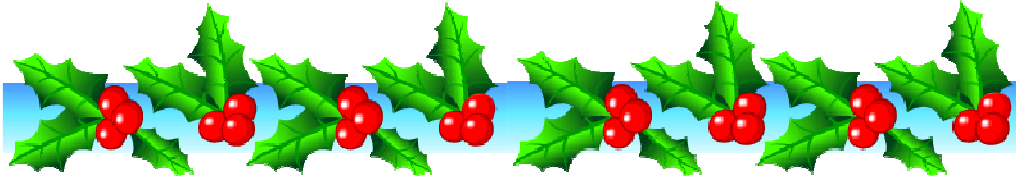




# Olde Point News

Olde Point Property Owners Association, Inc.

December 2012



## OPPOA Coming Attractions

- **January 4** – Look for **Invoices for 2013 dues** in the mail in early January. **Please wait until you receive the invoice before mailing in your dues.** Your check should be returned with the enclosed card, with changes noted. If you have no changes then you do not have to fill it out, but please return it with your check. You may fold the card to fit into the envelope. **Dues not paid by March 1 will be delinquent.**
- **January 31 - The OPPOA General Membership Annual Meeting** takes place at 7:00 PM at Topsail Middle School. Please be prepared to vote for members of the 2013 OPPOA Board of Directors and ACC and ratify the 2013 budget.

## News from the OPPOA Board of Directors

There are a number of reasons you may want to attend the annual meeting of the Olde Point Property Owners Association on Thursday, January 31, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at Topsail Middle School.

You'll get a chance to voice your opinion and suggestions, and subsequently take part in the ratifying process, of the proposed Association budget for 2013, and review the expenditures made and approved by the board of directors over the past year. A copy of the proposed budget for 2013 is found elsewhere in this newsletter, and will also be available at the meeting along with details of how your \$50.00 annual dues were spent.

You'll also have the opportunity to meet the association members who are candidates for election to the Board of Directors and the Architectural Control Committee. Enclosed in this newsletter is a ballot identifying those individuals, and you can either bring the ballot with you to the meeting or return it by mail if you are unable to attend the meeting.

The Board of Directors currently consists of 10 members and can have a maximum of 12. Six vacancies are available for 2013 and there are four individuals on the ballot to be elected to three-year terms. The Architectural Control Committee, which consists of three elected members and three appointed members, has one elected vacancy for next year and one individual on the ballot for that position. There is one appointed position vacant.

It is important that all vacant positions be filled, and anyone interested in serving on the board of directors can be nominated and elected at the annual meeting, or can be appointed for a one-year term by the board, and the board can also appoint a member to the ACC. If you are interested or want further information please call Board President Terry Peters.

A couple of things we've been working on:

Over the past few months our Roads Committee has been in contact with the N.C. Department of Transportation attempting to determine if some of our private roads would qualify to become public roads and be taken over by the DOT for maintenance purposes. Two of the DOT's most stringent requirements is that 100 per cent of the individuals owning property on those roads must agree to allowing those roads to be designated as public, and that they agree to have, if necessary, a drainage ditch dug across the front of their property.

We have sent out questionnaires to those members who live on or own lots on Cordgrass, Osprey, Shearwater, and Oystercatcher to determine if they would agree to those two requirements. Although we have not received the questionnaires back from all of the members on each of those roads, there have been enough negative responses from those living on each of those streets to know that none of those roads would be considered by the DOT. We'll discuss at the annual meeting what that means as far as future maintenance for those roads and the other private roads within our association.

Recently the Board of Directors decided, as a result of ongoing commercial construction, to discontinue providing maintenance and improvements to the Olde Point monument at the intersection of Highway 17 and Ravenswood Extension. This decision occurred after much discussion concerning the cost of repairing the lights, needed maintenance on the monument itself, additional landscaping costs, and providing a water source for plants and flowers during the summer.

The property on which the monument and surrounding landscape is located in the median of Ravenswood Extension is owned by the developers of the commercial property, and has never been owned the association, but has been maintained by the association for many years as a community enhancement project. Some damage has been done to this area by the trucks and heavy equipment during construction, and it is anticipated that at some point the developers will replace that monument with something more conducive to the shopping area.

In anticipation of the demolition or replacement of that monument, which identifies an entrance into the Olde Point community, the board has approved exploring the feasibility of locating and constructing a welcoming signage into Olde Point at a more appropriate location. This effort is underway, and will be discussed in more detail at the annual meeting.

### **Resident Heroism!**

Two of our Olde Point residents, both U.S. Marine Corps members, are being recognized for their quick and professional response to a serious car accident on Olde Point Road that prevented more serious and potential life-threatening injuries to the three occupants of the vehicle.

During the late evening on Sunday, October 14, 2012 Major Mark Fowler and his next door neighbor Staff Sgt. Adam Holmquist were home when they heard and responded to the sound of an accident and the screams and crying coming from the area of Olde Point Road near the bridge over the creek. When they, and SSgt. Holmquist's fiancée Colleen Kancler, got to the accident scene a Pender County Sheriff's Deputy had also just arrived.

