



Annual Dinner October 6, 2006

Board Elections

The Hearthstone Neighborhood Association is currently recruiting new members for the 2007 Board of Directors. Critical positions need to be filled so that we can continue our services for the neighborhood. The current slate for the 2007 Board is listed below.

Co-Presidents – Stacey Manley & Sarah Hamlin

Vice-President – Scott Mathews

Treasurer – Kathi Hart

Secretary - Kim McClintock

Beautification - Billy Jernigan

Neighborhood Watch - Open

Adult Social – Leslie Walls & Dawn Banick

Children's Social – Shelley Gilley & Sandra Maxwell

Government Relations – Shay Baird

School Relations – Michelle Stillman

Welcoming – Tanya Johnson

Annual Dinner

It's time again for the annual adult social folks. Boy has the year flown by! This year we invite you all to come out to meet your new neighbors and catch up with old ones as we vote for our Board of Directors and discuss the goings on in the

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Schools

Fall is in the air and that means school is back in full swing! Please remember to watch for children getting on and off the bus in the morning and the afternoon.

CMS has Teacher Workdays on October 2, 23, and 24.

Construction is beginning on the new Flat Branch Elementary, which will relieve overcrowding at McKee Rd Elementary. If you are interested in the boundaries for this new school, there is a community meeting Thursday, October 5 from 6pm – 8pm at Community House Middle School. Proposed boundary maps are located on the CMS website. Flat Branch will open in August 2007.



Playground Play Date

Let's get outside and have some fun!!! All children (ages 0-5) come and join us at the new playground at Col. Beatty Park on Friday, October 13th. We'll

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REMODELERS CORNER



A number of residents made improvements to their homes, thus improving the quality of our neighborhood. Our hats off to the Detullio, Spence, Mattos and Buch

families for improvements such as new paint, windows, roofing and fencing.

CONSIDER YOUR NEIGHBOR

Please be considerate of your neighbors when walking your dogs. There is a leash law in Mecklenburg County that requires all dogs to be on leashes. Plus, if your dog(s) uses the bathroom in your neighbors' yard, be prepared to clean up after good, old Fido.

It's that time of year when we get outside to enjoy the Fall weather and work in our yards. As you clean-up, please use your trash service to remove yard waste. You may consider recycling what you can into your gardens or natural areas. We need to keep our streets clean for safety and appearance.

HELP NEEDED

The Hearthstone Neighborhood Association needs a volunteer or volunteers to complete the neighborhood website. This is a great opportunity for a school student who needs a service project and is computer savvy. If interested, please contact **Scott Mathews** at smathews@carolina.rr.com.

WELCOMING By Kim McClintock

Several families have moved into the neighborhood over the summer. Please welcome:

Deborah & Keith Rogers
Children: Nicholas (4 ½) and Kylie (3)
3122 Quilting Rd.

Yongee Wang
3034 Butterchurn Ln.

Nancy Moore & Steve Akin
3022 Butterchurn Ln.

Trevor & Amanda Hancock
10210 Rocking Chair Rd.

Rob & Kathy Montgomery
10217 Rocking Chair Rd.

If anyone is aware of any new families, or any births, illnesses or family deaths within the neighborhood, or if you would like to help with meals, **please contact Kim McClintock, Welcoming, at 704.847.2691**

STREET SAFETY

Please avoid parking on the streets. This is critical so that the school buses can make their way safely through our streets. It also keeps our children safe as they play in the neighborhood.

Parking vehicles in your yard is also prohibited in Mecklenburg County. Please keep all vehicles in your driveway.



Sooner than we think it will be leaf raking time! Prepare your lawn. Winter can be the most important time to feed your lawn. January and February are the best times to get that pre-emergent weed control down.

LUMINARIES

Mark your calendars – the annual Hearthstone Luminaries Lighting and Caroling party will be **Sunday, December 17**. More details will follow, but if you are interested in hosting a refreshment stop or helping with the setup, delivery or cleanup of the luminaries, **please contact Kim McClintock at 704.847.2691**

HALLOWEEN SOCIAL by Sandra Maxwell

The annual Hearthstone Halloween Social will be held on Tuesday, **October 31st at 5:00 P.M.** Come join us in the backyard at the Gilley's at 10417 Rocking Chair Road for hot dogs and chips. Bring the little ones in costume and have some fun

before the trick or treating. The party starts at 5:00pm and trick or treating begins at 6:00 pm! **Be certain you RSVP to Sandra Maxwell at srmaxwell@alltel.net with the number of hot dogs needed for your group.** See you there!



Selling Your Home?

You will want to share the new Hearthstone Neighborhood brochure with your realtor or prospective buyers. Tanya Johnson has created a brochure that highlights the many wonderful things about our neighborhood such as the people, our activities, the park and our award-winning schools. You can see a copy of the brochure at the annual meeting. If you are interested in getting copies of the brochure, contact Sarah Hamlin at sarahholden@alltel.net. Tanya did a fantastic job and we thank her for all her hard work !

Play Date

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meet at 10am (weather permitting). Everyone bring a lunch! Dessert

and drinks will be provided. If you would like, bring a tricycle, scooter or bike to ride. This will be a great chance for the kids (and moms) to catch up with one another! **RSVP to Shelly Gilley at 704-846-9324 by October 10th.**

Great Discounts

Be on the lookout for an information packet in your mailbox late October/early November regarding a Sherwin-Williams neighborhood discount program. For one year, Hearthstone residents will receive 20% off any product and 5% off any sales product at Sherwin- Williams retail stores. At the end of the annual period, the amount purchased by our residents will be totaled and 3% will go back to the neighborhood association and in turn be used for programs and services we provide for you. A membership card will be included in the mailing, so don't miss it!

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neighborhood. We decided to have some fun this year and have the meal catered by Price's Chicken Coop up-town (as many have told us, it is the best fried chicken in town) , ribs from Tony Roma's, salad, incredible desserts and much more.



Along with the centerpiece give-aways we will also be having two additional door prizes for our guests. We ask (beg) that since we are having a huge portion of the meal catered this year, that you all R.S.V.P. promptly so that we can place the correct order. Fliers will be going out soon.

RSVP to:

Dawn Banick at 844-0161
Or
Leslie Walls at 849-0688

FROM THE EDITOR *by Dana McKittrick*

The *Heathstone Holler* has and will continue to be a key link to knowing what is going on in your neighborhood. With this edition, we are initiating some changes to make information about our beautiful neighborhood and the fine folks who "are" Hearthstone - you and me! We have to be more efficient to keep you better informed.

Starting with this edition you may have noticed that you received this in email. This is tremendously effective for many reasons. It offers your association the opportunity to present more detailed and helpful information; it allows the use of color and photography to make it more appealing and representative of the character of our neighborhood; it saves your association printing costs; and it lets us distribute the information immediately regardless of the weather outside. The newsletter is but one element in a

significant effort to promote Hearthstone as a place folks want to live and raise their



families. The same core features of our neighborhood are still a major benefit to attracting new homeowners and enhancing the level of appreciation in our property we all expect and plan on.

The newsletter is just one part of this overall effort. As your Editor and Publisher, I welcome any and all ideas for feature stories to be included. And any suggestions to improve the quality of this newsletter are also welcome. Nobody has all the answers. So your thoughts and input are requested.

I would like to entertain a new name for the newsletter. I am asking everyone to come up with their suggestions and send them to me. The goal is to keep the character of everything we put in print to be high quality and be again representative of who we are and where we live.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Dana McKittrick

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