

BAYBERRY COVE BULLETIN

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MANAGER'S CORNER

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HOMEOWNERS:

It has come to my attention that several owners can't reach me by email or by phone. I would like for all residents that have had that problem, to please check your current contact information. Listed below are various ways to contact me at the association office:

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My goal is to return all phone calls within 48 hours (during regular scheduled business days/hours)

Due to the nature of my duties, I am frequently out of the office. If you would like to meet with me, please call in advance to schedule an appointment. I will be glad to meet with you at your property or at the association office at the address listed above to address any concerns.

Additional Note: I HAVE RECEIVED MANY REQUESTS THAT ALL OWNERS AND THEIR GUESTS USE CAUTION WHEN DRIVING THROUGH BAYBERRY COVE. THERE ARE MANY CHILDREN RESIDING AND/OR VISITING. OWNERS ARE ASKED TO ABIDE BY THE SPEED LIMITS AND WATCH OUT FOR THE CHILDREN.... THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON!

Residents' Attendance On the Rise

It has been observed that attendance to the Homeowners' Association meetings has been increasing gradually. Efforts are being made to continue this trend. Please join us and bring a neighbor or two for the next meeting. Learn more about the latest in Bayberry Cove inside this issue.

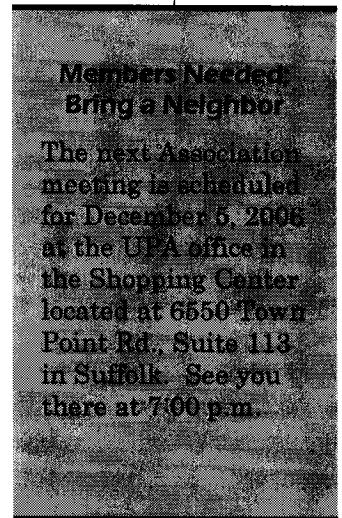
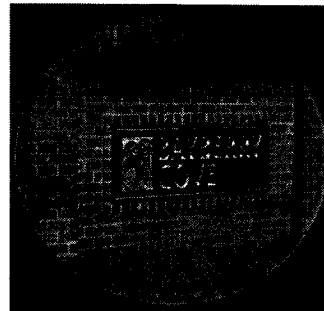
THIS NEWSLETTER IS AN OFFICIAL FORM OF NOTIFICATION FOR THE ASSOCIATION

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Members Needed Bring a Neighbor

The next Association meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2006 at the UPA office in the Shopping Center located at 6550 Town Point Rd., Suite 113 in Suffolk. See you there at 7:00 p.m.



COMMUNICATING WITH HOMEOWNERS

Your Association Web Page

Your Communications Committee has put a lot of effort into bringing your web page current, and we've received a lot of suggestions from homeowners that are greatly appreciated. This is the current status of the web page: A new template has been put in place, with brighter colors and a more lively style; each of the subordinate pages has been assigned a moderator to maintain it; we continue to look for cost-effective options for hosting the web page, and a recommendation was given to the board at the December meeting to keep this host or switch to another. If you have not logged onto the web page in the last month, please "surf" it and see what it looks like. I have started a discussion string on the message board with some specific questions about what you want your web page to be, and we want your input.

What's So Special About Bayberries?

The bayberry is found in sandy swamps or wet woods in several varieties, ranging from New Brunswick to Florida and along the coast of Texas. The bark of the root is used in herbal medicines and the plants are used mainly as ornamentals, while the waxy film on the berries has been used since colonial times to make candles. Bayberries are boiled in water to release the wax, which is skimmed off to make candles. The aromatic scent of the bayberry made the candles popular as a holiday accent and gave rise to a bit of folklore that I remember from my younger days. According to legend, "On Christmas Eve, a bayberry candle burnt to the socket, brings warmth to the heart and wealth to the pocket." Other versions have the candles burning on Christmas night or New Year's Eve, and to bring health as well. I'm not superstitious, but maybe I'll buy three; it can't hurt.

Bob Garrott, Communications Committee Chairperson

Meet Our Board President

My name is Ron Hoover and I have been elected by the homeowners to serve a two year term on the board of directors. Additionally, all board members selected me to serve as President of the association. To all the members of Bayberry Cove, I would like to thank you for your support and look forward to working with everyone to ensure the quality of life in Bayberry Cove is maintained.

I moved into Bayberry Cove Dec. 2002 from Tucson AZ and have been an active

member of the community. I am a retired Air Force veteran (20 year 1 month). My career field is Law Enforcement, Security and Antiterrorism. Currently I work at Headquarters, Air Command, Langley AFB assigned within the Security Force Divisions Antiterrorism / Force Protection Branch as a civilian employee.

I am originally from Pittsburg PA. I am married (Michelle) with three children (Zack-13, Connor-10 and McKenzie-2.5). I enjoy all

sports and outdoor activities.

I will continue to strive to represent all homeowners fairly while keeping association expenses at the appropriate level to ensure quality of life for all families and maintaining our excellent home values. Please feel free to contact me via the webpage presidents email link. Thanks for making Bayberry Cove a great place to live.

R. Hoover



Around the House

Yucky, Smelly Garbage Disposal?

To remove odors from your garbage disposal, just pour 1/2 cup of table salt in the disposal, then run with water as usual. This will clean and freshen up the disposal.

