



Olde Point News

Olde Point Property Owners Association, Inc.

June 2016



A Great Place to Live – And Play!

OPPOA Important Dates

- **Thursday, July 21, 2016 – General Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM, Hampstead Library.**
- **June 25, 2016 – Newcomers Party, George’s Restaurant, Olde Point Country Club, 1-3 PM**

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The General Membership meeting will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2016 starting at 7:00 PM in the meeting room of the Hampstead Library. Among the items on the agenda for that meeting will be information concerning recent action taken by the Board of Directors concerning road issues; updates of new building taken place; and a six-month report of association finances.

As a result of the January 2016 election for vacant positions on the Board of Directors and for the Architectural Control Committee(ACC), Stratton Lobdell and Alicia Pickett were elected to three-year terms on the Board, and David Whitaker was elected to a three-year term on the ACC.

At the February 2016 Board of Directors meeting Paul Godridge was elected President; Stratton Lobdell was elected Vice President; Kim Karach was elected Treasurer; and Terry Peters was elected Secretary. President Godridge made the following appointments: Alicia Pickett, Membership Chairperson; Scott Kehoe, Roads Chairman; Stratton Lobdell, Community Relations and Website Chairman; Nick Shrum, Beautification Chairman; Steve Cokor, Security Patrol Chairman; and Terry Peters, Covenants Chairman and Liaison to Architectural Control Committee.

There are still open seats available on the Board of Directors, and the Board has the authority to appoint interested members to the board on a temporary basis until the next annual election. The board encourages more member participation on the board and anyone interested should contact the President or any of the other



current board members. The Board of Directors meets on the second Monday of every month at 6:30 PM at the Hampstead Library.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

All mandatory members, with the exception of nine individuals, have paid their annual dues for 2016, which were to be paid by March 31, 2016. The Board of Directors has authorized the filing of liens against the properties of those who have yet to pay their annual dues for this year. In addition, we have received voluntary dues from a number of individuals in the Olde Point community, and thank them for continuing to be an important part of the Olde Point Property Owners Association and helping support our community-wide activities and programs.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Set forth below is a recap of income and expenses for 2016 as of May 31, along with amounts budgeted for the calendar year:

BANK ACCOUT SUMMARY: Checking Account - \$17,464.77

Money Market Account - \$72,624.26*

(*Includes \$25,000 in Roads Maintenance Reserve
And \$20,000 in Construction Deposit Escrow)

INCOME:	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u>
Donations, Vol. Dues, Refunds	\$ 2,075.00	\$ 300.00
Interest Income	\$ 14.13	\$ 30.00
Membership Dues	\$26,625.00	\$27,500.00
Construction Deposits	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -0-
Administrative Fees	\$ 480.00	\$ -0-

EXPENSES:

Beautification	\$ 335.35	\$ 5,000.00
Community Relations	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,000.00
Postage	\$ 8.24	\$ 1,000.00
Road Repairs	\$ 29.85	\$ 5,000.00
Website		

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Over the past number of years OPPOA has published an Olde Point telephone directory on even-numbered years. Before making a decision on whether or not to publish a directory in 2016 the Board asked for member input through the ballots sent to all members. The response was extremely poor, and only a few members responding asked to continue the printing of the directory. As a result the Board of Directors decided not to undertake the printing of a directory in 2016.

The April community yard sale appeared to be extremely well-received with over 30 families participating in this event.

Due to the number of new homes being built in the community over the past two years, as well as a number of new residents moving into the area during that time, the Board of Directors has agreed to host a newcomers party to assist new members in meeting other area residents, making new friends, and learning more about the community. The event will be held on Saturday, June 25 from 1 to 3 PM. George's Restaurant at the Olde Point golf course has graciously agreed to provide their meeting rooms, and will serve light refreshments and cookies, cake, and brownies. It would be helpful if you are planning to attend to email either the President at president@oldepoint.net or the Community Relations chairman at communityrelations@oldepoint.net.

