



# THE CROSSINGS COMMUNIQUE

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## Community Update

### **STREETLIGHT Q&A**, written by Diane Krebs

#### Why don't we have streetlights?

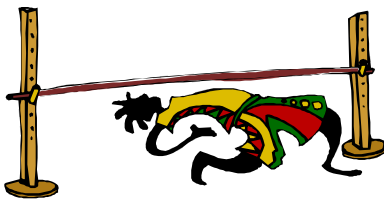
Post 1998, the remainder of The Crossings was annexed by the city in July 2005. Any resident could have contacted the city to request a petition for streetlights in their sub division. With no volunteers the Board of Directors decided to step forward and begin with lighting for the entirety of Moss Road for security of the sidewalks and the pool area after two break-ins in the spring 2006.

#### Why is it taking so long?

With the growth of Charlotte the city is inundated with requests for lighting and the process works slowly. Moss Road is considered a connector street with high vehicle volumes with a proposal to install 250-watt high-pressure sodium fixtures on 20' poles and is divided into phases per development. The city will process only one phase at a time to avoid tying up their resources. Phase I is The Waters which began with the petition of interest completed in October 2006, forwarded to Duke Energy for the lighting plan and returned for final signatures. By June 21st the final selection will be made and forwarded to the city streetlight coordinator. Phase II for The Crossings for Moss Road can begin immediately as signatures for the petition of interest was also completed in October 2006.

#### When will I have lights in my sub division?

Petitions for sub division lights will follow the Moss Road petition, a time line that cannot be pinpointed. The lead petitioner, Diane Krebs, will guide the process in the sub divisions once Moss Road is complete. With great appreciation, four residents have stepped forward to volunteer for the sub divisions.



### Island Pool Party

June 30, 2007

1:00 - 4:00pm in the afternoon  
Community Pool and Cabana

*Great food, family fun, limbo contests, conga lines, Caribbean dance lessons, live DJ and more!  
Be there or hear about it!*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Each Sunday Afternoon

Family Fun at the Cabana

June 30, 2007

Caribbean Pool Party

July 20, 2007

Chocolate Indulgence Adult Candlelight Swim

July 31, 2007

Movie Night at Ayrslley Town Cinemas

August 25, 2007

Back to School "With a Coolness" Party

## The Crossings Board of Directors



*Diane Krebs, President*

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**704.588.3328**

Diane was born in Akron OH and transferred to Charlotte 11 years ago by her employer, Continental Tire North America, Inc. [formerly General Tire] with a total of 39 years employment. Also working a part-time second job, she is a single homeowner living in Oak Ridge spending weekend taking care of her house and yard work.

Diane started her community volunteerism by becoming an ARC member in April 2004, serving as the Chair and moved to a BOD position in May 2005. In the fall of 2006 she was elected as President with her term extending to June 2008. Her interests are quilting and antiques

**Jim Wilmoth, Vice President**

**704.955.0401**

**Pool Liaison**

Recently elected to serve a 2-year term, ending in June 2009.

**Curtis Watson, Treasurer**

**704.622.8523**

**Landscape Liaison**

Currently serving a 2- year term, ending in June 2008.

**Toni E. Emehel, Secretary**

**704.504.3757**

**Communications and Social Committee Liaison**

Toni Emehel is a native Charlottean, mother of three amazing daughters, grandmother to exceptionally charming Isaiah Landon and the wife to cherished love, Johneric C. Emehel. Toni has her sights set on bringing a fresh sense of community and enriching lives by creating experiences that bring about immediate change. As a fervent community service volunteer, real estate broker and strategic event planner, Toni embodies a lifelong commitment to leave a legacy of inspiration where people are reminded to live an intentional life of no regrets in purpose, promise and peace.

Toni was appointed to The Crossings Board of Directors in February 2007. During the recent board election, Toni was elected to serve a 2-year term on the Board of Directors ending June 2009.

**Carolyn Spellman**

**704.587.9399**

**Architectural Review (ARC)**

Carolyn and Keith Spellman moved into The Crossings over twelve years ago. Together, they have raised their daughter Kristle in this community in which they love. Both Carolyn and Keith are originally from Eastern North Carolina. They are avid University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill fans and alumni. They have lived in Virginia Beach, Virginia, Bath, Maine, Newport Rhode Island and Greenville, South Carolina. And of all the places they have lived, they really LOVE Charlotte. Together, Keith and Carolyn pastor a church near this community and they truly love serving the people. Carolyn is very excited about serving in this new capacity and looks forward to making a meaningful contribution to a community she loves. Carolyn was recently elected to serve a 3-year term on the Board of Directors ending June 2010.



