



# Park Crossing Neighborhood News

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## President's Section

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### Owner's Association

Dear Neighbors,  
Congratulations to Park Crossing residents!! We WON the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department's first SHARC (South Charlotte Homeowners Against Residential Crime) contest. We won due to the diligence of our residents by keeping our garage doors down, locking our vehicles and leaving no valuables in sight. Other neighborhoods involved in this contest Huntingtowne Farms, Montibello, Old Salem, Woodbridge and Quail Hollow Estates all noticed a decrease in criminal activity. This contest is being implemented by CMPD in other Charlotte neighborhoods and other cities in the U. S. to decrease crime.

September is a great time to work on the lawn, garden, paint and/or repair the outside of the house. If you hire a contractor, please make sure you check

them out with the Better Business Bureau. If your neighbor has used someone, check and make sure they are happy with the services of the contractor. On the website

[www.parkcrossing.net](http://www.parkcrossing.net), we have a list of vendors that other homeowners have recommended. This spring during a hail



storm, many homes had roof damage. We have received calls about roofing contractors climbing on the roof of homes without permission of the

homeowner. Be careful of some tree companies--they give you a low ball price and cut the tree down but leave the debris for you to remove. Don't pay for the service until they finish the job.

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President

### Upcoming Events

- 9/22 Women's Club Kickoff, September 22, 7 p.m.
- 9/25 PCOA Board Meeting, September 25, 7 p.m.
- 10/29 Fall Festival, October 29, 4-6 p.m.
- 11/12 PCWC Holiday Shops, November 12
- 11/20 PCOA Annual Meeting, November 20, 7 p.m.
- 12/4 Sunday with Santa, December 4, 2-4 p.m.

## Women's Club

Summertime is the best! Despite the heat and the humidity stricken hair, you can't beat tan lines, cookouts, smell of Coppertone, fireflies and tomato sandwiches. However, it feels like after the 4th of July the rest of the summer just flies by. We hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer and we are excited for fall fast approaching and all the fun events and fabulous clubs the PCWC supports.

Mark your calendars because our first event is the Kick-off party September 22nd from 7-9 p.m. at the clubhouse. This event is a great opportunity to meet new neighbors, enjoy wine and appetizers and see all that the Women's Club has to offer. If you are new to the neighborhood this is the best opportunity to meet your neighbors and they will quickly become your best friends. Please note the dates of the events in the back of the newsletter and come to the kickoff to become a part of the action. There are still a few events that need chairmen. Don't be shy not much time is required and we need fresh faces to keep

the women's club a fabulous organization. A huge thanks to Carolyn Haake for the 4th of July Fire Truck Parade! You did a wonderful job and it was a great start to the weekend! Thank you so much.

The annual dues are \$25 before October 1st and \$30 after the 1st which you can bring to the kickoff or put in Nan Howard's mailbox at 9416 Tresanton.

Please RSVP for the kickoff to Perry Marshall, [perrysmarshall@bellsouth.net](mailto:perrysmarshall@bellsouth.net) or Rebecca Cox, [mattcox1@mindspring.com](mailto:mattcox1@mindspring.com).

If you can't attend but would still like to get involved then please email us for more information [taylordries@gmail.com](mailto:taylordries@gmail.com) or [Carolyn.terpening@gmail.com](mailto:Carolyn.terpening@gmail.com). Remind your friends and invite your new neighbor. We hope to see everyone at the kick-off in September!

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



## Owner's Association News

### Treasury Update



Our 2011 Annual dues will be sent out on December 1st, 2011 and are due on January 1st, 2012. If you have any problem with paying your account, please contact me or Evelyn Chin. We realize these are difficult time for some and we will work with you on a payment plan. Please don't wait until you are in default and letters are being sent reminding you that payment has not been received. The Annual dues payments are obligations that all homeowners of Park Crossing have to pay.

Mary Lou McElhaney - Treasurer

### Grounds Update



This summer the Grounds Committee is focusing on monitoring and maintaining the condition of the plantings we have installed over the past two years and the maintenance of the common areas along Park Crossing Drive.

