



Olde Point News

Olde Point Property Owners Association, Inc.

April 2009

News from the OPPOA Board of Directors

As you read this newsletter one of things that we hope you will notice immediately is that there is a lot going on in our community - and with the Olde Point Property Owners Association. That's a good thing! Just as it's important to our personal good health to stay active, we believe that your association must be active to help the Olde Point community thrive.

On the back page you will see your new officers and board members for 2009, and a listing of area clubs and organizations. We want you to contact us and participate with us as we go through the year.

There have been some changes to the OPPOA board. We have added three new board members: Larry Crane, who was elected to the board in January; and Jim Fisher and Marty Kinney, who subsequently volunteered to serve. All three have already taken on important roles in the association. Unfortunately, we lost two very active and knowledgeable board members, Karen Saari, our past President, and Lee Laustsen, our Treasurer. If the entire board can put in as much time and effort in the coming year on behalf of OPPOA and the community as Karen and Lee alone did last year we will have done well.

This newsletter also contains information about other important issues and events in the upcoming year: a vote in May to increase dues from \$35 to \$50 a year effective in 2010; proposed changes in the covenants effective in 2010; a meeting to discuss the future of our private roads; and efforts underway to complete a new Olde Point telephone directory and host a Newcomer's Party. We are also contacting and inviting the numerous other homeowners' associations that make up the Olde Point community to participate in many of our activities.

We seek your help, input, advice, and suggestions on all these issues – and yes, even your complaints. Due to a lack of space in the newsletter it is often difficult to address and answer all the possible questions. We want to ensure that you have access to the information you want. Please use our Internet website, www.oldepoinnews.com, to get current, detailed information. We also try to keep you informed through personal email contacts. We are able to do this thanks to your cooperation in providing your email addresses to our Membership Chairman June Steiert. There is also a tab on our website for email contact with our board members.

We hope you will attend our general and annual meetings, especially the one on Tuesday, May 26 at which time we will discuss and vote on the dues increase, and participate in the initial discussion of proposed covenant changes. If you can't come to the meetings we've provided alternatives for properly casting your vote, and welcome your comments and questions through emails, or personal or telephone contacts.

General Membership Meeting

Please make plans to attend the next general meeting of OPPOA. It will take place on **Tuesday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hampstead Community Center.** We will be discussing and voting on a dues increase to \$50 a year; begin discussion of changes to the covenants; and other important issues.

Membership News

Dues update:

<u>Residents</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Not Paid</u>
359	256	103

<u>Non- Residents</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Not Paid</u>
158	71	82

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Reminder!!!

Please take the time to fill out your form and send in your dues. We will have a Newcomers Party in the fall and are making up a new phone book for distribution this July. We need your support in order to accomplish both.

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At the end of last year we joined the Hampstead Chamber. This is a big savings to Olde Point. We use their mailing stamp and it cuts our mailing cost in half. The savings for one year is about \$1,000.00. Joining the Chamber also helps to support our community.

A big highlight of the year for Membership is that we have invested in a laptop computer and a new printer. Now important information will not be lost, which has been a big problem in the past. Passing the database from one person to another will no longer be a problem. The printer itself will cut back on the cost of ink. The total cost for everything was less than \$1,000.00.

Please help us cut back cost even more. Staples has a recycling program that we use. We receive \$3.00 for every ink cartridge we turn in. This can be used towards paper, ink and other supplies we need. You can bring them to meetings, or drop them off at any Block Captain's house. I keep a holder outside my front door for any information or items people need to give me. You can also put them in my newspaper slot.

I want to thank all of you for updating your information on the invoice forms, especially those of you who put their email addresses on the slip. It is a lot quicker and faster for me to send an email then type a letter. I understand that there are still people who do not have email. Just let us know and you will still receive information by mail.

I also want to thank all of you who have volunteered. I will be calling on you.

Block Captains

Please help the Block Captains by notifying them when someone moves in. Our community has grown and it is hard to keep up without everyone's help and support. You can find your Block Captain on the internet website (oldepointnews.com) or you may call June Steiert at 270-3214.

A Note from the ACC

The Olde Point Community is a wonderful place to live. Part of the charm of the area is the way most folks maintain their property. We do have Restrictive Covenants which help us keep our area a place where people want to settle. Unfortunately, some folks have not read the Covenants and do not adhere to them. We have tried to remind folks with letters or phone calls regarding the many non-compliance issues. Unfortunately, some residents do not think they need to comply with the restrictions. Actions will be taken in the near future to rectify these situations. Please remember that when you bought in Olde Point you bought the Restrictive Covenants.

One of the many complaints the ACC has received is concerning oversized commercial vehicles and box trailers. The Covenants plainly state that anything bigger than a pick up truck must either be garaged or stored elsewhere, not on the "Lot". Further, I would like to mention other complaints the ACC receives: dogs running loose, loud barking from dogs, dogs using neighbor's lawns as a toilet. Please remember to keep your pets on a leash, or in the safety of your own property with an electric fence or in a dog kennel (kennels are allowed but have to be approved by the ACC). Another issue is boats: as long as the boat & trailer are unobtrusive from the road they are allowed. They can not be parked on the driveway or in front of your house on the lawn or on the road. To keep our community looking good please adhere to the Covenants.

