

The Villager



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Leacroft Welcomes Newest Board Members

Homeowners at the Annual General Meeting held in November elected two new board members. Joining William Blackburn, Jennifer DeMartino and Tami Merry will be Joseph Mercier and Nick Sackinger.

Sackinger is a native of Charlotte and has seen the city grow by leaps and bounds over the past 30 years. He attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where he studied music education and business. Currently, Sackinger is a restaurant manager at Charlotte Douglass International Airport, with the hopes of becoming general manager of the entire food service. Nick moved into the Leacroft community in the fall of 2009 with his now wife, Kristen. The two of them met while working together as managers at On The Border and as they say, the rest is history!

The Sackingers often enjoy taking their two dogs, Max and Buster, on walks around the neighborhood as well as spending nice evenings relaxing out back with a fire and a glass of wine. Even after a little over a year, they say they still have that same warm feeling when they enter their house, and they want to spread that same feeling to the neighbors of Leacroft.

Mercier and his wife, Maryann, have been residents of The Villages of Leacroft since the summer of 2006, having moved from Fredericksburg, Va., at that time.

He is the founder and principal consultant of FocalPoint Advisors LLC, a Charlotte-based consulting firm focusing on strategic analysis & planning, leadership development, and

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Assessments for 2011 Will Be Quarterly

The Homeowners Association Board has voted to make the 2011 assessment quarterly.

Homeowners will receive a coupon book from Henderson Properties in December-early

January with four (4) payment coupons, one for each quarter.

Contact Henderson Properties with any questions at 704-970-4155.

Neighborhood Block Captains

Area	Description	Block Captain Contacts
1	Billingham	Paula Henriksen, bookworm@carolina.rr.com , 704-595-9288
2	Chadsworth & Fairbourne	Blake Thomas, 704-877-2386
3	Highcroft (from Stoneykirk to cul-de-sac)	Gerri and Ed Gercak, asbger1234@edandgerrigercak.com , 704-280-6034
4	Stoneykirk	Kristen Sackinger, kristenhunter_81@hotmail.com , 704-258-6297 Nick Sackinger, nsackinger@gmail.com
5	Bolton	Brad and Janet DeCoste, 10336 Bolton Court
6	Old Bridge	Christine and Richard Manning, rmanning44@yahoo.com , 704-510-9296
7	Highcroft (from Stoneykirk to Worsley)	Nina Harper, 980-230-6244
8	Suffield & Ainslie	Michelle Dunham, madunham01@yahoo.com , 704-770-1964
9	Ingleton & McKendree	Deb Peters, DSPeters9@aol.com , 704-593-1271
10	Worsley	Bob and Jane Matthews, maeh_gran@bellsouth.net
11	Canterbrook (from Worsley to Dunfield, from Dunfield to Turtle Cross)	Pam and Mike Wisniewski, pam@leacroft.org , 704-293-8978

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facilitation support to client senior management, as well as selective project management services, primarily for information technology projects.

Mercier grew up in Birmingham, Michigan, a community on the outskirts of Detroit. After graduating from high school, his family relocated to Huntsville, Ala. He attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville, where he graduated with a bachelor's and master's degree in engineering. For much of his career, he has been an IT project manager across the spectrum of IT technologies and applications. He has also been in marketing and sales, technical management and strategic planning.

Mercier is certified as a Project Management Professional (PMP) by the Project Management Institute and as an Agile Scrum Master by the Scrum Alliance. He enjoys golf, motorcycling,

travel and food & wine activities.

His career has taken him from one coast to the other (Gulf Coast, the D.C. area, Pacific Northwest, and others). Finally, he and his wife have had the opportunity to settle down in a place they've grown to love and to become an active part of the Charlotte and the Leacroft community.

The Villages of Leacroft community looks forward to a great new year and working with the board to address any neighborhood concerns.

Note of Thanks

A special thanks goes out to outgoing board members Frank Keenan, who served as president, and Dave Milam, who came in as the at-large board member later in the year.



The Villages of Leacroft 2010 Holiday SL-HAY Ride with Santa

Come ride through our neighborhood on the 2010 Holiday SL-HAY Ride, and enjoy the holiday lights, hot chocolate, hot dogs and S'mores.

FREE! FREE! FREE!
Tuesday, December 14, 2010
6:30 to 8:30 pm
Meet in the pool parking lot



Rides will leave at approximately 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30, depending on the number of participants.

PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY.

This is a very well-attended event, so it is VERY important that you RSVP if you are planning on attending. Spots are not guaranteed if you do not RSVP. This is a great time so Don't miss out!! RSVP today!!

We will also have fire pits in the parking lot to roast hot dogs and S'mores while you wait!

Please indicate below your 1st and 2nd choices of time. Your confirmed time will be placed in your newspaper box by December 13th.

Rather than selling tickets, we are asking for a donation of LARGE marsh-mallows, graham crackers, chocolate bars and/or box(es) of hot chocolate.

