thanks to Gina Haynes and Santa's elves for getting everyone in the holiday spirit at Sunday at Santa.

The Christmas Hayrides and Caroling through the neighborhood put a song in everyone's heart in time for the holidays, and we want to thank Kristi Wagar and Tory Holding and all volunteers for making this such a fantastic event.

Thanks to all of the members who give their creativity, time and considerable energy to enable so many great neighborhood events. If anyone has questions, suggestions, or would like to join the PCWC, please contact us. As we 'ring in the new year,' here's to a wonderful 2012!

Warm regards,

*Taylor Dries & Carolyn Terpening  
Women's Club co-presidents*



## Owner's Association News

### Treasury Update



The annual homeowners' dues are \$283.50 due on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. If you have a problem with making this payment, please contact Evelyn Chin at 704-542-2118 or at [parkcrossing@bellsouth.net](mailto:parkcrossing@bellsouth.net).

The annual dues pay for the grounds maintenance, security patrols, irrigation of the grounds and office staffing. The dues are mandatory and an obligation of all homeowners.

If you wish to suggest a capital project that PCOA should consider, please submit the request to Evelyn Chin.

Mary Lou McElhaney - Treasurer

### Grounds Update



November and December were surprisingly busy months for the Grounds Committee. Chair Paul Schultz spent a lot of time assuring that leaves were picked up and removed in a timely fashion. New plantings were added along the drive and struggling or dead plants were replaced. In addition, the pine straw was refreshed all along Park Crossing Drive. For the first time, deer repellent was used to

reduce the number of pansy flowers being eaten or the plants dug up.

During this time, the Grounds Committee also met with City Arborist to clarify the City's and PCOA's responsibilities for the trees along the drive and in the medians. He is going to get back to the committee with a timetable for what the City will do along the drive, particularly limbing up trees over the sidewalk and around the street lights.

Two trials are ongoing on the drive. The berm at Peshurst is a test area for getting rid of Bermuda grass and planting fescue. Another trial is the new planting of sweet box (*sarcococca*) on the entrance side of Park Crossing Drive. The sweet box has done beautifully on the exit side, which is shadier. If the test plants do well on the entrance side, more sweet box will be planted next fall to mirror the exit side.

Along with holiday lights and decorations, the new plantings and additional pine straw made Park Crossing Drive very attractive this past holiday season.

Phyllis Johnson - Grounds Committee

## Architectural Update



Please remember to submit an Architectural Request Form for renovations that change the appearance of the exterior of your home. The Architectural Guidelines for Park Crossing available on [www.parkcrossing.net](http://www.parkcrossing.net) can help you decide if your project needs review. If you are not sure, please contact the office or send an e-mail.

The Architectural Committee is not charged with making your life difficult when you wish to renovate your home. We are here to help guide you in the right direction with renovations that you are considering.

## Security Reminders



We continue to receive reports from the security patrol and CMPD about valuables left in vehicles and homes, garages doors left wide open and doors unlocked. We must all take reasonable precautions to ensure that our property is secure. The police will do their best patrolling our streets but we must do our share of work to not be a victim.

Cameron Wright- Chairman, Security Committee

## Routine Reminders



**Dogs:** The office receives many calls about dogs running loose without a leash, about dog poo not being picked up, about dogs barking at all times of the day. Be considerate of others; make sure your dog is not a problem to others.



**Signs:** Our Architectural Guidelines has restrictions about signage on individual lots. Per section 2(g) of Article VIII of the Declaration, you may have only one realtor sign per lot when you are selling your home. Section 2(g) of Article III, allows for political signs during local or national elections or referendums.

The Board has noticed a proliferation of schools signs, signs for contractors and vendors, signs promoting causes--all of which are not allowed. Please remove all signs that are not allowed. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

**Christmas Decorating:** Thank you to all the elves that decorated our neighborhood entrances: Karen Cleary, Kathleen Cooke, Taylor Dries, Sue and Tom Kueser, Mary Lou McElhaney, Ted Miller, Trish Roy and Paul Schulz. Our neighborhood looked great and Cameron Wood was asking who did our decorating. It's our secret and we are not telling.

**Holiday Decorating Contest:** Well the houses were decorated with glee, and the votes all cast and counted. We have a WINNER!!

Jean Ann & Will Schmidt, of 9614 Logan Court received the highest number of votes for the first annual, Park Crossing Holiday Decorating Contest!

Congratulations also go to Second Place winner; —Gary & Paula Jones 10108 Balmoral Circle, and the 3rd Place Winner: —Rory & Mary Ann Wall of 10523 Hadleigh Place. It was a tight contest and each of the winners can be very proud of their efforts. The neighborhood is proud to recognize your hard work. Your homes all displayed the holiday spirit, and those in the neighborhood who voted, agreed that you all did a great job in decorating them. Hearty congratulations to all of you.

Jean Ann and Will Schmidt will have their name and address engraved on a Holiday Decorating Contest plaque that will be displayed in the clubhouse for all to see.

We want to thank everyone who decorated their homes this year. This year has truly been a wonderful year to drive through the neighborhood and see all of the creative lighting displays. Our neighborhood looks phenomenal, and at this time of year is as beautiful at night as it is during the daylight.

