

The Troon Tribune

Winter 2010/2011

Annual Holiday Party Fun for All

On Sunday, December 12, Troon residents gathered at the clubhouse to celebrate the holiday season and the coming new year.



Merrill and Joan Jackson and Helen Ford are having a good time



Party goers enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts



Tom Hoffman pauses on the way in to have his picture taken



Gayle and Ron Dellinger relax on the couch



Theresa Vanderhoof is having a good time



Pat Questell and Carolyn Camp smile for the camera

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Grace Pugliese and Ann Ball say "Hi!"

Troon Bulletin Board

Parked Vehicles

If you are aware of any vehicles parked for awhile in overflow spaces, please alert a Board member.

Sunshine Committee

Do you know of a neighbor who is in need of a caring message? If so, please contact Hilda Messner at 462-7011 or Fiore Klebbe at 466-0047.

Good News

The budget for 2011 has been approved and there will be no increase in homeowner dues next year.

Residents who would like to rent the clubhouse for private parties – please contact Bob Gehrler at 465-9153.

Please Pick Up After Your Pet

Troon Tribune Staff

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Staff Photographer:	Ron Dellinger





Volunteers Decorate the Clubhouse for the Holiday Sea-

Many thanks to the volunteers, some of whom are pictured below, who did a fabulous job decorating the clubhouse, inside and out,

- 🎁 Penny Blackley
 - 🎁 Alice Cassimatis
 - 🎁 Gayle Dellinger
 - 🎁 Ron Dellinger
 - 🎁 Mary Ann Hoover
 - 🎁 Ann Lay
- 🎁 Theresa Vanderhoof
 - 🎁 And a special thanks to Bob Gehrer and Frank Smith for setting up the tree.

Before and After



Alice Cassimatis puts the finishing touches on the tree



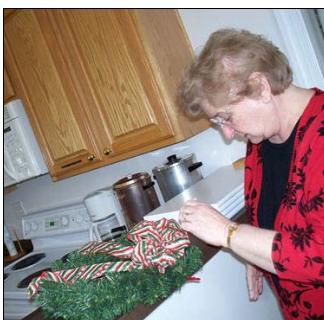
Our intrepid photographer, Ron Dellinger, tries his hand at decorating the tree



Penny Blackley puts together some decorations



Mary Ann Hoover places a bow on top of the tree



Gayle Dellinger ties bows on holiday greenery



Theresa Vanderhoof unpacks Christmas tree ornaments

Meet Your Neighbors

Troon Tribune staff reporter Joan Sullivan recently interviewed two of the many new residents to our community, Frank and Shirley Hoss. Here is what she found out about our new neighbors.

Frank and Shirley Hoss 1021 Thistle Briar Place



Frank and Shirley arrived in Troon in September. They are acclimating to their new location, and are glad to be here.

They moved to be closer to their daughter, who works in Cary but lives in Holly Springs with their two granddaughters. One granddaughter is in college and the other in high school.

They have a son who lives in New Orleans and is a news broadcaster for WWL, a local television station. He has two daughters. One is eleven and the other is six years old.

Previously, Frank and Shirley lived in Manassas, VA for most of their lives. Frank is a lawyer who retired as a circuit judge. Shirley worked in a law office in a different district.

Shirley has a back problem is confined more than she would like. Frank likes to play golf and would enjoy playing with other area golfers.

They have a cat called 'Stray' who chose them as her owners. She occupies the sun room when there are no visitors. When visitors come, she hides.

The Hoss family will be together in Cary to celebrate Christmas.

Thank you to all the residents who have been donating food to the Food Bank!

To donate, leave non-perishable groceries in the bin in the clubhouse foyer.

Ladies Exercise

Ladies exercise meets at the clubhouse each Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

By using a variety of VCR tapes and DVDs, we are striving to stay fit while enjoying the companionship of our neighbors.



Please join us!

Mary Ellen Gehrer

Letters to the Editor

Troon Common Areas and Amenities

Recently I attended an informal meeting at the Troon Clubhouse with other Troon residents. During this meeting there was a discussion relating to Troon amenities/common areas (clubhouse, pool, pond, walking trails etc.). This discussion focused around the perception that there are some Troon residents that openly state that they either do not support maintaining all or certain amenities or common areas here at Troon.

After hearing this, which I have heard personally numerous times, I thought it was time, and long overdue, for an article on this subject to be written and published in the Troon Tribune.

I have lived here in Troon for over five years.