**RSVP to Michelle Dunham at 10307 Suffield Ct.,
704-770-1964 or madunham01@yahoo.com
NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH.**

Name: _____ # adults: _____ # of children: _____

Address & Phone number: _____

1st time choice: _____ 2nd time choice: _____

Item(s) you will donate: _____

You may also RSVP at leacroft.org

Important Contact Numbers

HOA Board HOABoard@Leacroft.org

- President, Frank Keenan
- Vice-President, William Blackburn (704) 548-9866
- Secretary, Tami Merry (704) 717-4942
- Treasurer, Jennifer DeMartino (704) 503-7723
- Community Liaison, Dave Milam

Leacroft Committees

- ARC Chair, Open (704) 728-2098
- Pool Chair, Patrick Bunn (704) 717-2881
- Events Chair, Jessica Moore (704) 549-1449
- Block Captains, Deb Peters (704) 593-1271
- Swim Team Manager, Ken Bury (704) 307-4537

Additional Contacts

- Henderson Management (704) 535-1122
- Fax (704) 569-9669

Contact: Julie Shadrick

Email hoa@hendersonproperties.com

Phone 704-970-4155

- Pool House (704) 549-5803
- University City CMPD Response Area 1 (704) 432-3900
- Tennis Courts Code 3241
- CharMeck Services 311

The Traveler – Crowders Mountain State Park

If you ever feel like taking a hike, Crowders Mountain State Park may be the place for you. It is not far from Leacroft (See directions below). And best of all, it is free for hikers. There are two peaks you may want to explore, Crowders Mountain and Kings Pinnacle (they are connected). There are nearly a dozen different well-marked trails. Some of the trails are easy, some moderate and some are strenuous. The trails range from .2 miles (one way) to 6.2 miles. If you take one of the trails that lead to Crowders Mountain, just before you reach the summit you will climb up 336 wooden steps. If you make it - and you will - on a clear day you can see for more than 25 miles. Camping and rock climbing is also available, but check with the office (704) 853-5375.

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Have a comment or suggestion? Drop us a note in the locking mailbox in the common area near the playground.

LenCon Travel
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LenTucker@Carolina.rr.com
4500 Highcroft Lane
704-907-1430

In Cancun, it is

84°

In Charlotte, it is not. Think about it.

Call or e-mail for more information.

Check out our Web site.

Neighborhood Services

Babysitting:

Sarah Moore (Red Cross certified).....704-593-0306
Kylie Brown...704-549-0674

Pet Sitting:

Daniel Faler...704-510-0052
Colin Moore...704-593-0306
Noah Milan....704-277-4654
AL's Pet Sitting (Amy & Lisa DeCoste).....704-966-6644

Lawn mowing:

Daniel Faler...704-510-0052
Colin Moore...704-593-0306

Car washing:

Daniel Faler...704-510-0052

Please have your parent or legal guardian call or e-mail me to ensure your place on the list.

Contact info:

Kimberly Blackburn
knblackburn@yahoo.com
704-548-9866

At Your Service

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A little history. For many of us in Charlotte, it seems like any structure over about 25 years old is ready to be torn down and replaced. Not so for mountains, and Crowders and King Pinnacle especially. They were formed 450 to 500 million years ago. They were a lot bigger when they were younger, but like most of us when we age, they have shrunk in height. They are part of the Appalachian chain even though they are a little remote. Crowders Mountain is 1,625 feet, while Kings Pinnacle is 1,750 feet above sea level.

This area was the hunting grounds for the Catawba and Cherokee Indians before the settlers came. By the time of the American Revolution, several thousand settlers had moved here. Nearby King Mountain was the location of a major Revolutionary War battle where the mountain men beat the British loyalists. I may write an article on King Mountain for the Villager soon.

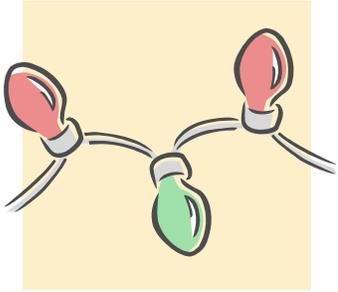
In the early 1800s, gold was found in this area. Several large nuggets were found (one 17 pound and one 28 pound nugget were discovered here). Until gold was discovered in California in 1849, North Carolina was a major gold producing region.

The park was opened to the public in 1974, but it did not include the Crowders Mountain summit or Kings Pinnacle. These were added later. The park is now well over 2,000 acres.

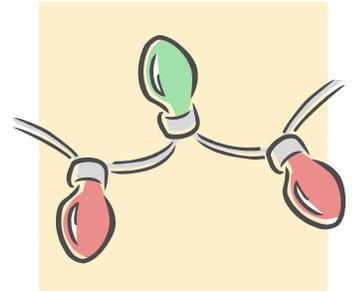
This is a beautiful place and hiking here is a great, great way to spend a day. Bring a picnic lunch and make a day of it.

Directions

You can Google it but basically you take I-85 to exit 13 to Edgewood Road. At the top of the ramp turn left onto Edgewood Road. At the first stoplight, turn right onto Franklin Boulevard/Highway 74 and drive approximately two miles. At the next stoplight, turn left onto Sparrow Springs Road. Continue on Sparrow Springs Road for approximately two miles, and turn right again on Sparrow Springs Road. The main entrance to the park will be on the right in less than one mile.



The Villages of Leacroft
2nd Annual Holiday Lights
House Decorating Contest



Everyone in the community is invited to participate in this holiday tradition!!!

If you would like to be included in the chance to win a great gift card and recognition in our neighborhood newsletter, please have the outside of your home decorated by **Friday, December 10, 2010**. Every decorated house will be included in the initial judging.

The members of the Event Planning Committee will be narrowing the choices down to the 10 best houses.

Then the whole community will be voting during the 2010 Holiday Se-HAY Ride on **December 14, 2010**.

1st Place - \$25

Harris Teeter gift card

2nd Place - \$15

Gas gift card

3rd Place - \$10

Dilworth Coffee gift card