*Toni Emehel, Secretary*



## Maintaining Standards through Architectural Review, *Written by Carolyn Spellman*

Webster defines “community” as a group of people sharing common social interest, fellowship and government of that area. That’s the expression of what we would like to promote on the Architectural Review Committee here at The Crossings. We want to ensure that we maintain the standards of the stellar community that we are. It is our intent to do our part to make sure that we remain a desirable community. We want to make sure that we raise awareness of what is acceptable and within the guidelines of our covenant. We are looking for energetic people who are passionate about maintaining the appeal of our community to join this committee.

We also would like to remind each homeowner to review the covenant restrictions before making any changes to the exterior of your home. Be informed. Go to the website and complete the necessary forms before you begin any work. Help to maintain the consistency of the beauty of our community.



*Community Safety Committee  
partners with Charlotte Mecklenburg  
Police to make our community safe.*

## The Crossings Safety Committee

The Crossings Board of Directors is pleased to announce the formation of our community Safety Committee, chaired by The Crossings neighborhood Crime Watch guru and retired military veteran, Dave Willard. The Safety Committee, through recruitment of Neighborhood Watch participants, will serve as the extra eyes and ears in our community for the purpose of reporting crime and helping to keep our community safe. This committee will help build pride and serve as a catalyst in efforts to address community safety concerns and provide solutions. The Safety Committee is in need of YOU to partner with the Board of Directors, your neighbors and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department to prevent crime in our community. If you are interested in serving on this committee or chairing the Community Watch Program for your subdivision, please contact a member of the Board of Directors or email Dave Willard at [Dave@TheCrossingsHOA.com](mailto:Dave@TheCrossingsHOA.com).

## Volunteer Opportunities

We are currently seeking residents to serve on our newly developed Newsletter Committee. Anyone with interests, please contact a member of the Board of Directors or send an email noting your interests to [Toni@TheCrossingsHOA.com](mailto:Toni@TheCrossingsHOA.com).

We are ALWAYS seeking volunteers to assist with various community projects and participate on our sub-committees. Teens and college students are especially welcome to participate and earn valuable community service hours needed for graduation and/or personal achievement. The Association is happy to provide letters of experience to volunteers for career and/or personal advancement. Make a difference. Join a sub-committee today.

## Someone You Should Know

*Written by The Crossings Resident Neville Lee*

Liz and Larry Donald are all about kids. Their kids, their grandkids, their foster kids and yes, even the kids on the Cabarrus County school bus that Liz drives and in the schools where she is a substitute cafeteria worker.

Larry and Liz are originally from Louisville, Kentucky. Larry moved to Charlotte in 1999 while he and Liz were still dating. Three years later, Liz packed up her things and 2 grandchildren (hers and his) and followed him to Charlotte. They were married the next year with two of their grandchildren standing up with them. They haven't been without a child in their home since. Even now, they have a grandson living with them as well as Liz's mother.

Larry says mentoring children is his calling and you can easily believe that. His conversations are peppered with remarks full of concern for needy and underprivileged youth such as "Learn to be part of society and not take advantage of society". Larry and Liz are the embodiment of advocates for social change, one child at a time.

Until April, Liz and Larry had 3 foster sibling foster children. The young girls were placed with the Donald's when they were ages 1, 2 and 3. After 3 years, the children were moved to an adoptive home setting, where the new parents wished to keep the 3 girls together. Of course, that isn't the end for the Donald's. They keep the girls' 19-month-old sister on many weekends and they all visit together often. There is an infant sister and a 7-year-old brother that come over as well.

This next time though, Liz thinks she would like to have an older foster child. "I've wanted to have a teen-age daughter," she says. Well, whoever is lucky enough to be placed with the Donald's can be sure of being well loved and guided on a positive path through life.

Wish I were a kid...

## Movie Night at Ayrslley Town Cinemas

The Crossings Social Committee invites you to join us for a great night of fun at Ayrslley Town Cinemas! Special discount tickets are available to Crossings residents through advance ticket purchases from the Crossings Social Committee at the pool concessions area.

**SPECIAL OFFER:** For every ticket purchased, you will receive one complimentary ticket and a special Crossings Family Grab Bag! This limited offer is available on a first come, first serve basis. Tickets go on sale at the pool on July 8<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$4.00 each.