When I lived on McKirkland Court there were discussions relating to adding plantings along the concrete block wall which runs parallel with McKirkland Court. The developer (WKB) left most of this area next to the wall with only pine straw. To the credit of the Landscape Committee and the Troon Board, plantings were added along this wall. It looks great and I have heard many residents, some not living on this street, say how good it looks.

Over the last few years other projects have been completed such as the addition of the mail box roof, plantings along the Kildaire bank at the west end of Troon, front entrance plantings and many other projects.

One area that has been overlooked relating to proper maintenance and improvements is the area around the pond. It is my understanding that in the near future improvements will be started to enhance the appearance and usability of this common area which will benefit all Troon residents.

My hope going forward is that 100% of Troon residents will support maintaining/im-

Thank You

Tess and I would like to thank all our neighbors, whom we would rather call friends; For their concern, prayers and food during her extended illness. Be assured, your kindness was paramount in her recovery.

*With kindest personal regards,
Tess and Peter Mazza.*

proving amenities whether it is for the clubhouse, pool, pond walking trail etc.

One last thing. Not only is it neighborly to support the Board, Committees and our grounds here at Troon but it is a wise financial decision. As a North

Carolina licensed real estate broker, I often hear questions asked as to how is the value of our homes holding up considering the recent housing market decline.

The answer to that question is not straight forward. There are obviously many things that Troon has going for it. Our location, our brick façade, excellent

financial reserves, clubhouse, pool, pond - stocked for fishing, walking trail, wild life and an active social committee with numerous activities. These items all

add significant value to our property values.

Hopefully this article will help Troon residents stop and think before saying " I don't care about a particular feature of our community because I can't see it

or I don't use it". I think we all need to lend our support in keeping Troon the special place that it is.

Dave Cassidy



Ongoing Events

- Book Club – 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.
- Board. of Directors – 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Coffee Hour – 2nd Thursday, 9:30 a.m.
- Bridge & Dominos – Friday, 1:00 p.m.
- Dominos – Monday, 7:00 p.m.
- Exercise – See the article on page 7 for the summer schedule.
- Finance Committee Meeting, 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
- Ladies Luncheon – 4th Wednesday, 11:30.
- Men’s Night Out – Thursday, 7:15 p.m.
- Movie Night – 4th Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.



Book Club News

The Book Clubs meets at the clubhouse every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Here’s what they’ll be reading during these cold winter days indoors.

- 📖 December 16: A Redbird Christmas (by Fannie Flagg)
- 📖 January 20: Crow Lake (by Mary Lawson)
- 📖 February 17: Bridge of Sighs (by Richard Russo)

Message from Joe

Prepare for the Change of Season



We have had record setting warm weather for June, July and August this summer, and it would be wise to prepare for possibly record-setting cold weather this winter. Early residents of TROON will recall an ice storm and a heavy snow storm that we had to deal with in the past. This can happen to us again.

The following reminders are provided to aid all of us to be ready for any storms that we may have to contend with. These are reminders and not directives.

- Remember your neighbors by checking on them and assisting any way you can.
- Plan your meals and keep food on hand for several days. Include foods that don’t have to be heated in case of a power outage. And don’t forget a hand-operated can opener.
- Keep several days of drinking water on hand. (Experts recommend 1 gallon/day per person.)
- Consider filling your bathtub with water to flush your commodes and for other hygiene needs,
- Consider getting a battery operated radio or weather alert radio, if you do not have one, so you can keep up with the storm’s progress and emergency instructions.
- At the first storm alert, make sure you have an adequate supply of your prescription drugs to get you through the emergency time period.
- Consider keeping on hand several bags or containers of a substance such as sand or kitty litter to spread on your sidewalk or driveway.
- If you have gas logs, check that they are operational and the pilot light is on.
- Make sure your car’s gas tank is full.
- Make sure you have a flashlight with good batteries on hand along with candles and a lighter.
- Cell phones can be kept charged with a car charger during a power outage.
- Consider your health and physical condition before shoveling any snow.

More Pictures from the Holiday Party



Joan and Joe Long pose for the camera



Partygoers enjoy catching up with neighbors



Alice Cassimatis offers dessert while Bill Pugliese looks on



Carol and Bob Vaughn chat with Helene Mochrie



Pearl Rosenberg serves dessert



Dick Mochrie and Bob Vaughn share a few thoughts

Save the Date

- ☺ Saturday, February 12, 11:00 a.m. – Valentines Brunch
- ☺ Saturday, March 12, 5:00 p.m. – St. Patrick's Pot Luck Dinner
- ☺ Saturday, June 4, 5:00 p.m. – Hot Dogs
- ☺ Sunday, July 10, 7:00 p.m. – Sundaes on Sunday
- ☺ Saturday, August 27, 6:00 p.m. – Pizza and Salad
- ☺ Saturday, October 15, 6:00 p.m. – Catered Barbecue

- ☺ Tuesday, November 29, 1:00 p.m. – decorate the clubhouse
- ☺ Sunday, December 11, 5:00 p.m. – Desserts and Hors d'oeuvres

The Social Committee meets the third Monday at 1:00 p.m. in the clubhouse.

