



Charter Point Notes

July 2018

"We hold our heads high, despite the price we have paid, because freedom is priceless." ~ Lech Walesa



Yard of the Month

The Keels Family 4327 Charter Point Blvd



Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Daniel Mendoza

5466 River Trail Road, S.
Lot 45

We hope you will enjoy your new home and community. Look for a welcome visit soon!



July 4th is almost here. Time to fire up your BBQ, stock up on sparklers, and find out what fireworks and festivities are going on near you this Independence Day.

Few things are more synonymous with Independence Day than fireworks. Many are sure to enjoy the City of Jacksonville's July 4 celebration with its display, which kicks off over the downtown riverfront at 9:45 p.m.

Launched from a barge on the St. Johns River near downtown hotels, this year's fireworks will be visible from both the north and south banks of downtown Jacksonville, Brooklyn area, and the Riverside Arts Market (RAM) location under the Fuller Warren Bridge. Audio is available at RAM and at Friendship Fountain Park. The fireworks can also be viewed on WJXT Channel 4.

Citizens are encouraged to be mindful of roadway closures and access restrictions. The eastern most northbound lane on the Acosta Bridge will close at noon and will fully close at 9:15 p.m., reopening once all firework trailers and debris are cleared. The Main Street Bridge will close at 9:30 p.m. through the show's conclusion at approximately 10:15 p.m. All other bridges will remain open. For more information, check out [Jacksonville July 4th Fireworks, Parades and More: 2018 Guide](#) at Patch.com.

Patriotic Stuffed Strawberries



Juicy strawberries are dipped in white chocolate, filled with sweetened cream cheese, and topped with a blueberry and an American flag pick. A perfect treat for any celebration!

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| 1 pt of strawberries | 2 T. salted butter, room temp | * Blueberries |
| 2 oz. white melting chocolate | 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract | * American flag party picks |
| 2 oz. cream cheese, room temp | 1 C. powdered sugar | * Same number as strawberries |

Wash and dry strawberries. Hull and slightly hollow the center of each berry. Trim a small slice off the bottom so the berry stands upright. Melt white chocolate according to pkg directions. Dip each strawberry bottom into melted white chocolate. Set dipped berries on a wax paper-lined baking sheet. Refrigerate 15 minutes or until the chocolate is set. Mix together the cream cheese, butter and vanilla until smooth. Blend in powdered sugar, then beat until fluffy. Remove berries from refrigerator. Pipe cream cheese mixture into each strawberry. Spear each blueberry with an American flag party pick so the blueberry is about halfway up the pick. Insert pick into the cream cheese. Repeat with all berries and refrigerate for an hour or until set. Prepare only a few hours ahead of time. Otherwise, the strawberries will begin to soften and leach juice. They look and taste better the same day as made.

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Summer Safety Tips

With summer's arrival, we can expect an increased number of visitors to Jacksonville and to our neighborhood. Regardless of your schedule, be aware that most

schools are closed for the summer, which means increased children's activities. Be alert for joggers, walkers and children playing in the street or riding bicycles, scooters, and/or skateboards.

According to Sheriff Mike Williams, "Vigilance and a willingness to call law enforcement continue to be our best defense against violence and terror. If you see something, say something" Williams, M. (Sept 2016) Report Suspicious Behavior, retried from <http://www.coj.net/sheriff>. Be security focused. Report suspicious persons or activities to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) non - emergency number (904-630-0500). If vandalism or other criminal activity are witnessed in progress, call 911 to report the incident for emergency assistance.



Be mindful of Charter Point's **posted speed limit (30 mph)** and Stop signs, especially the four-way stop at Charter Point Blvd and Oak Bay Drive. Running or rolling through there or other intersections is dangerous to other motorists, walkers and cyclists. Come to a full and complete stop. Don't become or create a tragic statistic. It only takes a moment to slow down and to stop to keep streets safe. Vehicles seen speeding or running/rolling through Stop signs by our JSO officers will be ticketed.



Notification of Property Check

(available to CPCA Members Only)

On the charterpoint.org home page, click "Out of Town Property Check" to open a form that, when completed and submitted, will alert Charter Point's security chair AND JSO officers who patrol our neighborhood that you are requesting a property check on your residence while out of town. The form may also be used as a Suspicious Activity Alert. If you see a suspicious person or activity in the neighborhood, note it in the "Comment" section of the form. Click "Submit" to send the form.



To discourage solicitors, post signage containing statutory language to warn pesky visitors against soliciting and to leave the premises immediately or they may be subject to arrest.

Charter Point *No Soliciting* signage (4"x6" card) is available to post near your front door or doorbell. Download and print from the website (Forms), Contact Bill at 904-743-0014 if you lack a computer and need a printed copy.



Summertime for Dogs & Cats

Summer's here, and that means there are some important things to think about when it comes to your pets. Warm weather can be dangerous. It's hard for pets to keep cool when the sun is beating down, and that's because animals don't sweat like people do. You probably knew that dogs cool themselves through panting, but did you know that they sweat through their paws, too? When there is only hot air for a dog to breathe, it's a lot harder for that dog to keep cool.

While cats tend to tolerate the heat a bit better than dogs, even enjoying it (a cat stretched out in a sunny window sill), it doesn't mean you should overlook your kitty this summer.

Never, ever, EVER leave your pet in a hot car. It can take MINUTES for a pet to develop heat stroke and suffocate in a car. On a 78 degree day, for instance, temperatures in a car can reach 90 degrees in the shade and top 160 degrees if parked directly in the sun — in MINUTES. Best to leave your pet home on warm days. If driving around with your dog or cat in the car, bring water and a water dish and take your pet with you when you leave the car.