Colleen Kancler immediately provided emergency first aid and stabilized one of the accident victims who was thrown from the car, and Major Fowler and SSgt. Holmquist went into the woods and located the vehicle and found a male and a female passenger inside.

SSgt. Holmquist crawled inside the vehicle and determined that a male passenger was seriously injured but still breathing. The two Marines, who had brought a first aid kit with them, administered emergency medical treatment to the male passenger, including inserting a tube down his throat to help his breathing, and also helped the female passenger, until emergency medical technicians arrived. At least one of the most seriously injured occupants was airlifted to a medical facility by a helicopter that landed on the old tennis court field at the intersection of Olde Point Road and Olde Point Loop.

For their efforts Major Fowler and Sgt. Holmquist are being considered for a life-saving award based on recommendations from officials responding to the accident.

## By-law Change

Prior to the general membership meeting on November 15, 2012 the Board of Directors recommended to the membership that they approve an amendment to the by-laws of the Olde Point Property Owners Association reducing the mandatory number of general membership meetings held each year from two to one.

Ballots were provided in the newsletter either my mail or email to all members asking them to vote on this amendment on or before the general membership meeting on November 15. The ballots were counted on that date, and the amendment was overwhelmingly approved by the members voting.

Beginning in 2013 OPPOA will conduct an annual meeting in January and a general membership meeting sometime during the middle of the year, and the date and place of that meeting will be announced in the membership newsletter. The Board of Directors can call additional membership meetings if necessary.

## Proposed Budget for 2013

2013 Budget		2013 Budget	
<b>Assets (as of 11/30/12)</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
Checking Account Balance	\$25,071.32	Administrative expenses	\$2,900.00
Money Market Account Balance	\$39,772.30	Architectural control	\$100.00
Roads Maintenance Reserve	\$27,500.00	Beautification	\$5,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$92,343.62</b>	Community Relations	\$1,000.00
		Copying, printing	\$1,500.00
<b>Income</b>		Legal expenses	\$5,000.00
Membership Dues	\$27,500.00	Mailing	\$1,000.00
Donations, refunds	\$300.00	Membership	\$500.00
Interest income	\$30.00	Miscellaneous	\$200.00
		Neighborhood watch	\$500.00
		Office supplies	\$100.00
		Emergency road repairs	\$5,000.00
		Website	\$250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,830.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,050.00</b>

## News from the ACC

If you have any questions regarding the Olde Point Covenants for Phase 1 or 2 (Sections 1 through 5) or wish to report a violation of the covenants go to our website [www.oldepoint.net](http://www.oldepoint.net). Scroll down to "Contact us". Another screen will pop up and you can complete the email request for information or report an issue. A member of the ACC will get in touch with you.

THANK YOU

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE



# BALLOT

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** (Vote for four)

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Paul Godridge** Paul has been on the Board of Directors for the past three years and currently is Vice President and Co-Chair of the Roads Committee.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Alicia Pickett** Alicia was appointed to the Board of Directors in 2012, and currently is the Membership Chairperson.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Ken Rice** Ken has been on the Board of Directors for the past three years and is currently Co-Chair of the Security Patrol Committee
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Sam Thompson** Sam has been on the Board of Directors for the past three years And is currently Co-Chair of the Security Patrol Committee.

## **ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE** (Vote for one)

- \_\_\_\_\_ **David Whitaker** David and his family have recently moved to Olde Point and he has previously served on a large HOA Board in Greenville, S.C.

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**OPPOA BOARD MEMBERS**

**President** – Terry Peters  
**Vice President** – Paul Godridge  
**Treasurer** – Leah Swiffen  
**Secretary** – Martin Kinney  
**Beautification** – Mark Swiffen, Paul Godridge  
**Block Captains/Volunteers** –  
**By Laws** – Paul Godridge  
**Community Relations** – John Blasko  
**Covenants** – Loretta Greenough  
**Liaison to the ACC** – Loretta Greenough  
**Community Liaison** – Paul Godridge  
**Membership** – Alicia Pickett  
**Newsletter** – Martin Kinney  
**Roads** – Paul Godridge, Scott Kehoe  
**Security Patrol** – Ken Rice, Sam Thompson  
**Telephone Directory** –  
**Web Site** – Leah Swiffen

**OLDE POINT CLUB CONTACTS**

**Olde Point Men's Golf Association** – Ray Dutkiewicz  
**Olde Point Ladies Golf 9 Holers** – Marilyn Kimble  
**Olde Point Ladies Golf 18 Holers** – Peg Strenkowski  
**Tennis Association** – Jeanne Walsh  
**Hampstead Garden Club** – Karen Saari  
**Olde Point Couples Bowling League** – Mary Deheck  
**Duplicate Bridge** – Clem Bribitzer  
**Ladies Marathon Bridge** – Evie Dyer  
**New Girls on the Block Bridge** – Dot Murphy  
**Book Club** – Kate Richie  
**Ladies High Kickers Bowling** – Lois Berlin

(Please contact us online if your club contact changes)