



# Providence Arbours Quarterly

## Community Website Launches

By: *Mark Weber / Chairperson / Providence Arbours HOA Communications Committee*

In 2007, the Providence Arbours HOA Board of Directors approved the formation of a committee to enhance communications in the neighborhood. The committee, headed by resident Mark Weber, has produced new community communications tools including the eNotice program (email alert program) and a new quarterly newsletter (Providence Arbours Quarterly).

As presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting last November, the Communications Committee has been working to deliver the first-ever website for the Providence Arbours neighborhood. It is with great pleasure that I announce the official launch of the website.

The new website is called **Providence Arbours HOA** and can be found at <http://providencearbourshoa.org/>. The site is unique in that it features 2 different, yet complimentary features - a **traditional website** with lots of great reference information **plus** a **blog** that provides frequently updated information on the happenings in Providence Arbours and the surrounding area.

The blog is located on the site's home page and features breaking local & neighborhood news, info on local & neighborhood events and more. Check it out – and feel free to take advantage of the blog's functionality to add your comments.

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## HOA Names 2008 Board

The Providence Arbours HOA held its Annual Meeting in November 2007 at which time an election was held to name board members. Your new board has since held four business meetings and has named officers as follows:

**President: Patti Weber**

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**Treasurer: Angel Trimble**

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**Secretary: Karen Fincher**

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**Member at Large: Mark Vance**

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*Note: Melissa Grubbs replaces Alan Cole (who resigned) & Angel Trimble replaces Vernon Willis (who resigned).*

*"You can make a difference in Providence Arbours. From serving on committees to volunteering at neighborhood events, your involvement makes a great neighborhood even better!"*

*Patti Weber, President – Providence Arbours HOA*

### Community Park News

The Providence Arbours Community Park is a neighborhood gem. To protect this neighborhood asset & to serve the interests of all residents, the HOA Board approved the formation of a **Community Park Committee** in January 2008.

Recent acts of vandalism, graffiti & improper use of equipment & structures have resulted in costly damage at the park.

The formation of the Community Park Committee, along with neighborhood events like the Spring Clean-Up, will help to ensure the vitality of our park.

**Interested in serving on this new committee? Contact Patti Weber at 704-321-3010 or by email at [webpatti@gmail.com](mailto:webpatti@gmail.com).**

## Spring Clean-Up on May 3rd

The Providence Arbours HOA invites all community residents to participate in a neighborhood **Spring Clean-Up** on **Saturday, May 3 from 9:00 AM - ??? (rain or shine)**. The objective of the clean-up is to freshen up the common areas throughout the neighborhood including the Community Park, entrance and medians.

Spearheaded by your Board of Directors, the Spring Clean-Up represents an ideal opportunity to get involved in your community to make a difference. The event kicks off at 9:00 AM sharp at the Providence Arbours Community Park.

Activities include:

- Spreading newly delivered mulch (please bring wheelbarrows and shovels)
- Picking up garbage (please bring garbage bags and gloves)
- Light repair of playground equipment (handy persons needed with basic hand tools)

The Spring Clean-Up is a great opportunity for neighborhood teens to fulfill community service hour requirements.

**For more information, contact Patti Weber at 704-321-3010 or by email at [webpatti@gmail.com](mailto:webpatti@gmail.com).**



## Neighborhood Projects Update

Have you noticed the “freshening projects” that have started recently to enhance the front entrance to Providence Arbours (off McKee Road) and other areas throughout the neighborhood?

As communicated at the November 2007 Annual Meeting, the front entrance to Providence Arbours provides the first impression to our neighborhood. The drought, coupled with vandalism and issues with decaying lumber, have impacted entrance trees & shrubs, the monuments & the McKee Road fence.

