



Otter Pond November 2025

Here we are in to November, the days are shorter and the mornings are crisp. The birds are migrating and the Sandhill Cranes can be heard trumpeting from high above. The trees have managed to hold their color for a gentle slide in to autumn. Such a lovely time!

Shout Out!

- To so many of you that are aware of your neighbors and their homes. From picking up a package, pulling a weed, delivering a needed meal, hosting a card game and stopping to chat at the mailbox. What lovely, friendly, and generous people we have here!
- To all of you that made Halloween so special for all of our visitors this weekend. I like that our neighborhood is known for its fun and generosity!

Also from the President

- We are looking for a Grand Illumination Party host and a cookie exchange host. See the social committee's section.

Neighborhood happenings:

- New neighbors

Dam Update:

- No updates, the pond is full

Committee Reports

Architectural Review Board (ARB) chaired by Janene Beard:

- Be sure you are submitting an ARB for any exterior work.

- (From the writer) If you are not sure if your project needs ARB approval, the answer is probably 'yes'!

Social Committee chaired by Carrie Galusha and Tina Davis:

- Check the social committee's facebook page for photos. <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/169naJhhHp/>
- The holidays are right around the corner and that means lots of updates from the social committee.
- The annual Grand Illumination of Otter Pond will be 12/07/25. Please be sure to have all of your decorations and lights in place by this time to spread cheer across the neighborhood.
- Carriage rides will be available every 20 minutes between 5pm and 8pm. The carriage holds a limited number of passengers and you don't want to be left stuck and waiting in the cold.
- Therefore please contact Tina Davis at 703-727-4878 to reserve a time slot for your family's ride.
- The social committee is looking for a host of this year's holiday party on 12/07/25!
- Also! We are looking for a volunteer to host the annual cookie exchange with the date TBD.
- If you can host either (or both?), please reach out to Tina Davis (703-727-4878) or Carrie Galusha (970-201-9349).

Pond Committee chaired by Valerie Harper:

- No updates

Boathouse Committee chaired by Ryan and Amber Potter:

- No updates. Presumably boat house assignments will be coming soon.

Open Space chaired by Janene Beard:

- If something looks like it isn't getting water, if there is a broken sprinkler, please let Janene know ASAP at 858-354-7343.

Reserve Committee chaired by Dave Beard:

- No updates

Financial Committee chaired by Kevin Sanderford:

- No updates

Bookkeeping chaired by Vanessa Stratton:

- From the treasurer: to grow our reserve funds, we've recently invested \$50,000 in a 6-month certificate of deposit.
- Thanks to all of the committee chairpersons because we are on track to spend within our budgeted funds this year. Fantastic!

Neighborhood Watch chaired by Alma Buis and Frances Pink:

- No updates

Ditches and Irrigation chaired by Tadd King:

- Hopefully, you've noticed: ditch water has been turned off as of 11/01/25.
- Also: there will be some upcoming maintenance on the ditch along the tennis courts related to erosion. This will likely happen in February or March.
- The F-ditch cutter that feeds Otter Pond is going to need some attention. What is undercutting the pipe. This is not the culvert that runs under Otter road but it is the culvert on the downstream side of the Otter Road culvert.

Please see the OtterPondHOA.com for all updates on all agendas and board meeting minutes.

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Regards,

Your friendly volunteer HOA board members:

Christina Files - president
Kevin Dawson- vice president
Mindy Clagett - secretary
Vanessa Stratton- treasurer

Otter Pond Chairpersons:

Tadd King - ditches
Tina Davis and Carrie Galusha - social
Vanessa Stratton- bookkeeper
Tom Clagett - newsletter
Kevin Sanderford - finance committee
Valerie Harper - pond and silt pond
Amber and Ryan Potter - boathouse
Janene Beard - architectural review board
Alma Buis and Frances Pink - neighborhood watch

If you find yourself by the marina when there is an emergency on the water, do you know where the floating rescue rope is? Those that do may find free coffee at the same location.