Late this past spring, we improved the landscaping on the back side of the Penshurst entrance median, which is across from the clubhouse. This was an unsightly area where there was too much shade for grass to grow but weeds thrived. So all the plant material was removed and we planted 725 vincas, which grow very well in shady areas. The vincas

will spread out and completely cover the 800 sq. ft. area with nice green foliage. We also removed some taller shrubs from the front of the median which was making it difficult for drivers to see traffic coming from the left while exiting Penshurst and was thus a safety concern. Lower growing shrubs were planted and will be kept trimmed.

We are currently working with our land care contractor to determine what can be done to improve the quality and quantity of the grass along Park Crossing Drive. In many areas, even irrigated areas, the bermuda grass is completely taking over the fescue. There seems to be no herbicide that effectively kills bermuda grass and not fescue. In the fall we may have to spray some of the worst areas to kill everything and then replant with fescue. We are also looking into reseeding certain areas this fall with a shade tolerant variety of grass seed.

Our current land care contract with TruGreen Land Care expires September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. So we are in the midst of making some needed changes and additions to our contract request-for-quote document and will be sending it out to probably four land care contractors for bid, including TruGreen. This will be a three year contract. We are proposing to add contract items such as keeping the sidewalks clean, draining sidewalks after a rain, better maintenance of pine needle beds, and improved leaf collections in the fall, to name a few. The current contract provides for a weekly mowing, inspection

and cleanup of the property and this is currently done by TruGreen on Fridays. We are going to get a bid on doing a second inspection and cleanup 3 or 4 days after the property has been mowed. This extra service would allow us have all the sticks and trash picked up twice a week. Many times over the past 3 years it seems we have had a storm hit Park Crossing soon after the mowing and cleanup was completed. Then all those limbs and trash are cluttering up our common grounds for a week. We will get a price and see if it would be a good value for the money.

If you see any problems with our irrigation system or have any suggestions or questions about anything concerning common grounds land care, please let me know at [pschulz@carolina.rr.com](mailto:pschulz@carolina.rr.com)

Paul Schulz  
Grounds Committee Chairman



### Architectural Update

Summer has ended, school has begun and the neighborhood is settling back into the normal patterns for our families. If the pattern continues for exterior home improvement or additions, then fall will become more active with some of the projects where our homes are expanded or end up with some structural changes. Over the summer the ACC experienced many of its requests from our homeowners that wanted to add fences, improve fences, paint the exterior of their home, replace a roof, remove dead or storm damaged trees as

well as raising the tree canopy in their yards.

Our storm activity this summer while leaving some residents with damage to their homes seemed to also allow many to receive new roofs due to the hail that ranged in size throughout the neighborhood. Maybe for some there was a bit of a silver lining to the storms.

Please remember that if you are re-painting your home or replacing your roof and you choose a new paint color or shingle color you are required to get the new paint color and shingle color approved by the ACC. In addition when you have trees dying, severely damaged by a storm or want to raise your tree canopy on your lot we ask that you get ACC approval prior to the cutting or removal. For those who may be considering adding or moving fences, this type of improvement or addition continues to be an item that the ACC would like to emphasize the importance of making sure you know where your lot lines are and that your contractor does not encroach on to another's property. The ACC recommends that the homeowner get a lot line survey completed prior to any fence construction. It truly is in the homeowner's best interest!

All in all, 2011 continues to see the residents in Park Crossing active in home improvements both inside and outside which as you can imagine elevates the value of living in Park Crossing.

Ted Miller  
Chairman, Architectural Committee



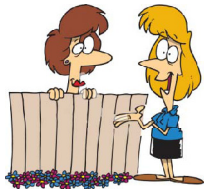
## Security Reminders

The CMPD SHARC (South Charlotte Homeowners Against Residential Crime) winner is **Park Crossing**. The contest was among six neighborhoods: Huntingtowne Farms, Montibello, Old Salem, Park Crossing, Quail Hollow Estates & Woodbridge. Congratulations to all the neighborhoods for their efforts in reducing crime.

