

# Garden Tips for October and November

## OCTOBER

- Plant pansies with a time-release fertilizer at planting time to help continue their flower production through the coldest part of the year.
- To help prevent black spot next year, after leaf fall, rake up and discard the summer mulch and debris from under roses, and replace with fresh winter mulch. Do not compost debris.
- Dig up and divide hostas, cannas and daylilies now. Share!
- Put leftover seed packets in an airtight container and place them in a cool, dry, dark location to await a second chance to show off next spring.
- During Halloween season, haunt your favorite local garden shops for great end-of-growing-season sales on perennials, shrubs and trees.
- Prep new garden beds now. Dig up or rototill the areas and either leave them rough until early next spring or plant with a cover crop such as nutrient-gathering winter rye.
- Sow your salad patch before frosty nights arrive. Try perennial fruits and vegetables to plant once and eat for years.

- Raked up lawn leaves to prevent them suffocating your lawn— especially newly established lawns.
- An easy way to keep the water garden free of falling leaves is to stretch a fine mesh net over the pond to catch any wayward leaves.

## NOVEMBER

- Frost is not completely unwelcome in the vegetable garden. This is especially the case with cold crops such as broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage and cauliflower because a nipping from Jack Frost will turn some of the vegetable starch in the plants into sugar and make them sweeter tasting.
- Prune back cannas and discard the foliage to cut down on the population of leaf rollers that can overwinter in the debris and emerge next spring to continue their leaf-chewing problems.
- Add caster wheels to bulky containers to make moving them in and out of protected spaces easier.
- Grouping potted houseplants together indoors will provide a bit more humidity to help counteract the dry air typically found in warm winter homes.

*Based on tips from L.A. Jackson the former editor of Carolina Gardener Magazine.*

## Mailbox Spruce Up

Does your mailbox need some TLC? Jason Amy, your neighbor on Lily McCoy Lane, will repaint your mailbox for \$30 with a forest green paint color approved by the CFHOA. Lamp posts are \$20.

If your mailbox needs some attention, email Jason at [jason72amy@gmail.com](mailto:jason72amy@gmail.com)

## Mailbox Posts

If the post holding up your mailbox gets damaged or destroyed, contact Jeff Rowles at Sentry Management (919-790-8000 ext.52505) to buy one at the list price of \$500. Neighbors are responsible for installation.



## Lost Pet!

When a pet goes missing, there is instant panic, and if you've been on Nextdoor or on the Chatham Forest Facebook page, you've seen Lost or Found pets popping up almost weekly.

When your pets get loose, there are so many potential bad scenarios – your pet could get hit by a car, attacked by another animal or human, vanish forever, or bite from fear causing legal issues such as quarantine and possible euthanizing.

Recently, two dogs got out from a fenced yard here in CF, it took four people to corral them and return them to the owner's yard, where the gate was wide open. The owner wasn't home and had it not been for neighbors, they would never have known their dogs had gotten out until they returned home. By then, anything could have happened.

This incident got me thinking about how to safeguard our pets. There is no way to guarantee your pet won't ever get lost, but there are ways to increase the odds of keeping your pet safe. I've condensed the tips but will post more details on our Facebook page, including

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## When and where are HOA meetings?

**THE NEXT CFHOA BOARD MEETING IS TUESDAY, October 16th**

The Board of the Chatham Forest Homeowners typically meets at 6:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Chatham County Habitat for Humanity ReStore Meeting Room at 467 West St., Pittsboro, NC 27312

The HOA holds a "Homeowner Forum" for the first 15 minutes of each regular Board Meeting. Homeowners who sign up 72 hours in advance with the Management Company meet with the board one at a time. Then the board goes into closed session. A response to the homeowners follows. The HOA also schedules an "Open Forum Meeting" quarterly as well as the Annual Meeting (usually in January) where owners may attend the first part of the HOA Meeting

as a group to discuss matters related to the community. Please be aware that the HOA may limit speaking times based on the number of attendees and individual concerns to be addressed in order to allow comment from each owner.

OPEN FORUM MEETINGS start at 6pm. The next one is Oct. 16th.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, January 15 in the Chatham Park Conference Room, at 55 Grant Drive, (behind Bojangles).  
Registration starts at 6pm.  
Meeting begins at 6:30pm.  
The board will present a financial review. Candidates for two board seats will be voted on.

