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The intent of this newsletter is to provide information for the residents of Castle Pointe about social activities, introduce new neighbors, and more.

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CASTLE POINTE SOCIAL
NEWSLETTER – FALL 2025



AUTUMN IN CASTLE POINTE

DEAR NEIGHBORS

Crisp air, colorful leaves, and cozy evenings are here again! As we welcome fall, let’s take a moment to celebrate our community and share a few updates, events, and seasonal reminders.

This season reminds us to be grateful for the strong sense of community we share. Whether you’re helping a neighbor rake leaves, sharing a meal, or simply offering a friendly smile, your kindness makes Castle Pointe feel like home.

Wishing you a safe, cozy, and colorful autumn!

Your Castle Pointe Social Committee / Newsletter Team

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Our neighborhood hosts social events year-round, including a Progressive dinner, Summer BBQ, Holiday Party, Bunco nights, and monthly happy hours called "Flamingle."



To join the Bunco group, please reach out to Carla Almer with your email address to be added to the monthly invite:

social@castlepointehoa.com

Put "BUNCO: in the subject line.

LADIES BUNCO GROUP

On the last Tuesday of each month, Carla Almer organizes a Bunco game. Each month, Carla will send out an email, and the first 12-16 people to respond will be invited to the home where the host provides snacks, dessert, and beverages.



Can you spot the losers?

FLAMINGLE FRIDAYS



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Join friends and neighbors at the monthly “Flamingle” held on the first Friday of the month at someone’s home. Typically hosted at Bob & Carla Almer’s, but anyone can volunteer to host.

The “Flamingle” is a wonderful way to meet new neighbors and socialize with each other.

Here are a few the attendees from the recent Flamingle gatherings at the Vyce’s and Almer’s backyards this summer. (Even Trixie joined in on the fun).



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Castle Pointe Annual Summer Barbeque

Forest Park Oktoberfest



The Castle Pointe Social Committee hosted a delightful barbeque at the Forest Park Club House in August.

Additionally, many Castle Pointe residents attended the 4th annual Forest Park Oktoberfest in September, enjoying live entertainment and delicious food from local food trucks.

CASTLE POINTE ANNUAL SUMMER BARBEQUE



FOREST PARK OKTOBERFEST





Hi there, new neighbors!

We welcome you to our little oasis of a neighborhood. We hope you love it as much as we have over the years. We are so excited to have you join our community!

MEET THE KLEVER'S!



Mary & Jim Klever with a few of their Canine Companion trainees, Prim, Yemen & Tieli

Jim and Mary Klever have been residents of 1330 Castlepoint Circle since March 2022, dividing their time between Castle Pines and Palm Desert, California. In Palm Desert, they are actively engaged with the Desert Cancer Foundation, raising money to assist people with cancer who cannot pay for treatment. Mary is on the Executive Committee, and the event attracts over 700 participants and has raised more than \$60,000.

The Klever's are parents to two adult sons—one residing in Las Vegas, Nevada, and the other in Queen Creek, Arizona. Their family also includes two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Both Jim and Mary are retired professionals. Jim was with the YMCA of the USA for 47 years while Mary served as Director of the Athletic Services Division for the U.S. Olympic Committee and attended several Olympic Games working in a multitude of positions.

Their passion for canine welfare is reflected in their extensive involvement with Canine Companions for Independence, an organization dedicated to raising and training service dogs for adults, children, and veterans with disabilities, as well as facility dogs for professionals in healthcare, criminal justice, and educational settings. Since its founding in 1975, the Canine Companions organization has provided dogs and follow-up services to clients at no cost.

Since 2003, Jim and Mary have trained three dogs for the CCI program, including Tieli, Yemen and Prim. They have also rescued dogs from puppy mills and raised them to good health and long lives. Among their notable achievements, the Klever's produced a video of one of their puppy mill rescue dogs, Mr. Will, for National Puppy Mill Awareness Day, which was selected as one of the top twelve submissions out of over 900 entries at the San Antonio Film Festival. They are also happy to announce that when they return from Palm Desert in the spring, they should have a new family member with them. They will be accepting a certified therapy dog from CCI that will be trained to provide comfort to patients in cancer

Meet The Klever's (Continued)

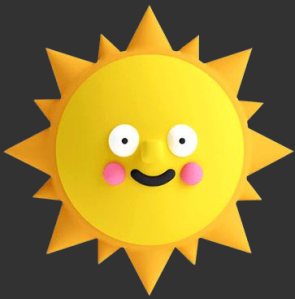
centers and other locations in both California and Colorado. The dog will also be their pet.

Beyond their volunteer efforts, Jim and Mary remain actively involved in physical activities and share a mutual appreciation for golf, travel and their Castle Pointe community.

If you're new to the neighborhood OR would like to have your background and information included in a future newsletter, please contact Betsy Vyce (bvyce@msn.com) to arrange a meeting

Welcome to the Neighborhood (continued)....

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything or have any questions about the neighborhood.



RECIPE EXCHANGE



I LOVE to cook and bake!

Here is a yummy Fall recipe that I whipped up as soon as the hint of Fall was in the air.

If anyone would like to contribute recipes of their own in future newsletters, that would be much appreciated. Please send them to me via email: bvyce@msn.com

Apple Butter Coffee Cake

Ingredients

For the crumb topping:

- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 Tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 cup butter (1/2 stick), softened at room temperature

For the coffee cake:

- 1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 Tablespoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 3/4 cup apple butter
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 large apple, cored and diced

Instructions:

1. Heat oven to 425° Fahrenheit. NOTE: you will reduce this temperature part way through baking.
2. Grease and flour a 9-inch baking pan.

Make the crumb topping:

1. Use a fork to mix the brown sugar, cinnamon, flour and softened butter in a small bowl until you have a coarse, lump mixture. Set aside while you make the batter.

Make the batter:

1. In a large bowl, stir together sugar, flour, salt baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, ginger and ground cloves.
2. In a separate small bowl, stir together apple butter and melted butter.
3. Add apple butter mixture, eggs, and vanilla to dry ingredients and mix until no lumps remain.
4. Add chopped apples and stir to fold them into the batter.

Bake:

1. Spread batter into your prepared pan.
2. Spread the crumb topping evenly over the top.
3. Bake for 5 minutes at 425° F, then reduce the temperature to 375° F and bake an additional 25-30 minutes, until a cake tester inserted into the center of the coffee cake comes out clean.
4. Serve warm or let coffee cake cool to room temperature.



UPCOMING EVENTS :

- **Holiday Party: December 6 at The Ridge**

Please check the bulletin board for important Fall dates as well:

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We look forward to seeing you at a future neighborhood gathering, i.e., Flamingle, Bunco, Progressive Dinner, Summer Barbeque, etc.!

Please submit your ideas and suggestions via email for any activities that would be of interest to the CP Social Committee at:

social@castlepointehoa.com

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your valuable input and contributions to this Newsletter.

If you would like your introduction featured in an upcoming issue, or if you have recipes, ideas, photographs, or other content to share, please contact me at bvyce@msn.com

Suggestions for activities or additional items to include in future newsletters are also welcome and greatly appreciated.