This contest demonstrated that we all must do our share of PREVENTION to keep crime out of Park Crossing:

**Lock all doors**  
**Leave no valuables in your vehicles**  
**Call 911 for anything suspicious**

The contest was so successful; CMPD will be implementing it in other neighborhoods in Charlotte. CMPD will be promoting this initiative in other areas of the country. A big thank you to Officer John Kitchens, Officer Beth Jackson and Sergeant Travis Pardue for their efforts in keeping us safe.



Cameron Wright  
Chairman, Security Committee



## Routine Reminders

**Board Elections:** If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors for PCOA, please contact the office at 704-542-2118 or [parkcrossing@bellsouth.net](mailto:parkcrossing@bellsouth.net).

**Directory 2012:** If you are interested in advertising in the 2012, please contact the office. If you have changes in your family's information for the directory (i.e. babysitting, new baby, etc.) please contact the office.

**Dogs:** Please don't leave your dog outside barking--complaints have come to the office of dogs barking early in the morning and late in the evening.



When you walk your dog pick up their "poop". By law, all dogs must be on a leash when you walk them. Make sure your dogs and cats have identification on them if they get loose so they can be returned to you. .

**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.

## Women's Club Event and Club News



### Event News

#### Women's Club Kick-Off

Please join us Thursday, September 22nd from 7 to 9 pm at the clubhouse. We will be serving appetizers, beer, wine and some yummy desserts. All of the Women's club groups will be open for sign up and we will also be recruiting for all the wonderful events that the Women's club sponsors throughout the year. Wouldn't it be fun to join a Dinner Club, Book Club, Gardening Club or a Bunco group? These are just a few of the activities that are available to join. We also need volunteers throughout the year for wonderful Park Crossing events, such as decorating the neighborhood, Sunday with Santa, Hayride and the Easter Egg Hunt. This is also a great chance to catch up with friends after summer break. If you are new to Park Crossing, this is a fabulous way to meet new friends in our community. We hope to see you there! *Please RSVP to Perry Marshall, [perrysmarshall@bellsouth.net](mailto:perrysmarshall@bellsouth.net) or Rebecca Cox, [mattcox1@mindspring.com](mailto:mattcox1@mindspring.com).*

### 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! **Chair needed.**

### 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)

Thursday a.m. 0-2 y.o. - Karen Cleary  
[clearync@gmail.com](mailto:clearync@gmail.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! **Chair needed**

## \*\*\*Event Chairs Needed\*\*\*

Neighborhood Christmas Decorations  
Hayride December  
Sunday with Santa December 4  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Garage Sale  
4th of July Parade

If you are interested please contact Taylor Dries [taylordries@gmail.com](mailto:taylordries@gmail.com) or Carolyn Terpening [Carolyn.terpening@gmail.com](mailto:Carolyn.terpening@gmail.com)

Thanks in advance!



## Upcoming Events

**Board meeting**, Sep. 25, 2011 PCOA, 7 pm, at clubhouse.

**ANNUAL Homeowners Meeting**, Nov, 20, 2011, 7 pm at clubhouse.

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## Fall Family Festival



Join us October 29th from 4-6pm at the clubhouse for the Fall Festival. Food, music, games and and inflatables will provide fun for everyone.



## Holiday Shoppes at Park Crossing

Please join us Saturday November 12th for the 2010 Holiday Shoppes at Park Crossing. Our clubhouse will be filled with a variety of top quality vendors selling merchandise for your gift giving needs or personal enjoyment. Mark your calendars and join for this beloved Park Crossing event!



## Sunday with Santa

Sunday December 4th from 2-4 pm. Come take photos of your child visiting with Santa. \$2 per child. Have cookies and say "Merry Christmas" to neighbors.



This year unleash your inner Griswold because the HOA and Women's Club have partnered for our first annual Christmas light contest. Each section will have a house as a finalist, and then the neighborhood will vote between the six finalists for the winner! Mele Kalikimaka everyone!



If you have any other ideas for an event, playgroup or club that you would like to start then please let us know!!! We would love to do different things and we will place a sign -up sheet at kickoff to see if there is an interest.

**While we have enjoyed being your co-presidents, we will be stepping down in May 2012. Here is your chance to bring fresh ideas and energy to this important part of our neighborhood. Please contact us if you would like to take over for the 2012-2013 year. We have met and worked with so many wonderful people that truly make Park Crossing special.**