Watch the bulletin board for more details about our events.

Home Owners Associations

Have you ever wondered about the history of home owners associations? Paul Phillipi did, and here's what he found out.

A home owners association (HOA) is a community of home owners with common interests.

They were created by developers to gain control of the appearance and management of common assets.

The HOA's Board of Directors (BOD) is responsible for managing common assets, These common assets include roofs and mortar as well as the clubhouse and pond.

The BOD is also responsible for ensuring there is an adequate reserve fund, which is critical to long-term maintenance as the properties age.

HOAs often hire a property management company to assist them. Our property management company is Grandchester Meadows.

HOAs also provide developers with an exit from legal responsibilities by transferring common assets to the HOA.

The first HOAs were created in the 1860s. In 2006, there were 23 million American homes in HOAs and 57 million residents lived in them.

In the 1960s, there was a rapid growth in in the number and variety of HOAs.

Coffee Hour



Join your neighbors for coffee at the clubhouse at 9:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month.

Movie Night

Wednesday Night Movies have been a Troon tradition since January 15, 2003.

Please come to the clubhouse at **7:00 p.m.** on the fourth Wednesday of every month except for December when we don't meet at all..

We pick movies by request. If you have any suggestions or would like to see a certain movie, please call Joyce Patton at 467-7149.

Better yet, come and support Movie Night! Help pick movies and join in the fun of watching a good movie with good company.

The schedule for 2011 is on the following Wednesdays:

☞ January 26	☞ July 27
☞ February 2	☞ August 24
☞ March 23	☞ September 28
☞ April 27	☞ October 26
☞ May 25	☞ November 16
☞ June 22	☞ December – No Movie

Joyce Patton



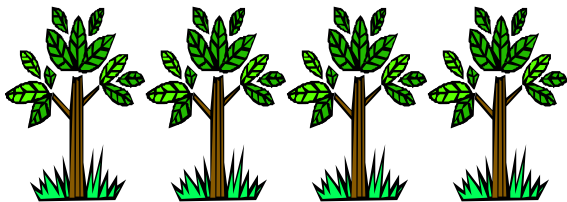
From David Robbins

The 2011 budget has been finalized and your 2011 assessment information is listed below by house model. There have been no changes to the assessments as indicated by the approved budget.

- Ascot- \$161 per month (\$1932 per year)
- Belmont- \$170 per month (\$2040 per year)
- Edinburg II- \$212 per month (\$2544 per year)
- Edinburg and Windsor II- \$197 (\$2364 per year)
- Windsor- \$234 per month (\$2808 per year)

You will receive your paper coupons by regular mail in the next several days. Coupons will also be posted on our website at www.grandchestermeadows.com.

If you have any questions, please send an email to accounts@grandchestermeadows.com



Troon Guest Policy for Social Events

The policy approved by the Troon HOA Board in August 2008 is still in effect. It states:

Due to clubhouse size limitations, only Troon residents, Troon single residents and guests, and adult out-of-town guests may attend Troon social functions. Notice of social functions will be posted three weeks prior to each function. Reservations must be made and paid for 5 days in advance of function. There will be no walk-ins. Food order will be submitted 4 days prior to the event with no refunds allowed after this time.

Gayle Dellinger

Landscape Committee

The irrigation system has been shut down for the season. It has been drained and winterized and will not be turned back on until the spring of 2011.

In 2010, the Troon Landscape Committee, working closely with our landscape company, Wilkerson Landscapes, completed or is in the process of completing the following work items:

Ground maintenance, including a recent aerat-



ing and over seeing of the lawns, and a fourth trimming of our shrubbery.

Ground improvements included planting 25 additional blue rug junipers along the Kildaire Farm Road wall.

A committee was formed to create a plan for the pond; initial work will include cleaning up and trimming near the shoreline and along the banks near the water.

A survey was completed (paid for by an anonymous donor) to identify overgrown shrubs in the community. Most of these shrubs are around our air conditioners: these shrubs will be removed and replaced with smaller bushes.

The Landscape Committee thanks the community for their patience, especially since we have had one of the warmest seasons on record. This has made it tough for our lawns and landscaping in general.

Finally, a special thanks to Marilyn Wolberg for heading up the pond committee.