ROADS

For many years Olde Point residents have complained about excessive speed and resultant dangerous conditions on Olde Point Road. Last year residents took their complaints again to the Department of Transportation in an effort to get the speed reduced on that road from 35 mph to 25 mph. A subsequent speed study conducted by the DOT determined that the average speed on that road during the study was just over 45 mph.

Although DOT acknowledged the problem through their study – and the Pender County Sheriffs office confirmed that through their various radar monitoring efforts – DOT advised that they did not have the authority to reduce the speed limit any further. They did suggest that the community could petition for the approval of speed calming measures if it met their requirements. DOT provided a list of 287 names of area residents who DOT identified as being directly affected by traffic conditions on Olde Point Road, and required that if 70 per cent of those residents signed the petition asking for speed bumps to be placed on Olde Point, and a certified engineering study was completed to determine what speed calming measures were necessary to correct the problem, they would approve its implementation. However, they would not conduct an engineering study or pay for a private study, or the construction of any speeding calming measures if the study so recommended them.

Within the last year community members obtained the signatures of 208 of those 287 residents identified by DOT – well over the 70 per cent required – and brought all of the information to the attention of the Board of Directors. At its May 2016 meeting the Board of Directors, acknowledging this was viewed as a serious problem by a large number of its members and a potential safety issue that the DOT was not going to address, agreed to pay for the \$5000.00 engineering study out of its Roads Reserve fund, and to pay for – within the budget of the Roads Reserve fund - the recommendations that study concluded were necessary to reduce the speeding on Olde Point Road.

The study by the engineering company has been completed, and they have recommended the installation of nine speed humps – each being 16 feet wide, 12 feet long, and being tapered to three inches at their highest point – and placed approximately 430 feet apart. Although the exact cost and the time table for this installation has not been determined as of the printing of the newsletter, initial estimates are about \$11,000.00

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

In 2015 the Architectural Control Committee approved the construction of 19 new homes within the covenant-mandated boundaries of OPPOA, and has approved another seven new homes for construction in 2016. In addition, at least three new builds are expected to be reviewed for approval within the near future.

As a reminder, our covenants require that all allowed yard signs, which include only “for sale” or “for rent” signs, must be placed parallel to and at least 15 feet off the road. This information should be communicated to your realtor.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Neighborhood Watch schedule for patrolling the Olde Point community to observe and report unusual or suspicious activities has been emailed to those who have volunteered. We still need volunteers to participate in the program and anyone interested can contact Steve Cokor via email at neighborhoodwatch@oldepoint.net or at vsokor@bellsouth.net for additional information.

For those of you who have offered to receive our newsletter by email – thank you! That savings of paper, printing and mailing is significant and allows us to reduce association expenses and keep our annual dues to a minimum. If you are receiving the newsletter by mail and would like to change to email, or would like to receive it by mail, please contact our newsletter chairperson. Also, if you would like your club or organization recognized in our newsletter or community website, or have information

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OLDE POINT COMMUNITY INFORMATION
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OPPOA BOARD MEMBERS

President – Paul Godridge
Vice President – Stratton Lobdell
Treasurer – Kim Karach
Secretary – Terry Peters
Beautification – Nick Shrum
By Laws – Paul Godridge
Community Relations – Stratton Lobdell
Covenants – Terry Peters
Liaison to the ACC – Terry Peters
Membership – Alicia Pickett
Newsletter – Terry Peters
Roads – Scott Kehoe
Security Patrol – Steve Cokor
Web Site – Stratton Lobdell

OLDE POINT CLUB CONTACTS

Olde Point Men’s Golf Assoc. – Paul Saari
Olde Point Independent Golf Assoc. – John Davis
Olde Point Ladies Golf 18 Holers – Kathy Davis
Olde Point Tennis Association – Jack Kelly
Hampstead Garden Club – Dena Seago
New Girls on the Block Bridge – Dot Murphy
Olde Point Book Club – Jay Heidel
Ladies Marathon Bridge Club – Evie Dyer

(Please contact us online if your club contact changes or if you want to add your club or organization to our newsletter or website)