



MARTIN'S POINT
HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

President's Report – March 2015

At some time during its thirty-three year history the HOA chose the southern live oak as its logo. And what a fitting choice for a community located in a maritime forest! Today I am pleased to introduce a new version of this logo that incorporates our name. It will appear on all HOA correspondence, documents and our website. (Did you know that one of the oldest southern live oaks is located near John Island, South Carolina and is estimated to be over 1,500 years old?)

Spring has finally arrived! The 2015 winter was another cold one and I, like most Outer Bankers, eagerly await the warmer, sunnier weather. The signs are all around with flowers blooming, lawns beginning to turn green and the arrival of birds ready to build their nests.

Spring is an ideal time for planting and so we can look forward to the second phase of the front entry landscaping project that will be starting in the next week or so. The east hill adjacent to the gatehouse will be planted with hollies, juniper, red cedar and crepe myrtles to enhance the beauty of the landscaping that owners and visitors experience when entering Martin's Point. This is one of the capital improvements most desired by our membership, as we learned from the 2013 strategic planning survey. It follows the Phase I project which improved the landscaping by the front entry stone walls, and will be funded from the 2015 budget approved by HOA members at last years' annual meeting.

Many thanks to the Landscaping Committee once again for their time and effort in working to develop the Phase II landscaping plan: *Bobbie Overton, Sam Cortez, Mary Davis, Ruth Engdahl, Peggy Koenig, Suzanne Smith and Marcha Thompson*. Thanks also to *Barbara and Tom Franchi* for their generous donation of canna lilies to the HOA. Recently the Landscaping Committee met and decided these would be best suited to beautify the postal area. Planting will begin before the end of the month.

In my first report in January I wrote about many other individuals who deserve recognition for donating countless hours of their time and for playing an important role in our community. I was remiss by not acknowledging one individual who clearly meets these criteria. Over the years *Mike Davis* has used his artistic talents in many ways to the benefit of Martin's Point property owners. He was instrumental in designing and laying out the plans for the latticework that provides a backdrop for the landscaping beds behind the gatehouse. His sketches provided the inspiration and guidance for the revised landscaping at the entry. He provided support and assistance with the flagpoles at the entry as well as many other projects that have made our community a beautiful place to live. Mike is always gracious about helping out and a pleasure to work with. Kudos to Mike!

Those who attended last years' Annual HOA Meeting will remember a presentation and discussion about regulating signs property owners and real estate agents use to advertise Martin's Point homes and lots for sale. After considerable discussion the board has decided not to pursue this issue further. The general feeling is that (if passed) changes to the current regulations would place unfair limits on property owners who have seen scores of others use these signs to market their Martin's Point property since 1982.

At our last meeting the board met with Richard Paulson, our newsletter editor. We agreed to a timetable that will produce the newsletter on a quarterly basis – February, May, August and November. We welcome your contributions. Please contact Shannon Bracy (shannon@seaside-management.com) if you have any articles you would like to contribute and she can inform you of due dates and specifications. Also, if there is interest, we will institute a new classified section listing HOA member items for sale. Forward a description of any items you'd like to advertise to Shannon.

Happy spring!