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New Board Takes Over

A sincere ***THANK YOU*** to those who have served our neighborhood. Many of these folks have worked for many years quietly meeting their commitments and making Hearthstone a far better place to live.

Standing from left to right: Bill Jernigan (Incoming Beautification), Scott Matthews (Continuing Vice-President) Ken Walls (Outgoing Beautification), Kim McClintock (Outgoing Welcoming/Incoming Secretary), Sandra Maxwell (Continuing Children's Social), Michelle Stillman (Continuing School Relations) Shay Baird (Continuing Government Relations), Shelly Gilley (Continuing Children's Social), Dawn Banick (Incoming Adult Social)

Seated L to R: Leslie Walls (Outgoing Beautification/ Incoming Adult Social), Molly Spence (Outgoing Treasurer), Kathi Hart (Incoming Treasurer), Tanya Johnson (Outgoing Adult Social/ Incoming Welcoming), Sarah Hamlin (Continuing President), Stacey Manley (Incoming Co-President)

Not Pictured: Nancy Klug (Outgoing Secretary), Jon Spence (Incoming Neighborhood Watch).

Hearthstone Web Site Launched

After many months of preparation and development, Trevor Hancock, one of our new neighbors in 2006, has produced the Hearthstone Neighborhood web site, www.hearthstoneneighborhood.com. This will be the central source of information to the general public as well as a private area for the Hearthstone residents. Trevor is a gifted computer

technician working for Microsoft Corp for several years. He has put a great deal of time and care into making this "our" web site and a strong, positive image to the public and prospective buyers.

Be sure to visit the site, register, and start using and sharing information.

Luminaries Adorn the Streets by Kim McClintock



The Hearthstone Annual Luminaries and Caroling was a huge success. The neighborhood looked beautiful with the luminaries lining the streets and all the holiday decorations displayed. About 20 people met at the front of the neighborhood to begin the caroling and made their way down Rocking Chair to the O'Brien's where refreshments were

enjoyed. The group grew to about 40. From there the carolers continued down Rocking Chair stopping at the streetlights to sing ending up on the Husky's back porch for cider and treats made by Shari Wynn. A big thank you all the singers in the group who kept us (mostly) in tune and the O'Brien's, Husky's and Shari Wynn for the refreshments.

SLOW DOWN by Sarah Hamlin

Seriously...please slow down. We have received numerous complaints about people speeding through the neighborhood and disregarding stop signs. This includes adults and teenagers. Some people who have complained can name the

person who is speeding. We are a small neighborhood and it doesn't take long to get where you are going, even if you drive the speed limit. So, seriously...slow down and keep our neighborhood safe. Thank you!



Adult Social by Dawn Banick



*Chili Cook-Off
February 3rd, 2007*

Chili Cook-Off

Our annual chili cook-off is almost here! Once again we will meet at the Colonel Beatty Park clubhouse on Feb. 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Come with your best pot of chili and see if you can win bragging rights for this year!! We really have a great time at this casual

event and hope to see you all there.

We would like to ask for volunteers to cook chili again this year.

If your name begins with A-M please bring a dessert, N-Z a side-dish (if you have volunteered to bring chili, you do not have to bring a side-dish

or dessert).

We will provide drinks and cornbread.

Please contact Dawn Banick 844-0161, dawnndave1@aol.com

or

Leslie Walls 849-0688 to R.S.V.P.

Welcoming by Tanya Johnson

I can't tell you how excited I am to be your Welcoming contact. In the time I have lived here, I have come to love this neighborhood and the people here. It is really a unique community of people who really care and look out for one another. My husband and I feel fortunate to live here and love being able to get that small-town connection with others in an area that is becoming

more populated each day. I am here to greet new neighbors and welcome them into the neighborhood as well as arrange for meals, cards, etc., for any births, deaths, illnesses, or unusually difficult circumstances that you or one of our neighbors might be experiencing. I have a great group of volunteers to help. So we are all set to get cooking and sharing goodwill.

Please let me know *immediately* when you learn of someone moving in or who is facing any of the things mentioned. I may not always be aware. My information in the directory has changed. My new information is as follows:

Tanya Johnson
704-321-9684
Johnsonfam1996@alltel.net

"Please let me know immediately when you learn of someone moving in or who is facing any of the things mentioned..."

Holiday Carolers



Proposed Dues Increase for 2007

At the Hearthstone Annual Meeting and Chili Dinner we will discuss the 2007 budget and vote on the proposed increase to the HOA dues. Our dues have been the same (\$50) for the past 5 years despite rising costs across the board. In order to

continue to maintain our neighborhood and provide the same activities we must have a larger budget. Please join us February 3rd when this will be decided (attendance is required to vote). Once the amount for the 2007 dues has been established

you will receive a notice on Feb. 4th and payments will need to be made by February 15th to avoid a late charge. If you have questions or comments, contact Kathi Hart, evenings after 6pm or weekends at (980) 253-6732.





Winter Lawn Care

by Dana McKittrick

What a strange winter we have had so far. With the warm weather and our lawns dormant, the weeds have taken full advantage. I have noticed some chickweed popping up much sooner than I ever remember.

One solution is to get the upper hand before the weeds have a huge root system established. Consider an application with something like **Weed-B-Gon** (<http://www.ortho.com/index.cfm/event/ProductGuide.product/documentId/313AD6F70DFC6B5F6765A5DCA2674C8E>). I have found that I need to supplement my normal feeding of the "weed and feed" dry fertilizers to keep some of the tougher spots under control.

March is when you want to launch your annual program. It is one of the most important feedings as it is your first pre-emergent crabgrass and weed control for the summer season. A good resource to keep you on track is the **Scott's** web site (<http://www.scotts.com/index.cfm?event=annualProgram.processStoreType&strReturnURL=index%252Ecfm%253Fevent%253Dscotts%252Ehome&zipCode=28105&grassCode=TFES&cid=555A5381-65BF-EE24-21D3-F74396CA4188&tkn=88239053&storeType=Home+Center>). It has a great chart to help you keep track of the "what and when". In our beautiful, tree covered lots, we have one additional concern - pH. Lime helps balance the pH in the soil. Generally it would be pretty difficult too apply much lime. Regular applications at almost any interval (2 or 3 times annually) will help tremendously. Put lime down 2 weeks prior to any seeding. If that isn't feasible, put lime down with new seed and Starter Fertilizer. If you want to get specific information about how much lime to add, check with a professional lawn & garden center and see if they have soil testing services. Or you can take samples to the **Mecklenburg County Cooperative Extension** in Charlotte (<http://mecklenburg.ces.ncsu.edu/>). Getting your soil pH in shape is a huge step to a beautiful lawn.

Lost & Found

If anyone happened to find a gold bracelet with amethyst accents along the road in the neighborhood please contact Stacey Manley at 704-321-0904. Thank you.

