

# GATLING GAZETTE

GATLING POINTE COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Gatling Pointe Community Association

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**WHO SAID THAT VIRGINIA doesn't have a monsoon season?** It seems like that is definitely the price we paid this year for the lack of hurricane activity. Hopefully, any grass seed that didn't manage to get flushed down the storm drains will really get the opportunity to take root.

Last month we contracted YLS to add more topsoil and seed to those barren areas along the parkway. There are still a lot of weeds that need to be eradicated, but first things first. They also planted 15 willow oaks along the parkway. The Board hopes to continue to add trees each year in order to keep up with the large number of trees that tend to be lost each year due to storms and disease. Long term, this should help our parkway continue to look like a parkway rather than to slowly thin out into an open field. The winter pansies have also been installed and coordinated to match those of our neighbors in Gatling Pointe South. This should continue to provide some nice color well in to the spring season.

As you can see, the lights and decorations are up at the front entrance, and they look great. I would like to thank the following people for helping me pull this off because without them it wouldn't happen: Rex Williams, Jill Filliater, Steve Senkovich, Lou DeMartino, Bob Kirk, and Wayne Willis. The weather cooperated and we all worked really well together. There was plenty of time afterwards to go visit Santa at the Christmas Shop in Smithfield.

I am also pleased to announce that we have a new Board member—John Wandling. John has volunteered to serve as Treasurer and will serve out the remaining 1 ½ years of the previous open board position. I would like to welcome him to the Board and thank him for volunteering to serve. The Board recently voted to create a website, and John has already brought it on-line. I encourage you to visit the site at [www.gatlingpointe.net](http://www.gatlingpointe.net) where you will find lots of information about our community. This site will continue to expand, and John is committed to keeping it up to date. If you would like to advertise, you can go to the site for more information on placing your ad. We want this to be another way to communicate information to the homeowners of Gatling Pointe. Need your lawn mowed, pet walked, or need a baby sitter for the evening? Here is a great venue for the teenagers out there to find a niche and earn some cash.

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## **President's Corner cont.**

As you know, our new property manager is Michael Griffin. He has been working with the Board for the last several months, including the discussions regarding our budget for next year. We are hoping Michael sticks around longer than the last few we have had. He is off to a great start and has attended to all the details of your demanding Board. Please don't hesitate to call him if you have any questions or need assistance with something in the community.

The Board recently approved the 2007 budget, which you should have received by now. We were able to keep the quarterly dues unchanged at \$70. If you have not signed up for the automatic payment system offered by UPA, I encourage you to do so. This not only saves you time, postage, and quite possibly late fees, but also saves the association money on the reduced amount of coupon books that have to be mailed.

As we travel near and far this holiday season, I hope you all have a very safe and Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

**David Willis**



**Doug Owens has been the designated mailbox guru in our community for many years, but he is getting out of that business as he goes about enjoying his retirement to its fullest.**

**Fortunately, Mr. Craig Padgett, a resident of Eagle Harbor, has agreed to take over this job from Doug. He will continue to install and repair our mailboxes and posts, and will engrave names for new residents moving into the neighborhood.**

**You can reach Craig at 846-0969.**

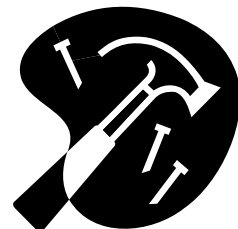
**THANKS, DOUG, FOR YOUR FAITHFUL YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY!!**

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## **FROM YOUR ARB**

Just a reminder that any resident wishing to make a modification to the outside of their house (ie. painting, new windows or doors, new roof, deck, porch, etc.) or to their property (ie. landscaping, fencing, play set, or other structure) must submit an ARB form to UPA. These forms are included in the handbook you should have received when you closed on your home. If you need additional forms, please contact UPA.

The ARB will review your request in a timely manner, but please allow at least 30 days from date of receipt of your application for a response.



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## **New Board Member**

*John Wandling has been appointed by the Board to fill the open position of Treasurer.*

*John and his wife of 40 yrs., Rebecca, have lived on James Landing Cir. for the past 4 yrs. They have 4 children and 9 grandchildren. Rebecca is originally from Edenton, NC but was raised in Norfolk. John is a native of New Jersey but has lived in Virginia for the past 45 yrs. They moved from Chesapeake and plan to retire here in the near future.*

*John and Becky enjoy the quiet neighbor-hood, marina, and the proximity to friends and family in the Tidewater area.*

*John is currently employed by the City of Hampton as an IT Project Manager. He recently used his skills to our benefit in setting up our GPCA website. He has volunteered to continue to expand and maintain the site as needed. You can check out John's handiwork at [www.gatlingpointe.net](http://www.gatlingpointe.net)*