A number of projects have commenced to address these issues including:

- **Trees & Shrubs:** The Board has contracted with an arborist to cut down & remove dead trees along the front entrance & in the Community Park. Work will commence the week of April 28 & will be completed within 1 week.
- **Monument:** The Board has replaced one of the monument globes that was destroyed by an act of vandalism. Work is also taking place to repair stone work due to age and vandalism.
- **Fence:** The Board has contracted with a service to repair & paint the McKee Road fence. Preliminary work began in early April and will continue through the end of May.
- **Community Park:** A Spring Clean-Up is taking place on May 3 to freshen landscaping mulch & to repair damage & graffiti due to acts of vandalism. Damaged playground equipment is being repaired and new signs are being installed to reinforce rules & to communicate new park hours.

For more information, contact **Mark Vance** at 704-957-0123 or by email at [mvance@wilkinsonandassociates.com](mailto:mvance@wilkinsonandassociates.com).



### Stamp Out Graffiti

Pride of ownership is an inherent part of our community at Providence Arbours.

Accordingly, the HOA has a “zero tolerance” policy on graffiti in the neighborhood.

Any recent visitor to the Community Park can attest that we, as a neighborhood, have a growing graffiti issue on our hands. Vandals have defaced both wooden playground structures, along with a park bench, with graffiti.

The formation of the Community Park Committee along with the Spring Clean-Up & related special projects underway will help to address this issue. However, your help is needed.

**Please regard the Community Park as an extension of your own property and call 911 to report inappropriate behavior and acts of vandalism.**

## Providence Arbours HOA

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**Find CAM on the Web:**

<http://www.cam-hoa.com/>

**Find Providence Arbours HOA on the Web:**

<http://providencearbourshoa.org>

## Phone Directory Notice

On the basis of feedback from the 2007 Annual Meeting, the Board has approved an update to the Neighborhood Phone Directory (last updated in 2005). The directory will feature paid advertisements available on a "first come, first served" basis at the following cost:

- \$150 for the back cover
- \$100 for the inside front or inside back cover
- \$75 for full page interior
- \$50 for half page interior

For information contact Patti Weber at 704-321-3010 or by email at [webpatti@gmail.com](mailto:webpatti@gmail.com).

## Reminder: Architectural Review Committee

Planning to undertake a household improvement project during the warmer Spring & Summer months? Don't forget to involve the HOA's **Architectural Review Committee** as appropriate. Section 6.2 of the CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions) details the requirements for submitting requests to the Architectural Review Committee. **For more information, please visit the Architectural Review Committee tab at <http://providencearbourshoa.org>.**

## Neighborhood Watch

Last week, Char-Meck police announced that for the first 3 months of 2008, violent crime increased 15.3% in the city & property crime grew 11.9% compared with the same period in 2007.

This report underscores the importance of the **Neighborhood Watch** program launched last summer in Providence Arbours.

Visit the **Neighborhood Watch** tab at <http://providencearbourshoa.org> to learn more about the program & the name of the Zone Captain assigned to your street.

The Neighborhood Watch Zone Captains remind all residents to practice a "healthy sense of caution".

- Keep garage doors closed
- Removed valuables from vehicles
- **Call 911 immediately to report any suspicious activity**

## New CAM Representative

Carolina Association Management (CAM) has appointed Bobbie Kay Miller to serve as CAM's community representative for Providence Arbours. Bobbie Kay assumed her new post in mid-March & is eager to serve your needs.

Contact Information:

**Bobbie Kay Miller / Carolina Association Management (CAM)**  
**704-531-6822**  
<http://www.cam-hoa.com/>

## eNotice Program Reminder

Last summer, the Communications Committee launched an eNotice (email alert) program to communication information of urgent need (e.g. crime alerts) and/or information of relevance to all members of the Providence Arbours HOA (e.g. meeting notices).

Not receiving eNotices? Not sure of your enrollment status?

Send your email address to Patti Weber at [webpatti@gmail.com](mailto:webpatti@gmail.com) for a helpful validation of your enrollment status.