## Board of the Chatham Forest Homeowners Association (Reassigned 4/17/18)

President – Jennifer Wichowski, 343 Bellemont Road (2018–19)  
Vice President – Lesley Landis, 21 Randolph Court (2018–19)  
Treasurer – Pat Serkedakis, 199 Chatham Mill (2018–19)  
Secretary – Chris Blice, 267 Chatham Forest Drive (2017–18)  
Member – Oakley Bennett, 314 Chatham Forest Drive (2018–19)

*Appointed Unanimously to fill vacated seat 4-17-18*

## New Management Company: Sentry

After a search and review of three local companies who were accepting new clients, the board of the Chatham Forest Homeowners Association ("CF-HOA") signed a contract with Sentry Management Inc. to retain them as our new property management company. The contract began on August 1.

We were very impressed with Sentry's record of experience, robust infrastructure, professionalism and knowledge, and the speed with which they could start serving our community.

Jeff Rowles is our Community Association Manager. Taking on extraordinary challenges of homeowners associations is not something new to Jeff. When he

became president of his HOA in Clayton, he was faced with leading the organization through a maze of the worst problems and HOA mistakes anyone is likely to ever encounter.

Jeff has an associate degree in electrical engineering, a bachelor's in business management, experience in retail management, and 10+ years in property management, including HOA management. Jeff also earned the Community Association Institute's CMCA designation, a professional credential signifying he has the knowledge to manage community associations and guide HOA boards.

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## Chatham Forest & Pittsboro Community Contact Info

**CABLE TV & INTERNET** Spectrum  
Customer Service. . . . .833-694-9259

**ELECTRICITY**  
Duke Energy . . . . .800-452-2777  
Power Outage . . . . .800-419-6356

**GAS, PSNC** . . . . .877-776-2427

**WATER / GARBAGE / SEWER**  
Town of Pittsboro . . . . .919-542-4621

**CHATHAM HOSPITAL**  
Siler City . . . . .919-799-4000

**DRIVER'S LICENSES**  
Siler City . . . . .919-663-2601  
Carrboro . . . . .919-929-4161

**LIBRARY**  
Pittsboro, Public . . . . .919-545-8084

**TOWN OF PITTSBORO**  
Town Manager . . . . .919-542-4621

**PITTSBORO POST OFFICE**  
. . . . .800-275-8777

**PITTSBORO POLICE** 919-542-3200

**CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS** . . . . .919-542-3626

**TAX ASSESSOR**  
Chatham County . . . . .919-542-8250

**UNC HEALTHCARE**  
Pittsboro . . . . .919-545-0911

**VOTER REGISTRATION**  
Board of Elections. . . . .919-542-6430

**WASTE MGMT.** . . . .919-545-0640

# Ch-Ch-Changes and the Architectural Review Process

Want to install a fence? Paint your house? Enclose a back patio? Add on to your home? Install significant soft or hardscaping? The HOA Board is eager to help you enhance your investment.

Start by referring to the Architectural Control Guidelines to understand what is permitted, how the process works, and to find the application form.

A thoroughly completed application is critical. For smooth sailing through the review process be sure to include: your full name and address, and contact info; a land survey showing the setbacks

and your neighbors property lines with the footprint of your project included; send drawings of the project with dimensions noted; list specific building or landscaping materials; include specific paint colors, and photographs of similar projects.

The Architectural Review Committee (“ARC”) and the HOA Board wants to make your approval process fast and

To see a CFHOA Book of Covenants or Architectural Control Guidelines, visit [www.SentryMgmt.com](http://www.SentryMgmt.com) and use the 16-digit account number on your coupon to establish a log in -OR- call Sentry's Owner Services Team at 800-932-6636. Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-7pm EST -OR- contact Jeff Rowles at 919-790-8000 ext.52505.

efficient. There's room for all of us to improve, so help us to help you.

As in most transactions and relationships, clear, timely and thorough communication does wonders.

You're welcome to come to a meeting and give us a heads up about your project if you want insights into how to make an application as thorough as possible.

**In the past, Halloween in Chatham Forest has been a big deal! Depending on where you live in the neighborhood, be prepared at dusk on Wed. 10/31 for streets clogged with costumed children, and parents, and cars. Don't say we didn't warn you.**

## LOST PETS from page 1

links and phone numbers to resources. If you haven't joined the Chatham Forest Facebook page, please do so!

