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Hearthstone *Annual Dinner — Mardi Gras!!*

by Cheryl Overton & Betty Huskey

Please mark your calendars.....

The annual Hearthstone Annual Meeting and Dinner is scheduled for Saturday February 28. This years theme is a festive Mardi Gras Fling. There will be authentic Mardi Gras dishes and great music immediately following the meeting. Adults only please — BYOB.

Please plan attending to find out what is going on in your Neighborhood and meet old and new Neighbors. Contact Betty Huskey at eshuskey@aol.com or Cheryl Overton at overtonjnc@aol.com to RSVP.



Hearthstone Welcomes New Neighbors

by Jen Walls & Kristin Andes

The O'Connor family moved into Hearthstone in May, 2008, renting the first house on the right as one enters the neighborhood (10511 Rocking Chair Rd.; 704-246-7569). A former corporate trainer, Pamela teaches third grade at Antioch Elementary. Daughters Madeline (10th grade) and Abigail (9th grade) both attend Weddington High School. Hannahmarie is a 7th grader at Weddington Middle. Molly, a four-year old West Highland Terrier, rounds out the family. If you need babysitting, yard work, or dog walking help, give Abigail a call. Or call Hannahmarie for babysitting or plant watering. Pamela is a cousin

to Tina Baird of Butterchurn Lane. Welcome to the O'Connors!

The Albrittons recently moved into 3111 Butter Churn Lane (the house with the great wrap-around porch!). They have lived in the Charlotte area for several years. Rebecca works as a business analyst for TIAA-CREF. Husband Stephen works there as well, as a wealth management advisor. Son Chance (11 years old) is a 5th grader at Matthews Elementary. He will join the neighborhood middle schoolers at Jay M. Robinson next year. Chance has played baseball with now-neighbor Tom Gilley as his coach. The youngest member of the family, son Ayden, is a joyful crawler, aged 11 months. The Albrittons can be reached at 704-989-4171 (Rebecca) or 704-578-7930 (Stephen). Welcome to the Albrittons!

Important Dates..



- Sandra Maxwell would like to remind you to keep of Wednesday, April 1st open for the annual Egg Hunt! More details to follow.
- Jen Walls reminds us to collect up our valued treasures and have them ready for the Annual Hearthstone Neighborhood

Garage Sale, to be held on May 16th. This is a great time to clean out your attic and garage and make a little extra cash! Be sure to check out the 'Caffeination Station' at the Burk's house. Many thanks to Jeff and Cheryl Overton for heading up this event for Hearthstone."



Hearthstone Celebrated the Holidays in Style

by Jen Walls & Kristin Andes

December was an exciting time for the Welcoming Committee! We had a super crew of young volunteers who helped assemble 1,500 bags of candles and sand for the annual luminary event. Many thanks to the friendly neighbors who helped to assemble and light luminaries for those who could not be home, and to the persistent folks who walked the neighborhood re-lighting luminaries doused by drizzle! In the end, it was a beautiful event, with candles remaining lit until well after midnight. Thanks so much to all who participated!

Our annual caroling event attracted a small but talented group of singers. Tantalizing refreshments were provided by the Singletary



Pets on the Loose

by Jen Walls



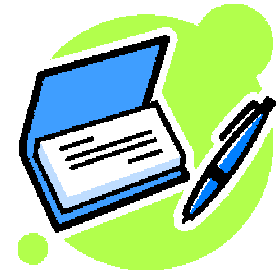
Several neighbors have recently complained about dogs barking at 4 am, an increasing number of loose dogs in the neighborhood, along with an increased amount of dog 'business' in their yards. While we are a pet friendly neighborhood, it is very important to remember that not all residents have dogs or want dogs and their mess in the yard. Please remember to keep your dogs leashed or behind the fence, and pick up after your dogs when walking. If your dog is outside barking during the night or very early morning, please be kind to those still sleeping and bring the dog inside.



