

# Pilot Mill Newsletter

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The Board meets the third  
Tuesday of every month  
at 7pm at the home of a  
board member on a  
rotating basis. Any  
homeowner is welcome to  
attend – please contact  
Gail McDonald in  
advance.

### **Property Management**

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## **Community Mulching**

Spring is coming, bringing community mulching. Work will begin on March 31 and should be complete by mid-April, weather permitting. Triple shredded hardwood mulch will be distributed by hand in common areas as well as incorporated into flower beds on the perimeters of individual properties. Mulching in patios or yards within fenced areas will remain the responsibility of individual home owners. If homeowners do NOT want mulching done on their lots, they should contact Biff Eller at Kohn Ell, 856-1844.

Once danger of a freeze is over, the irrigation system will also be turned on. In our area, the last average date for a freeze is April 13.

## **Communications Committee Update**

The Communications Committee meets monthly and is making progress on several initiatives:

- **Web Site** ([www.pilotmillonline.com](http://www.pilotmillonline.com)) – After a bumpy transition of domain and content hosting, we have started to update the website to get it current. This is still a work in progress. Our longer-term plan is to revamp the entire site based on community feedback.
- **Survey** – Our goal is to survey the community later this summer for feedback on the ListServ, the website, and other issues. We will use this feedback to tailor these communications channels to our community.
- **Electronic Delivery of HOA Materials** – We currently have 60% of the community enrolled to receive newsletters, HOA Invoices, and other materials from the HOA/Kohn-Ell via environmentally-friendly email. Our goal is to get this to over 90%. If you received this newsletter in the US Mail, you are not enrolled and should reach out to any member of the Communications Committee to get signed up.
- **Other Communication Channels** – Later in the year, we plan to look into the use of other technologies such as Twitter and Facebook to see if they could play a role in our communication needs.

### Communications Committee Members

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## Pilot Mill Social Activities

The Social Committee is kicking off 2011 with a fun event! Please join your neighbors in the village for our 2nd Annual V@PM Chili Cook-off on Saturday, April 2 at 7pm. The event last year was such a huge success the Social Committee decided to bring it back on an annual basis!

This year the cook-off will be held at the home of Page and Chris Povolny at 1232 North Blount Street, and will feature a number of chili recipes for tasting. We will award the two winning chili chefs with prizes and lots of accolades. The cost of the event is only \$10 per person and covers all food and beverages including wine and beer. Please contact Margaret Henderson by March 26th at 906-8461 and let her know you are planning on attending and whether or not you want to enter a pot of chili into the evening's cook-off. Either way, you'll have a lot of fun!

Also, Seaboard Wine Tastings are coming back in 2011! The first one will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> with more to be scheduled throughout the year.



**Don't miss out on the great food and neighborhood friendships!**

## Call for Volunteers

Just what everyone wants to hear – right? We know that we have a great community but there is always room for improvement and we are interested in expanding our existing committees to include others with new ideas! So please don't be shy if you have an interest or talent to share, call one of the Board Members or contact a committee chair.

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## Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Our new neighbors are Malcolm and Nancy Brady who have moved to Raleigh from Arlington, Va where they lived for 15 years. They are both retired and consulting. Malcolm was formally Assistant Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, he also retired as a Colonel in the USAF Reserve. Nancy was a medical assistant in McLean, Va. They have two grown children, a daughter in Richmond and a son in Washington. You will see them walking their 2 Jack Russell Terriers, Gus and Tybee. They enjoy going to Atlantic Beach where they have a home. Nancy lists quilting as her main hobby and Malcolm enjoys racquet ball, gardening and fishing.