

# 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 Robert Winchester in advance.

### **Property Management**

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### **Public Safety Officer**

For non-emergencies to report incidents or concerns, call 996-3855.

## **HOA Board Happenings**

The Annual Pilot Mill Homeowners Association Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 8 at William Peace University. The new venue served us well and we had a very good turnout.

First and foremost, a big “Thank You” to outgoing president, Linda DeGrand for her leadership and exemplary service! Robert Winchester was re-elected to the Board and Bijal Gami was newly elected to fill the expiring terms. Please see updated contact information to the left.

Two important updates from the meeting:

1. The Community Watch signs have been received and will be installed in the coming weeks.
2. Adding house numbers on the garages was unanimously approved at the meeting and these will be ordered and installed in early 2012. Homeowners may need to do some pruning to make way for the numbers! Refer to the Landscape Corner for helpful hints.

## **Communications Committee Update**

Yes, it's true; we launched our new community website in November. The address remains the same ([www.pilotmillonline.com](http://www.pilotmillonline.com)). The new tool that we use to manage and host the website is very easy to update and is serving us well thus far. We welcome any feedback on the new site. Please email us at: [vapmcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:vapmcommunications@gmail.com)

Paperless HOA Communications - We remain at about 75% participation in electronic distribution of HOA required notices, dues statements and quarterly newsletters. The shift to electronic delivery will save us over \$1,000 in postage and mailings annually. If you received this newsletter via US Mail, you are not signed up for electronic delivery and we ask you to consider signing up. If you are interested, please reach out to any member of the Communications Committee and we will take care of it.

## **Architectural Committee Update**

We are pleased to announce that there are several new committee members: Helen Landi, Hope Ethington, and Nancy Brady in addition to Chris Yetter and Bobby Veit. If you are changing your house paint color or making any outdoor changes, please note that you need to obtain approval from the Architectural Committee in advance. As our homes begin to age, this will become important to all in order to maintain the appearance and value of our beautiful community.



Remove seed heads to encourage more flower production.

## Landscape Corner by Chris Povolny, CLT CLP

### **Winter Pruning Needs**

During the winter months is a great time to prune certain plants. After leaf drop on trees is a great time to prune trees. It is a great time to limb up trees and doing any structural pruning. Be careful not to remove too much of the canopy, because leaves of the tree is where the food is made and if too many limbs are removed then the plant will struggle in the spring to produce food.

### **Winter Watering Needs**

Believe it or not plants will need periodic water during the winter months. The atmosphere during the winter months is usually very dry. This means that plants will loose water through transpiration during the winter months. Check soil moisture periodically with a soil probe to see if water is needed. Checking the soil moisture is a guaranteed way to see if your plants need water.

### **Winter Fertilization Needs**

Winter is a great time to fertilize trees and shrubs. By using a slow release fertilizer on plants, they will be ready for the spring flush of growth. Roses and early blooming perennials can be fertilized during the late winter or early spring months.

### **Winter Annual Maintenance**

Pansies are the most common annuals that are planted during the winter. Pansies are an annual and their whole purpose is to produce flowers which will turn into seeds. If the seeds are removed from plant, the plant will produce more flowers. The more you dead head the pansy the more it will bloom.



### **Holidays in the Village!**

Mark your calendars for the evening of  
Friday, December 16.

The Social Committee is pleased to announce a Holiday Open House tour of three neighborhood homes.

RSVP to Margaret Henderson at 906-8461 or [margarethenderson@nc.rr.com](mailto:margarethenderson@nc.rr.com).

It will be a nice opportunity to share the holiday spirit within our generous community.



## **What Are These Light Balls All About? More than just decorations!**

"Light Balls" are becoming a national trend in neighborhood Christmas decorating. There is a community in the Greensboro area, Sunset Hills, that has taken it to an unbelievable level, follow this link to take a look: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/caseyako/3111508135/>. We have at least eighteen homes that will participate this year and we hope to see this number grow over the years. Our resident expert, "Dr. Bob" has hosted three workshops to teach members of the Mordecai Community how to make these light balls. They are simple, inexpensive, and we think the look will inspire others to participate.

Best of all, the "inspiration" neighborhood raised the following donation as a result of generous passer-bys viewing their fantastic light display:

- Collected 4,089 pounds of food for the Greensboro Urban Ministry food bank and the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwester NC.
- Donated over \$5,000 to the Greensboro Urban Ministry
- Donated almost \$500 for the Second Harvest Food Bank