Neighborhood Dues

by Brad Fellers

Please remember to pay your 2009 homeowner's association dues. Annual membership dues are \$70.00 if paid before February 15th or \$75.00 if paid on or after February 15th. Make checks payable to "Hearthstone Homeowner's Association." These dues cover the cost of landscape maintenance, water and lighting for the front entrance, Christmas luminaries, neighborhood directories, newsletters, several children's activities, and a portion of the adult socials. Each house should have received a dues notice. Please complete and return the bottom portion of the notice with your payment. If you have any questions, please contact Brad Fellers at 336-692-7168 or bradandjess@gmail.com.



Neighborhood Directory

by Kim McClintock



The 2009 Hearthstone Homeowners' Association Dues notices have been delivered. If you did not get one, please contact Brad Fellers at bradandjess@gmail.com or 336-692-7186. At the bottom of the notice is the form for the 2009 neighborhood directory which will be delivered in late April. Please print clearly to ensure that the information for your family in the directory is correct. If you do not want some of the info included, please do not list it. There are some new items on the form this year that will be added to the directory including a "service directory" for neighborhood young people, a revised "Helping Hands" program, a new program called "Kids Safe House" and "Neighborhood Watch".

As in previous years we have advertising space available on the outside back page, inside front cover and inside back cover. If you are interested in advertising in the HearthStone Directory, please print this page, complete the section below and drop it in my mailbox with a check made payable to "HearthStone Neighborhood Association". Current directory advertisers have the first right of refusal for their current advertising space until April 1st. After that we will take these on a first come, first serve basis. Ad material is due by April 15th.

If the space you requested is not available, I will contact you with your options and will of course refund any difference. If you have any questions, please call me at 704.847.2691 or email me at home@mcclintockhvac.com

Kim McClintock
3127 Butter Churn Lane

Your Name _____

Your Company Name _____

Type of Business _____

Contact phone # _____

Please circle your interest:	Outside	Inside	Inside
	Back Cover	Back Cover	Front Cover
	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$25.00

Inauguration 2009 — Live!

by Annie McCanless



As a high school Civics and Economics teacher at Providence High I realized nearly a year ago that the 2008 presidential election would be special — no incumbent. So in March of 2008 I signed up to take a group from Providence to the inauguration. Little did we know that the election would bring unimaginable crowds, traffic, and congestion to Washington, D.C. to celebrate the newly elected president. Thirty two students signed on for the trip that began on Sunday (with a send off by WCNC) and ended Wednesday evening so that student could take their exams on Thursday. We saw museums and monuments during our brief touring times but the purpose of the trip was Tuesday — a cold and blustery day on the Mall. We got up at 4AM and got on the bus at 5AM. Traffic on the highways was by bus only and permits were checked at several roadblocks. D.C. was packed at 5:30 AM so several of the roads we expected to use were closed. We were able to get on the mall by 6:45 and there we stood — watching a Jumbotron on our tiptoes until it was over!! We experienced history in a way we will never forget! Maybe four years from now some neighborhood students will be able to attend the next inauguration with me!

Pet Registry & Call To Action

by Trevor Hancock



A recent call for newsletter content from the board lead to what we all considered to be a great idea from Jen Walls — namely a neighborhood pet registry on the HearthStone Website. We want to create a section of the website, accessible by homeowners only, to feature photos of our pets, along with contact information and identification in case they are lost and then found. If you would like to participate in this registry, please forward me (e-mail Trevor@TheHancocks.ws) the above information and we will get this set up. Keep an eye out in future newsletters for more details on this program.

Call to action — this is a neighborhood newsletter. While most of the content has traditionally been contributed by members of the board, we are always open to contributions from anyone in the neighborhood. How about some prose? Anyone have a neat story to tell about a neighborly experience they've had? How about an update on a local group or activity that you think people may want to join? Short story about a rabbit, perhaps? :-)

If you have something to contribute to a future newsletter please feel free to send it along at any time to Trevor@TheHancocks.ws.