



The October 2018 edition of...

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The official newsletter of the Crosswinds Homeowners' Association

Just Dues...

Good News! Crosswinds Homeowners' dues are still only \$20 per year. The low cost is made possible partly because your neighbors volunteer their services to help keep our expenses low. So, a big thank you again to all our volunteers! Dues collected from homeowners are used to cover the subdivision's general operating expenses. These include on-going expenses for maintenance, lighting and landscaping of the Crosswinds signs. Other basic costs include printing newsletters, publishing directories and maintaining our website. Additionally, past contributions have enabled us to hold neighborhood events such as Halloween and summer parties and adult mixers.



An active homeowners' association strengthens our neighborhood and translates into increased property values for everyone. Along with the volunteer efforts, a high membership level has also enabled us to maintain one of the lowest dues of any subdivision in our area.

Our dues are a bargain! Your block captain will be coming around soon to collect your dues for the upcoming year. For security and bookkeeping purposes, checks are preferred over cash. Please submit your dues by November 3rd.

Neighborhood Survey

In order to continue to have an active homeowners' association, the HOA board needs to know your interests and what activities/events you would like the HOA to sponsor. Please take a few minutes to fill out a survey by copying the link below into your browser:



<https://goo.gl/forms/ISjWf3TLQBYAWSI22>

Your information will be kept private.

It's Halloween Party Time!

Once again, Anchor Court cul-de-sac neighbors have volunteered to host our annual Halloween Party and Parade. The event will be held on Wednesday, October 31st, beginning at 5:00pm. Adult and kids' costume contests judging will start about 5:15pm, followed by the parade and serving of pizza and drinks. Crosswinds residents of ALL ages are welcome---no kids required and there is NO COST to attend. It's a great opportunity to meet your neighbors! Partygoers are welcome to bring desserts to share.

Schedule for Wednesday,
10/31:

- 5:00 – 5:15 Gather in Anchor Court cul-de-sac
- 5:15 – 5:45 Costume Contest & Parade
- 5:45 – 6:15 Pizza, drinks and any contributed desserts



Cars will not be allowed in the Anchor Court cul-de-sac. So, if driving, please plan to park cars on Harbor Drive. In the event of rain, the party will be cancelled. If you have any questions or would like to help out, contact Laurie Rosenfeld at HOA@crosswindsraleigh.com.

Keeping in Touch

New to Crosswinds? Looking to connect with other homeowners? Crosswinds has a website at crosswindsraleigh.com! Check it out for all the latest information on our neighborhood. Many thanks to Eric Szymczyk for his hard work on this. The Crosswinds HOA also has a Yahoo Group to keep homeowners up to date on relevant news, events and happenings. Our e-mail group is secure, quick and environmentally friendly. All messages are limited to items of interest or importance to our residents. Your e-mail address will not be shared with third parties and will not be used for solicitation purposes. E-mail Lori Matteson (HOA@crosswindsraleigh.com) to join.

Luminaries Light up Crosswinds!

lu•mi•nar•y : (loo'mu-ner"ē)—*n.* 1. a body, object, etc., that gives light. 2. a person who is an inspiration to others.

Crosswinds continues its long-standing tradition of lighting luminaries on December 24th.

Our luminaries are white paper bags, weighted down with sand in which a votive candle is burned through the night.

Residents line their curbs with these "lanterns" and the effect of the flickering lights on our streets and cul-de-sacs is enchanting.



Luminary kits are available to Crosswinds HOA members through their block captains for \$4 per set. (A set includes 12 bags, 12 candles and sand.) Residents are asked to order their kits by November 3rd. You may write one check for both dues and luminaries. Block captains will then deliver the kits prior to the 12/24 lighting. Rain date is 12/25.

Winner by a Yard...

The Crosswinds "Yard of the Month" program recognizes those Crosswinds homeowners who demonstrate above-average efforts maintaining their property, thereby contributing to the overall appearance of our community at large. Congratulations to David and Evelyn Bruno and to Tommy and Sylvia Harris our winners for June and July. If your home was a "Yard of the Month" during 2018, please contact us so you can be recognized in our Spring 2019 YOM kick-off.



Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 31 • Halloween Party (5pm)
Nov. 3 • Have you paid your dues & ordered your luminaries?
Dec. 1 • Luminary Assembly



Volunteers Needed

We have an immediate need for new block captains as some of our volunteers have moved out of the neighborhood. Block captains are responsible for collecting dues and luminary monies from about 10-12 neighbors once a year in the fall. They also distribute newsletters and luminary kits. It is a minimal amount of volunteer time but very important in keeping residents informed and the HOA running smoothly.

The HOA needs a volunteer family to host luminary assembly on the first Saturday in December, as well as many volunteers to bag sand and assemble the kits.

We have many other volunteer positions that would fit with your interests from event planning to gardening to putting up signs or wreaths---and everything in between. The more we share the responsibilities, the less of a burden on anyone. Please contact Laurie Rosenfeld by e-mail at HOA@crosswindsraleigh.com.

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