We have learned several valuable lessons for next year's contest. In 2012, immediately following Thanksgiving, and running until the middle of December we will hold "Round One" where you vote on the top three homes in your neighborhood section. This year's was abbreviated due to the desire to announce the winner at the annual hayride. Next year, we will hold the FINALIST round from December 15<sup>th</sup> until just shy of New Years Eve. That will give everyone a larger window to decorate their homes, as well as a longer period for everyone to drive around the neighborhood and enjoy the decorating prowess of all our neighbors.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in this first Holiday Decorating contest. Additionally, I want to extend my thanks to the Park Crossing Women's Club, especially Carolyn Terpening and Taylor Dries for all of their help and assistance, along with Evelyn Chin of the Park Crossing Owners Association and Sue Kueser of the Park Crossing Recreation Club

I am sure the Schmidt's, Jones and Wall's all appreciate the votes of the neighborhood, and can't wait for those "after Christmas" sales to occur so they can begin planning next year's extravaganza!

## Women's Club Event and Club News



### Event News

#### Women's Club Wine Tasting:

WC members please join us February 2, 2012 at the clubhouse to learn about and taste wines for all your upcoming entertaining. Appetizers will be served. Please contact Michelle Bradin, [michellebradin@hotmail.com](mailto:michellebradin@hotmail.com), for more information.

### Club News

#### Friday on the Drive

This is a social outlet for moms, dads and kids. One Friday of each month someone generously opens up their driveway as a place for neighbors and friends to congregate and celebrate the end of another week! The host kindly provides drinks and snacks and everyone else provides the fun! **Memory Ayers**  
[memoryayers@carolina.rr.com](mailto:memoryayers@carolina.rr.com)

#### Book Club

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at a member's home. If you would like more information or to join contact Courtney O'Neil [coneil@carolina.rr.com](mailto:coneil@carolina.rr.com)



#### Mom's Working Outside the Home

Are you trying to balance a career and family? Do you want to meet some wonderful women in the neighborhood? If so please consider joining the Mom's Working Outside the Home Club. We meet the first Thursday of every month.

If you would like more information please contact Kelly Hughes,  
[kellyhughes@gmail.com](mailto:kellyhughes@gmail.com).

#### Back Porch Club

Meet once a month to do entertaining related activities. In previous years we have painted wine glasses, made fall centerpieces and planted herbs. It is all related to "porching" just getting together with friends to have a good time. *If you would like more information then please contact Lynne Solland, [chucksolland@att.net](mailto:chucksolland@att.net).*

#### Tapas and Desserts

A club for foodies! The Tapas and Desserts Club meets once in the fall, then once a month January, February and March at a home in Park Crossing to share our love of good friends and new culinary tastes. Each couple contributes tapas (bite sized dinner portion) or a dessert of their choice for the evening. In addition the club will collect \$20 per evening per couple to cover the wine, beverages and costs to the host house. Our events are on Saturday night toward the end of each month. If you would like more information



then please contact Karen Price  
[priceka@bellsouth.net](mailto:priceka@bellsouth.net).

### Support Suppers

Returning home from the hospital as a new parent is exciting yet sometimes overwhelming for many families in Park



Crossing. We want to help make it easier by providing food for the family, but we need your help! We're looking for volunteers to add to the rotation of providing food for families when they return home. If you are willing to cook (or even bring take-out) please contact Amy Moran ([AmyMoran1@yahoo.com](mailto:AmyMoran1@yahoo.com)) and we'll add you to the list. If you know of someone who just had a baby please contact Kristin Bordeaux ([Kristin.Bordeaux@gmail.com](mailto:Kristin.Bordeaux@gmail.com)) and we'll arrange meals for the family.

Thank you -  
Kristin Bordeaux and Amy Moran  
Co-chairs Support Suppers.

### Evening Bunco



Come enjoy socializing with other Park Crossing women and play this easy dice game. Don't know how to play? We'll teach you.

You can join as a member or as a sub. As a member you are responsible for getting a sub if you miss a night. Fourth Monday of each month. 7:30 p.m. year round. If you would like more information please contact Susan McGinn, [mmcginn1@carolina.rr.com](mailto:mmcginn1@carolina.rr.com).

### Playgroups

Monday p.m. 2-4 y.o. - Charlotte Woody  
[charlottefromcharlotte@hotmail.com](mailto:charlottefromcharlotte@hotmail.com)  
Wednesday a.m. - Theresa Moritz  
[theresamoritz@gmail.com](mailto:theresamoritz@gmail.com)

### Left, Right, Center Club

Take a chance and roll the dice with this fun game. This club meets once a month. Come enjoy friendships, cocktails and maybe win some money! **Karen Cleary**  
[clearync@gmail.com](mailto:clearync@gmail.com)

## **PCOA Board Members**

### **The following is the 2012 PCOA Executive Board:**

Lang Holding--President  
Tom Olinger--Vice President  
Marlene Lewis--Secretary  
Mary Lou McElhaney--Treasurer

### **The following are the PCOA Board Members for 2012:**

Tom Arrigo--Hanover Rep & Architectural Committee (ACC)  
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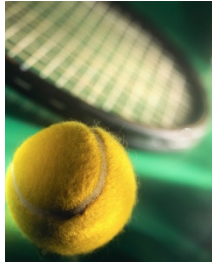
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*The PCSRC offers a wide range of activities: There is an extensive tennis program, a swim team program, and a social committee, which offers social events throughout the year.*



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