*Thanks, John*

## **Neighborhood Watch Program in Jeopardy**

*The Gatling Pointe Neighborhood Watch is in jeopardy of going by the wayside if we don't get volunteers to become Watch Block Captains.*

*We need Block Captains for the following areas: Winterberry Ct., Winter-Berry Cir., Sunrise Bluff Lane, Sunrise Bluff Ct., S. James Landing Ct., GP Pkwy. adjacent to Watch Harbor, Spinnaker Run Lane, and Spinnaker Run Court.*

*Anyone interested in becoming a Block Captain should contact me by phone or email.*

*There will be an informational meeting at the Yacht Club, Thurs., Jan. 11 at 7pm. The discussion will focus on how Neighborhood Watch works, Block Captain duties, and how residents in the community may help by working with the Block Captains in your area. Complimentary snacks & beverages will be provided courtesy of our Association. All residents are invited to attend.*

*Apathy is the primary enemy of Neighborhood Watch!!*

*Lou DeMartino  
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## **UPA Manager's Report**

*I hope this message finds everyone in Gatling Pointe doing well this holiday season. My thanks to the Board of Directors. They have had a busy year and have done wonderful job.*

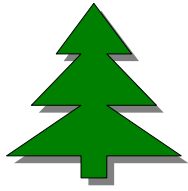
*One item to note, our landscaper, YLS, recently planted 15 willow oak trees along the parkway. Hopefully, in the coming years these trees will enhance the natural beauty that already exists in Gatling Pointe. I appreciate your feedback on their work or the work of any vendors we hire.*

*The Board recently passed the 2007 Operating Budget. You should have received a copy of this report via mail. Coupon Books will be mailed this month to residents wishing to pay their fees in this manner. I encourage everyone, however, to use the Automatic Debit program. A "Debit Authorization Form" is included in your budget mailing. This method ensures your payments are recorded on time. Contact UPA if you need another form.*

*Thanks to all of the residents of Gatling Pointe who work hard day in and day out to keep their homes and yards up to the high standards of the community.*

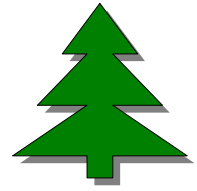
*Please have a safe and happy Holiday season.*

*Michael Griffin*



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## Calendar of Smithfield Activities



*Dec. 9 – Old Courthouse Christmas Open House – Activities include a “A Brief History of Isle of Wight County” book signing by local author, Doris Gwaltney, from noon to 2PM, and a lecture by Carl Lounsbury, architectural historian, researcher and author at 2PM entitled “The Courthouses of Early Virginia”. Both activities are sponsored by the Isle of Wight Branch of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities.*

*Dec. 9 –Breakfast with Santa – The Smithfield Center from 8-10:30am – featuring pancakes, coloring and stickers; tickets are \$5, \$3 for children under 10, and are available at the Smithfield Center.*

*Dec. 9 –Smithfield Christmas Parade – The annual Main Street Christmas Parade begins at 11am*

*Dec. 9 & 10 –Civil War Christmas in Isle of Wight – Reenacts a holiday encampment at the “Old Fairgrounds” adjacent to the IOW Courthouse complex, Open to the public Sat. 10am-4pm; Sun. 10am-3pm*

*Dec. 10 –The Angels Sing Christmas Concert – Presented by Morningsong Music at the*

*Smithfield Center; Tickets are free, but should be secured in*

*advance at the Christmas Store. A donation will be collected during the concert, with 50% of all proceeds benefiting the Isle of Wight Christian Outreach Program*

*Dec. 16 –Christmas Carolers in Historic Smithfield*

*Dec. 29 –Christ Episcopal Church will hold their fifth Sunday service at “the Old Brick” Church at 11am. The public is invited for worship.*

*Dec. 31 –New Year’s Eve Gala at the Smithfield Center sponsored by IOW Habitat for Humanity; from 8:30pm to 12:30am; Music by Smithfield Entertainment; Tickets \$65 per person. Overnight packages offered by Church Street Inn. For more information, contact Susan Milton @ 641-2077.*

*Thru-out December –Holiday Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale – Summerwind Vineyards and Christmas Tree Farm – Open weekends from 9am ‘til dusk; you pick/staff cuts; located at Day’s Point Rd. and Eagle Nest Lane. Call 357-2841 for more information.*

### FROM THE EDITOR

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Denise Lindner and I have been a resident of Gatling Pointe for 16 years.

I am happy to follow in JoAnn Kirk’s footsteps as editor of the Gatling Gazette, and like her, I will greatly appreciate your input. If you have any comments or information you would like to be included in the next newsletter, please email me. My email address is: [deniselindner@msn.com](mailto:deniselindner@msn.com).

If you are willing to help in the distribution of the newsletter, please also contact David Willis or me.

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