



Porter Cove Homeowners Association

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New Board Assigned Positions

As per PCHA covenants and by-laws, a new board is elected every two years. The annual meeting held on February 2nd allowed such vote.

Along with filling positions, the annual meeting covered the following topics: financial reports, website, snow removal, tree trimming, lawn care, garbage cans, lights, dog nuisance, cornerstone and pond maintenance, and more.

Many door prizes were awarded from the following businesses: DQ Grill & Chill, Greek's Pizzeria, George's Gyros, The Village, local gas stations, Chesterton Feed & Garden and more.

One week following, the newly elected board members met to reorganize and assign positions. The new board will meet quarterly to discuss issues regarding our subdivision. If you would like to attend a board meeting, please place a request with a board member.

PRESIDENT: Becky Maranto

Mrs. Maranto has previously held various positions on the PCHA Board and is currently the president of the Porter Park Department.

VICE PRESIDENT: Jim Board

Mr. Board is new to Porter Cove and is excited to work on the board.

SECRETARY: Madalene Vargas

Mrs. Vargas was the secretary for the previous board and is willing to extend her stay on the board.

TREASURER: Russell Dahl

Mr. Dahl worked many years on past PCHA boards as well and has extensive financial background.

DIRECTOR: Cherise Govert

Mrs. Govert is new to our neighborhood and is willing to work in all aspects of maintaining the quality of our community.

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As per our covenants and by-laws, the annual assessment fees of \$25 per year are due on February 1st. If you have already paid, *THANK YOU!* If you still owe, payments can be made in several ways:

MAIL- Payments can be mailed to PO Box 895, Chesterton, Indiana 46304.

WEB- Pay online by going to www.portercove.com. Your fees are processed through PayPal.

IN PERSON- If you personally know a board member, you may drop it off with them, however, no receipts are given.

If dues are not received, the board has the authority to place a lien on your home. The \$25 fee due now will then become in excess of \$100 later. If your home is currently in financial crisis or foreclosure, please notify the board with this information. Consideration may be given to those bound by legalities.

PCHA Sponsors Annual Subdivision-Wide Garage/Yard Sale

The PCHA Board unanimously voted to sponsor the annual subdivision-wide garage and yard sale this year. In the past, participating homeowners were responsible for registering with the sale coordinator and paying a nominal fee to offset the cost of advertising. This year, it is FREE.

The board has chosen the last weekend in June for our sale. The “Resident Preview” night will be on Thursday, June 25th, from 4-7pm. This event allows our homeowners first dibs on our excellent deals! The advertised date is **Friday, June 26th and Saturday, June 27th, from 8am to 2pm.**

Advertising will take place in local papers such as the Chesterton Tribune, The Times, and The Post-Tribune. Signs will also be posted.

It is recommended that those participating in the sale place a sign or other significant marker in their yard during the sale. With this event being free to our homeowners, the board hopes to see a record number of homeowners participating!

Let's Keep In Touch!

Sign up for the new “**COVE CRIER**” and receive e-mail alerts on any breaking news in our subdivision! Send an email with “Cove Crier” listed as the subject to: president@portercove.com.



You've all heard **FACEBOOK** mentioned on the news. It is a web-based community in which you set up your profile and start to find friends! Many connect with past classmates, too! It is easy to set up. Go to www.facebook.com to start the process. **PCHA now has a group on Facebook.** It is a closed group, which means you must be approved to access it. Search “Porter Cove Homeowners Association” and request membership. Once your name has been verified as a homeowner, you will be approved.

Maintaining Our Community Remains Top Priority

The **Bike Trail** between Pearson Road and Babcock Road was previously adopted by PCHA and the current board would like to see this effort continued. While you utilize the bike trail, please take the extra time to pick up any trash along the way. Keeping the bike path clean reflects nicely on our subdivision! Watch for alerts on a “PCHA Bike Path Clean Up Day”.

This first quarter has shown us that the value of our homes in Porter Cove have remained stable. In 2009, the homes that have sold averaged \$86.38 per square foot. Although we are in a rough selling market, prices have only dropped approximately \$5.00 per square foot compared to the last two quarters.

(Real Estate facts have been submitted by resident, Sharon Jones)

Town of Porter News

Park Department

Submitted by: Becky Maranto

Porter Cove park continues to undergo maintenance work this season. A drainage issue has been corrected in the field, and more drainage work will take place in the playground in the future.

In March, the Porter Town Council approved a release of CEDIT funds for the Park Department to correct drainage within Kids Cove.

With the help of FEMA, a new layer of fibar will dress up the top layer of the playground once the drainage is corrected.

A practice ball field utilizing the current back stop will be installed this spring or early summer. Volunteers have stepped forward to get this project underway, and CEDIT dollars will offset the cost. No games will be held here. Any volunteer that coaches a team will have primary usage of the field.

Park Department, Cont.

Gustafson ditch was recently dug out and many trees were cleared as a result. The park dept. is considering fencing off the northern edge of Kids Cove that borders this ditch for safety reasons. The park board would love input from the homeowners of the subdivision on this issue. No fencing style or pricing has been researched as of yet.

The Park Department sponsors three children's events throughout the year.

Saturday, April 4th, 1pm-
Easter Egg Hunt at Hawthorne Park, ages 1-9

Come see our newly remodeled kitchens in the building too!

October 25th, 1-3pm-
Boo Bash at Hawthorne

Community Center, Porter
December 12th, 1-3pm-
Porter Express Christmas Party at Hawthorne Community Center

Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday monthly at Hawthorne Community Center at 7pm.

Street Department

Submitted by:
Brenda Brueckheimer

LEAVES

The Street Dept. currently has Porter Cove scheduled Wednesdays for leaf pick up. Leaves should be raked to the curb and should not have brush debris mixed in.

BRUSH/LIMBS

Brush/limbs that are removed by a resident that handles normal pruning maintenance are to be placed by the street for pick up.

GRASS CLIPPINGS

Grass clippings will be picked up if bagged and placed near the curb. Grass clippings may also be dropped off at the street dept. located at 550 Beam Street, M-F, 8a-4p.

Questions may be directed to the street department at (219) 926-4212.

Important Contact Information

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Town Information:

www.townofporter.com or 303 Franklin St., Porter, IN 46304

Town hall is open M-F, 8:30a-4:30p.

Reminder: **Porter Beach Permits are now available for \$15 or \$5 for seniors. Must show valid drivers license and registration both listing "Porter" as your town.





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