## Prevent Your Pet From Going Missing

- 1) Ensure your pet is wearing a collar and tags at all times. Even indoor only pets and cats need identification.
- 2) Microchip your pet.
- 3) Make sure your pet is never unsupervised outdoors.
- 4) Survey and secure your property.
- 5) Ensure you have proof of ownership.
- 6) Have your pets spayed / neutered
- 7) Keep your pets inside when unpredictable weather or other events are occurring.
- 8) Never leave your pet alone in a vehicle.

## I Did This But The Unthinkable Happened. HELP!

- 1) Contact local vets, animal shelters and animal control agencies. Use [www.LostMyDoggie.com](http://www.LostMyDoggie.com) to blast out flyers to shelters, vets and neighbors.
- 2) Post on Nextdoor, Facebook, and Craigslist. Include a description, current photo, the date and time the pet went missing, complete address of where the pet went missing and your contact information.
- 3) Print and Post Flyers. I have flyers already printed for my pets in case they get lost.
- 4) Search your neighborhood.
- 5) Go in person every day to Animal Control. Don't rely on staff to remember your pet. Check every day.

Write an article for the newsletter! Email Lesley at [lllgraphicdesign@gmail.com](mailto:lllgraphicdesign@gmail.com)

# Your Vote is your Voice. Use it.

One Stop Registration and Early Voting for the midterm election starts on Thursday, October 17th and proceeds through Saturday, November 3rd.

Polls are open for early voting Monday through Friday 7am–7pm, and Saturdays 8am–2pm.

Chatham Forest neighbors can cast early votes less than a mile from where we live. For voters who wish to vote in

## PITTSBORO

Chatham County Board of Elections  
984 Thompson Street, Suite D,  
Tel: 919-545-8500

This election includes races for our U.S. Congressional Representative (District 6), State Senator, State Representative, Judges, County Commissioners, and School Board members, other county offices AND six state constitutional amendments.

An ID will be required to register but not to vote.

Election Day is on Tuesday, November 6th. Polls will be open from 6:30am—

7:30pm. The Election Day polling place for Chatham Forest residents is at Central Carolina Community College in the building west of the library.

Generally, polls are least crowded from 9–11am and 1–4:30pm.

Alternatively any registered voter in Chatham may vote at any polling site during the Early Voting period.

Other poll locations are:

## GOLDSTON

40 A – Coral Ave. 27252  
across from Dollar General

## NORTH CHATHAM

Northeast District Park  
5408 Big Woods Rd., Chapel Hill  
follow the blue Early Voting signs

## SILER CITY

Earl B. Fitts Community Center  
111 S. Third Ave. 27344  
beside Braxton Manor

**Is a street light near your home damaged or dark? Street lights are the responsibility of Duke Progress Energy, but they can't repair what they don't know about. Visit the website below to make a report to Duke Progress Energy. Include the address of the lamp and the serial number on the pole. There's no cost to you to and you'll receive an email with an update. <https://www.int.progress-energy.com/app/StreetlightRepair/default.aspx>**

# Pitch In for a Better Chatham Forest

The neighborhood needs your ideas, time, and skills! Your participation on committees is a great way to meet neighbors strengthen our community.

To join one of these, email Lesley Landis at [lllgraphicdesign@gmail.com](mailto:lllgraphicdesign@gmail.com)

## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

- Review and approve new home plans
- Review proposed modifications to homes or property

- Review standards for houses and modifications (fences, walls, etc.)
- Report compliance issues to the Board and Management to address violations

## SOCIAL/RECREATION COMMITTEE

- Organize neighborhood social events such as CORA Porch Collections, community movies, garage sales, cookie swaps, etc.

# Think Like a Thief

Thefts from cars in the driveways of Chatham Forest — often several per night — seem to be happening more frequently. Make it hard for thieves to take your property by developing these habits:

- When you get out of the car, take all valuables with you including keys, purses, cell phones, GPS devices, IDs, and money. (In a nearby neighborhood, a firearm was stolen from a car!)
- Roll up car windows
- Lock all car doors
- Park the car in your garage
- Install motion detecting lights on your home.

If it does happen, being robbed is not a reason to retreat.

- Call the police immediately.
- Get to know your neighbors. They are allies in noticing people who don't belong at your home. Also talk to people you don't recognize.

- Organize book clubs, garden clubs, etc.
- Write, or solicit articles from others, and organize volunteers to distribute this quarterly CFHOA Newsletter

## CFHOA's Committees Make a Difference. Get Involved!