Keep the paws in mind. When the sun is beating down, surfaces like asphalt or metal can get really hot. Try to keep your pet off of hot asphalt; not only can it burn paws, but it can also increase body temperature and lead to overheating. Also, it's not a good idea to drive around with your dog in the bed of a truck – the hot metal can burn paws quickly (and the dog can fall out or be injured or killed in an accident).

Water and shade. Do your best to keep your furry friend cool and comfortable when you're out and about. If you and your pet are out in the sun for an extended period of time, make sure plenty of water is available to avoid dehydration. Get your pet into the shade as much as possible.

Haircuts. If you have a dog with a thick coat, consider a haircut! One inch is a good length to avoid sunburn (yes, dogs can get sunburns) and also keep your dog cool.

Stay safe at barbeques. Backyard BBQs are fun, but people food and drinks can cause stomach upsets in dogs and cats, and some can be *toxic. Keep pets away from *alcohol and foods like grapes, *onions, *chocolate, ice cream (dogs/cats are lactose intolerant).

Keep pets away from fireworks. The dangers are obvious – pets are at risk for fatal or serious injuries and painful burns if they are allowed to run around freely when fireworks are being used. Some fireworks also contain chemicals toxic to pets like potassium nitrate and arsenic. Loud noises can be frightening and disturbing to pets, as their hearing is more keen than ours.

Keep pets safely indoors on July 4th. Apart from New Year's Eve, July 4th is the most active day of the year for frightened dogs and cats to run away, many never to be found.



Join the **Charter Point e-News Group** - Participate in **Social Events** - Find us on **Facebook** - Bookmark **www.charterpoint.org** - Attend **Association Meetings** - Sign Up to **Volunteer** - Connect on **LinkedIn**. Contact **CPCANEWS@aol.com** for more information.

Covenants Corner ~ Friendly Reminders



In 1972, Charter Point Community Association, Inc. and our deeded Covenants and Restrictions (C&R) were established to preserve the aesthetic integrity of our neighborhood and the value of our properties. The Association has a fiduciary responsibility to enforce rules and standards, non-selectively but fairly, to assure our neighborhood is clean, attractive and safe, while building a sense of community. Understanding Charter Point's C&R and Standards can sometimes feel overwhelming if unfamiliar. Here are some key points to remember:

The Basics: yard upkeep (mow, edge, trim bushes, weed beds); maintain grass and or groundcover (no dirt yards or overgrown vegetation, large areas of live weeds or dead/diseased grass); bare landscape beds (mulched or kept free of weeds); clean looking home exteriors, driveways and sidewalks, (free from mold, iron stains, vines); roof debris (minimal leaves, moss, pine straw); driveway permissible parking (non-commercial personal autos, pick-up trucks, SUVs, motorcycles; *NOT permitted: watercraft (boats, jet skis, canoes, kayaks), RVs, campers, and trailers of any type (*not permitted on property unless stored wholly in the garage. Occasionally permissible driveway parking (48 hours only): Watercraft (for cleaning purposes), small trailers (for loading/unloading); AC, well pumps, reservoir tanks, propane tanks, water softeners (must conceal); tattered flags (remove or replace); small trees with limbs hanging too low over sidewalks (trim/uplift); exterior paint color changes (consult the approved color palette); driveways in good repair (no areas excessively cracked, broken and/or lifting); lawn ornamentals in good repair (fountains, statuary); trash and receptacles (no receptacles or trash piled curbside earlier than 6:00 pm the day prior to pick up, remove empty receptacles promptly and store out of street view); dead trees and large dead/broken limbs (remove for safety sake); Tree removal does not mean chopping down the tree and removing the limbs and logs. Unless unusual extenuating circumstances exist, the stump must be removed, including grinding and removing any remnants.

Architectural Review

Written approval must be obtained from the C&R Architectural Review committee (ARC), or Board if the project is complex, for exterior improvements and changes, including but not limited to: fence installation or major replacement; driveway replacement; deck, sunroom, or screen enclosures; roof replacement; painting/siding; swimming pool installation; window replacements; satellite dish install. Basically, any addition, installation or significant change requires approval. Our C&R outlines what is expected before commencing a project and the limits of what is permitted. Written approval is not necessary for replacing existing shrubs, trees or other plantings as long as you are replacing in the same existing areas. If you are redesigning your landscape, written approval is necessary before commencement.

Recently Approved Exterior Projects: 4420 Fern Creek Drive (lot 167) - Driveway replacement.

Standards Enforcement

Kingdom Management (KM) and our C&R Committee work with homeowners to follow our covenants and standards. If you receive a notice from KM, please do not be annoyed or frustrated. These notices are a courtesy letter designed to open a proper communication channel between KM property management, the homeowner, and the Association. The homeowner has an opportunity to contact KM to clear up any infraction or misunderstanding regarding their property. KM, in collaboration with our C&R Committee, are happy to assist owners with questions and concerns. However, please take any notice seriously and correct the violation promptly. It's in the best interest of the whole neighborhood — including yours. If you need additional time to make a correction, simply contact KM to explain your situation and how/when you intend to correct it.

Open Violations as of June 30, 2018: Exterior Condition - 1; Lawn/Landscape Condition - 3; AC/Pump Concealment - 2; Tree stumps - 2; Legal consult - 5.

The Bottom Line: Charter Point standards, by authority of our deeded C&R, are not meant to be intrusive. Rather, our standards are collectively inclusive, intended to protect overall property values by preserving the visual harmony of our neighborhood. When we all do our best to comply, the better our off our neighborhood will be.

The C&R, required Exterior Project & Landscape Improvement application forms, and all Standards (Landscape Maintenance, Landscape Aesthetic, Florida Friendly vs. Eco-Friendly, Exterior Improvement & Maintenance Guidelines) are available at www.charterpoint.org.