Thank you,
The ACC Committee

Greater Hampstead Homeowners Association News

Paul Godridge recently met with Jimmy Tate, Chairperson of the Pender County Commissioners. The NC Insurance Dept. wants to have Hampstead residents pay THREE TIMES what residents in areas like Charlotte pay to insure their homes. We are fighting this! On another note, the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization wants YOUR IMPUT on future transportation needs. They suggest you fill out a survey at www.capefearcommutes.org. Aren't you glad we now enjoy the new access to HWY.17 from Country Club Road? Thank Al Freimark and your Block Captains who got out the petitions to the DOT to get this done! Burgaw is trying to get Hampstead to pay for their sewer expansion. Contact David Williams, our commissioner, and tell him you are against it. The Greater Hampstead Homeowners Association – GHHA - is YOUR ONLY voice to Burgaw. The commissioners are spending YOUR MONEY, and we pay 65% of Pender County's budget. Keep tract of their activities at www.greaterhampsteadhoa.org.

Security Patrol

The Olde Point Board would like to thank the following for joining the Security Patrol:

Ed & Jo Ellen Hickmon
James & Laura Byrd
Joseph T. Fuqua

The Security Patrol has lost many of its members that have served for upwards of 10 to 15 years. We need new members to replace those who have moved away or are unable to serve any longer. These are difficult times when crime tends to rise and although we don't have any security issues yet, our patrols will help discourage potential problems. We need to maintain a visual presence in our neighborhood to help ensure that security remains intact. If you join us you will be asked to patrol for approximately 90 minutes, and for no more than 3

times a year.

Please contact me if you can help us.

Bill O'Brien
Patrol Coordinator

New Board Members

In addition to Larry Crane, who was elected to serve during the latest election, Jim Fisher and Martin Kinney volunteered to serve on the board and were appointed to serve for the year at the February board meeting. Here is a little information on the two newest board members:

James Fisher. My wife and I have lived in Olde Point since 1999. I was a consulting engineer in New York State from 1965-1995. I am a professional engineer licensed in New York, Vermont, and North Carolina. I have worked part time in Hampstead since 2002 with McDowell Consulting Engineers. I am a graduate of Union College in Schenectady, NY, with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. I am an active member and have served on the boards of PenderWatch and Conservancy, the Topsail Presbyterian Church, and the Olde Point Golf and Country Club and the Olde Point Tennis Association.

Martin Kinney. My wife and I have lived in Olde Point since 2001. I retired in 2005 after a 37 year career in education. For the last 17 years of my career I was an elementary school administrator for the Department of Defense Schools overseas and at Camp Lejeune Marine Base here in North Carolina. From 1991 to 1999 I was principal of Vilseck American Elementary School in Vilseck, Germany, and from 1999 to 2005 I was principal at Tarawa Terrace II Elementary School in Camp Lejeune. I am a University of Southern California graduate.

Dues Increase

At the general meeting in May we will be discussing and voting on a dues increase from \$35 to \$50 a year. Did you know that if you assume 2% inflation a year for the past 20 years, \$35 would now be \$50.88? In other words, an increase to \$50 would not even keep up with inflation!

What is the money used for? Here are some of the uses as stated in the September 2008 edition of the Olde Point News:

- Communication links, such as printing and mailing the newsletter, and maintaining our website,
- Landscaping maintenance at both Olde Point monuments and mowing common areas,
- Lighting for the monuments,
- Rental space for the general meetings,
- Membership in the GHHA,
- Income tax preparation for the corporation,
- Newcomers welcome party,
- Equipment as needed for the Security Patrol,
- Maintaining the data base for membership and dues,
- Legal fees when necessary, and
- Administrative costs, such as copying documents like ballots, invoices, and so on.

OLDE POINT COMMUNITY INFORMATION
(Visit us on-line at WWW.OLDEPOINTNEWS.COM)

<u>OPPOA BOARD MEMBERS</u>	<u>OLDE POINT CLUB CONTACTS</u>
<p>President – Terry Peters Vice President – Paul Godridge Treasurer – Jim Fisher Secretary – Martin Kinney</p> <p>Beautification – Bill Mueller Block Captains/Volunteers – June Steiert By Laws – Paul Godridge Community Relations – Terry Peters, Bill Mueller Covenants – Loretta Greenough Liaison to the ACC – Loretta Greenough Liaison to the GHHA – Paul Godridge Membership – June Steiert Newsletter – Martin Kinney Roads – Larry Crane Security Patrol – Bill O’Brien Telephone Directory – June Steiert Web Site – Mark Dodds</p>	<p>Olde Point Men’s Golf Association – Paul Saari Olde Point Ladies Golf 9 Holers – Marilyn Kimble Olde Point Ladies Golf 18 Holers – Robin Keeler Wednesday Boyz – Harold Sill Tennis Association – Sue Feind Hampstead Garden Club – Esther Stillgebauer Olde Point Couples Bowling League – Larry Crane Ladies Marathon Bridge I – Sue Tompkins Ladies Marathon Bridge II – Evie Dyer New Girls on the Block Bridge - Dorothea Jordan, Dorothy Murphy Book Club – Kate Richie Ladies High Kickers Bowling – Karen Braswell</p>

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