*\*Advance ticket purchase is required to take advantage of this special offer\**

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*"Learn to be part of society and not take advantage of society"*

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### Movie Night at Ayrslley Town Cinemas

*Advance Ticket Purchase Required*

July 8 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm - 6:00pm
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm - 6:00pm
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00pm - 6:00pm

*At The Pool Concessions Area  
\*\*\*LIMITED OFFER\*\*\**

*You will receive a complimentary ticket with each ticket purchased!*

## The Crossings Social Corner

The Crossings Social Corner is a special interest network established to develop and cultivate relationships in our growing community by providing opportunities for residents who share similar interests to gather and fellowship around those interests. If you are interested in heading up a community social interest group please submit the details of your interests to the Social Committee through the community website at [www.TheCrossingsHOA.com](http://www.TheCrossingsHOA.com).

### Community Babysitter Network

Busy parents often need a few hours of their own time, whether to go out or to simply get things done around the house. Many residents in our community have expressed an interest in creating a stronger community by developing an informal network of available babysitters within our community. While the Crossings HOA takes no responsibility in screening or training distinguished babysitters in our community, we are happy to provide a networking medium for parents and babysitters to connect. Towards that end, if you are interested in being listed in the community's babysitter network, please forward your contact information to the Social Committee through the community website. The babysitter list will be posted on the community board at the community pool.

## GE Dishwasher Recall

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the General Electric Company announced a recall of 2.5 million GE built-in dishwashers manufactured from September 1997 to December 2001. To determine if your dishwasher is included in the recall contact the GE Dishwashers Recall Hotline at 1-877-607-6395 or visit go to <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerele/prhtml07/07190.html>. Have the model and serial numbers of your dishwasher on hand.

## Special Thanks...

The Crossings Homeowner Association is please to recognize Blood of the Lamb Deliverance Church for the extraordinary services provided to The Crossings community through complementary color printing of the community newsletter for distribution to more that 533 community residents. A heartfelt thank you for taking an active role in building strong communities in the Steele Creek area.



## The Crossings Social Corner

### Family Gaming Fun at The Crossings

School is out and it is time for family fun at The Crossings! During the months of June and July the community cabana will be stocked with a variety of family oriented social board games each Sunday from 3:00pm – 6:00pm. So, turn off the tube, get out for some fresh air and take advantage of this opportunity to create fun-filled family memories at The Crossings.

### Book Review Social Group

This book review group will provide fun, encouragement and fellowship for community residents interested in exploring fiction and non-fiction reading materials. Participants will read books together and learn how to analyze the characters and situations as they relate to everyday living. We will begin with a review of Og Mandino's, "The Twelfth Angel" on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, at the pool cabana. Anyone interested in leading this review, please contact a member of the Social Committee or send an email with interests to [Toni@TheCrossingsHOA.com](mailto:Toni@TheCrossingsHOA.com).

### Scrabble Social Club

Calling all crossword game enthusiasts, English language jocks and others in search of a stimulating intellectual challenge to start a SCRABBLE® social group at The Crossings. This is a perfect opportunity to learn new words and definitions, improve your memory and enhance your language skills while making new friends and having fun! Whether you're a beginner or a tournament-level expert, please let us know your interests. Send email to: [Toni@TheCrossingsHOA.com](mailto:Toni@TheCrossingsHOA.com).

## Free Events Around Town

### Moms Night Out at Art Space Studio @ RiverGate

Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 6-9:00pm: Enjoy complimentary wine and cheese with your girlfriends. In July, this event will take place each 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. You can also arrange your own night out with friends and bring your own wine and cheese with advance arrangements. Call 704.504.9310 for more information.

### Free Family Film Festival

This summer, select movie theaters will offer free showings of Rated G and PG movies each Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10:00am. Seating is on a first come first serve basis and seats fill up quick, so get there early. The two closest venues to The Crossings are Arboretum Cinema on Providence Road and Stonecrest Stadium 22 on Rea Road. Visit their websites for more information and movie schedules log on to <http://www.regalcinemas.com/freefamilyflicks/ffffresults.jsp> for Stonecrest Stadium 22 movie listings and [http://www.consolidatedmovies.com/kids\\_movie.asp](http://www.consolidatedmovies.com/kids_movie.asp) for Arboretum Cinema movie listings.

### Movies at Freedom Summer Series

Watershed Church is sponsoring free movies at Freedom Park the second Friday of each month through August. Showtime is from 8:00pm – 10:00pm at Freedom Park located at 2435 Cumberland Avenue (704) 353-1246.

### Digital Sundays

Learn the basics and the various options available for printing digital photography at CVS one-hour photo each Sunday from Noon – 2:00pm.

## Reservable Facilities at The Crossings

Did you know that the community pool and cabana is available to residents for private parties? Please see the Pool Request form on the community website at [www.TheCrossingsHOA.com](http://www.TheCrossingsHOA.com) for additional details and guidelines.

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