Pass Me the Peanut Butter—Hold the Hair

One of the best methods for removing chewing gum from a child's hair is to use a small amount of non-chunky peanut butter, but not the natural kind. Other methods, such as placing the person's head in the freezer for 45 minutes, is not recommended. *(1001 Household Secrets)*



Happy Holidays

*May peace, good health,
and joy be yours throughout
the coming year!*



Costume Parade A Success

What a great turnout for the Bayberry Cove 3rd Annual Costume Parade October 28th. Many youngsters and a family pet dressed in their favorite costumes and followed the parade route from the front of the development on Rabey Farm Road to the park. To our delight the Driver Fire Dept. fire truck, along with its crew, led the parade. The first event was the costume contest. Costume winners received prizes and all participants received goodie bags. Janine DeMello of Long and Foster Realty donated the dinosaur bounce house for all children to enjoy. New this year was the Pumpkin Walk, the biggest hit of the day. Baked goods, donated by generous neighbors, awaited on too long, just begging for winners to take home. Other games included a ring toss and a ball toss. A craft table, where anyone could stamp a mask or get a temporary tattoo, also provided lots of fun. Hotdogs, snacks, and drinks made it hard for anyone to go home hungry.

Thanks to all who volunteered their time and goods: Carlis and Michelle Brown; Glen and Leigh Ann Harsh; Tim and Jennifer Neal; Ann-Nurse Davis of Long Foster Realty; Laura Fleming; Wilma Jack; Rhonda Envoy; Geoff and Joanne Johnston, Chris Fry; Charles and Barbara Sutton; Bill and Ellie Raetzke; Pam Garrett; Janine De Mello of Long and Foster Realty; Sheri Curtis;

Sarah Walsh, Wayne and Tawnya Forest; Driver Fire Dept; Suffolk Police Dept; Renee Evans; Andrea Duquette; Leslie Smith; Long & Foster's "Your Military Connection"; Colleen Hamlin Stampin' Up; Montego Caribbean Restaurant - VA Beach and Chesapeake locations; Prosperity Mortgage; Lowes Home Improvement; AJ Gators; Neal Fence & Deck; Snyders. See you next year!

We're on the web:
www.bayberrycove.org

Social Committee Report

Since becoming a member of the Board of Directors in June, I have had the privilege of being the chairperson of the Social Committee. The other members are Colleen Hamlin, Laura Fleming, Carlis and Michelle Brown, and Jennifer Neal. The committee meets as needed. Terrific volunteers have assisted us in various capacities at all events. We extend "KUDOS" to all volunteers.

On August 19, our first event, the Community Yard Sale, took place. The committee met twice to plan, finalize, and carry out the event. Flyers were distributed and an ad was placed in the *Virginian Pilot*. We made two signs and placed them at the entrances prior to the day of the sale. Many of you participated, made money, and met new neighbors. The

sale was a huge success!

Next we began plans for the Costume Parade and "Yard of the Month." After driving through the neighborhood and assessing all yards, each member e-mailed his/her nomination for a yard based on criteria established by the committee. The committee selected one from the list. The winner was presented a \$25 gift certificate to Applebees, sponsored by Ann Nurse-Davis of Long & Foster Realtors (me), and a card, compliments of the committee. A sign was placed in the winning yard and the prize was given around the first of the month. Winners thus far have been Mr. & Mrs. Jack at 110 Rabey Farm Rd. for September and Mr. & Mrs. Harsh at 304 Black Pine Ct. for October. Photos of the yards

are on the Bayberry Cove website. Perhaps your yard will be the winner for November.

Our biggest event to date was the 3rd Annual Bayberry Costume Parade. After much hard work planning the event and deciding on marketing strategies to help fund the event, we began distributing flyers to peak residents' interest. During the two distributions, committee members got to meet many other neighbors. After rain on the morning of the event, Mother Nature provided a great afternoon with bright sunshine and a mild temperature to cap off the day. Children and adults gathered in the park for a terrific time and good food. Hope you were there.

CAROLING AT THE COVE

A search is on for great and not-so-great voices to join the Social Committee's "Caroling At the Cove" to be held in December. Families are welcome. We are trying to secure a hay wagon or a flat bed truck, with rails, to slowly cruise the carolers through the neighborhood while beautiful songs of the season stream through the air. Afterward, we hope to gather for hot chocolate (homemade guaranteed), hot apple cider, and cookies for the carolers.

Practice will be held twice before the event. Dates and times will be posted on the website. Please volunteer by logging on the website at www.bayberrycove.org or emailing the Social Committee chairperson at ANN.NURSE-DAVIS@Longandfoster.com. Please leave your name, address, contact number or email address. Come on! Let's usher in the Yuletide season.



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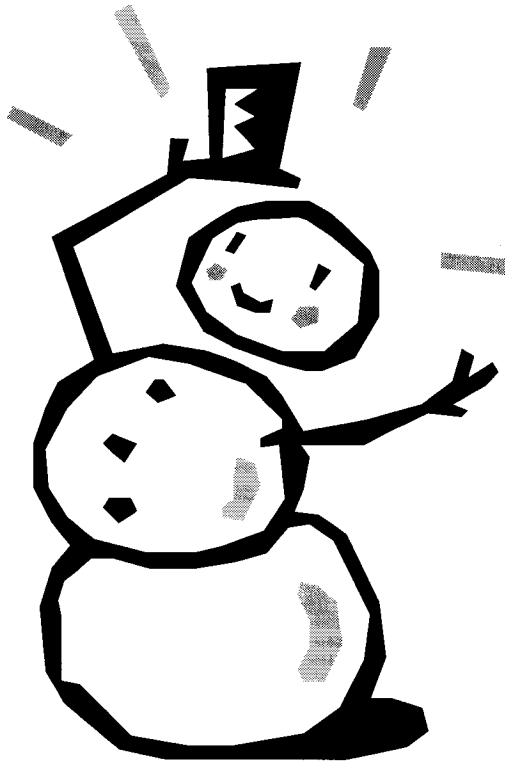
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**WINTER TIME...A TIME FOR WARMTH, FAMILY AND FUN!
DRESS WARMLY AND ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF WINTER.**