Bob Menasian

Clubhouse Closing Schedule for January 1 – April 29, 2011

1/1-1/7	Maggie Gautier	274-5771
1/8-1/14	Earl High	463-9128
1/15-1/21	Roger Kluckman	461-0470
1/22-1/28	David Cassidy	465-0038
1/29-2/4	Geno Pizzo	463-0495
2/5-2/11	Mark Auerbach	467-2074
2/12-2/18	Norm Hostetter	461-0687
2/19-2/25	Jim McKinney	614-3707
2/26-3/4	Bob Menasian	880-7115
3/5-3/11	Joyner Brooks	467-9524
3/12-3/18	Joe Long	380-9205
3/19-3/25	Howard & Rose Wiseman	650-2624
3/26-4/1	Frank Smith	481-0618
4/2-4/8	Merrill & Joan Jackson	469-8583
4/9-4/15	Phil (Buddy) Marcus	460-8177
4/16-4/22	Patrick Florio	468-1971
4/23-4/29	Jack & Susan Timberlake	481-9516

DUTIES:

- Take a flashlight and cell phone with you and inspect the clubhouse and pool deck for anything unusual or for unauthorized people.
- Lock gates to pool area. Check BBQ grill for gas shut-off. (In season)
- Turn off all TVs and appliances. Set thermostats at 78 for A/C, 64 for heat.
- Check all doors and windows to be sure they are locked.
- Check 3 lamps on timers to be sure they are operating.
- Test motion lights at front and poolside of clubhouse.
- Check outside entrance lights at front door and exercise room door.
- Lock front door when you leave.
- If you encounter intruders or vandalism, call police at 911 or 469-4016
- Call a Co-Chairman or Director if you are in doubt.

Co-Chairman, Clubhouse and Pool Committee:

Bob Gehrer (465-9153), Franklin Smith (481-0618)

Troon Committee Members

If you would like information about a committee, or if you would like to volunteer to serve on a committee (and we always welcome new people!) , please contact the committee head from the list below.

• Architecture	Ann Ball, Chairwoman, Judy Fissinger, Audrey Gillman, Tess Mazza, Grace Pugliese
• Book Club	Beth Gladen, Margaret Phillippe
• Bridge	Elly Borst, Louise Cinoman
• Dominos	Mary Ellen Gehrer, Ann Bradley
• Circulation Block	Chairs: Audrey Gilman, Nita Brinkley Block Captains: Mary Lee Anderson, Dottie Arold, Ann Bradley, Judy Fissinger, Beth Gladen, Pricilla Hoffman, Anne Huffman, Fiore Klebbe, Hilda Messner, Helene Mochrie
• Coffee Hour	Helene Mochrie, Tess Mazza, Judy Fissinger, Penny Blackley
• Finance	John Hauser, chairman, Jack Timberlake, Joe Long, Dick Mochrie, Marilyn Wolberg, Bob Gehrer Board representatives – Merrill Jackson, Vice-Chairman; Bob Vaughn, Treasurer
• Ladies Exercise	Mary Ellen Gehrer, Hilda Messner, Shirleen Smith,
• Landscape	Bob Menasian, Mary Ann Hoover, Elizabeth Scales, Mark Auerbach
• Library	Shirleen Smith, Carolyn Camp, Joan Sullivan
• Maintenance	*****Volunteers Needed*****
• Movie Night	Joyce Patton
• Newsletter	Pearl Rosenberg, Editor; Joan Sullivan, Staff Reporter; Ron Dellinger, Staff Photographer
• Pool & Clubhouse	Bob Gehrer, Frank Smith, Earl High, Fiore Klebbe, Diane Lapinsky, Margo Totten
• Social Committee	Gayle Dellinger and Mary Ann Hoover, Chairwomen; Penny Blackley, Judy Fissinger, Fiore Klebbe, Diane Lapinsky, Anne Lay, Helene Mochrie, Joann Long, Carol Vaughn, Ann Bradley (Ladies' Luncheons), Theresa Vanderhoff
• Sunshine	Hilda Messner, Fiore Klebbe
• Troon Travelers	Joan Jackson, Bob Gehrer


Troon of Kildaire Home Owners Association Officers

• Chairperson	Joe Long	380-9205
• Vice Chairman	Merrill Jackson	469-8583
• Secretary	Fonda Daniels	872-2009
• Treasurer	Robert Vaughn	851-5001
• Member at large	Helen Ford	460-3880
• Assistant Secretary	Beth Gladen	467-1483
• Assistant Treasurer	John Hauser	462-6613
• Property Manager	David Robbins	389-7944


January 2011

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March 2011

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