

# **QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

Dear Neighbors,

We're excited to introduce the inaugural edition of the Melrose Property Owners Association (POA) Quarterly Newsletter! This new communication is designed to keep you informed, engaged, and connected with everything happening within our community.

As we begin this new chapter, our goal is to share important updates, upcoming events, helpful resources, and other news that directly impacts our residents. Whether you're a long-time neighbor or new to the area, we hope this newsletter will help strengthen our community spirit and foster an open line of communication.

In this first issue, you'll find highlights of recent POA activities, key dates for upcoming events, and important updates on community projects. We encourage you to read on and let us know your thoughts, as your feedback is invaluable in shaping the future of our newsletter and the Melrose community.

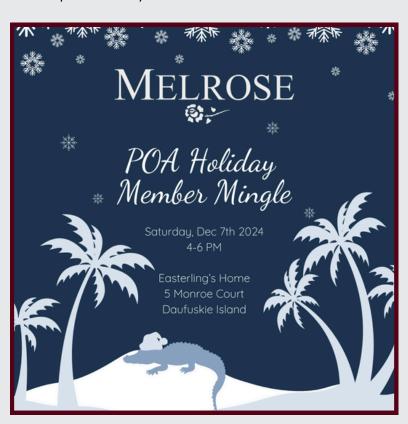
Thank you for being an essential part of what makes Melrose such a wonderful place to live. We look forward to staying in touch!

Warm Regards, Your Melrose POA Board

#### **MPOA Holiday Member Mingle**

Join us on Saturday, December 7th from 4-6 PM for a MPOA Holiday Member Mingle! It's a wonderful opportunity to connect (or reconnect) with your neighbors in a festive relaxed setting.

We hope to see you all there!



#### **Important Upcoming Dates**

- MPOA Holiday Member Mingle
  - Saturday December 7th, 4-6PM
- Nomination deadline
  - o Tuesday, December 31, 2024
- 2025 Annual Meeting
  - o Saturday, March 8, 2025

### Infrastructure Updates

This hurricane season has kept our Infrastructure Committee hard at work! We are pleased to report that Melrose came through the storms relatively unscathed. However, there was still plenty of debris cleanup to be done.

Unfortunately, a few of our residents experienced minor damage from a brief tornado touchdown that occurred just before Hurricane Helene arrived. We are happy to report that there was no major damage or injuries from the storms. A big thank you to our Infrastructure Committee for their swift and efficient cleanup efforts. We would also like to thank our Daufuskie Island Fire Department for their assistance clearing our roads once it was safe.





In addition to managing storm debris, this fall, the committee also took on a large-scale tree canopy cleanup project. This important work ensures that our fire department can maintain clear and safe access to our community in the event of an emergency.

Our team also took the time to clear out storm drains across the neighborhood, helping to prevent any potential flooding and maintain the safety of our community.

We are incredibly grateful for all the hard work our committee has done this season to keep Melrose safe and prepared.

On another exciting note, I'm thrilled to announce that MPOA road repairs have officially begun! The first phase of repairs will take place on Sportsman Drive, and work will continue throughout the neighborhood as each section is completed.

At this time, we do not anticipate any road closures, but we will keep you updated if there are any changes. We are optimistic that all road repairs will be finished by late Spring 2025.



#### Looking for a Way to Serve Your Community?

Volunteering for a committee is a great way to get involved and make a meaningful impact on our community. We currently have several committees that could benefit from your time, skills, and ideas. If you're passionate about improving our neighborhood, we'd love to have you on board!



We are specifically looking for members to serve on the following committees:

- Infrastructure Committee
  - Help plan, maintain, and improve our community's infrastructure, including roads and common areas, to keep our neighborhood safe and attractive.
- Architectural Review Board (ARB)
  - Review architectural submissions to ensure new construction or renovations align with community guidelines and aesthetics.
- Member Services Committee
  - Organize events, foster a welcoming environment, and address resident needs to enhance community engagement and well-being.
- Collections Committee
  - Monitor overdue accounts, assist with payment plans, and recommend actions to ensure timely collection of assessments and fees.

## **Board Election Update**

Three board seats will be up for re-election at our 2025 Annual Meeting. All three current board members—Todd Neel, Julie Dilullo, and Ben Lundgren—have expressed their interest in serving another term. After reviewing their contributions to our community, the Nominating Committee is confident in nominating them to continue serving on the board for an additional three-year term.

If you are interested in being considered for one of these seats, please note that under Section 7.1B of the MPOA Bylaws: "Any Member may submit the name of a candidate if (a) that name is supported by a petition bearing the names of at least twenty (20) Members, (b) petitioner establishes that his/;her candidate is ready, willing and able to serve, and (c) the proposed name reaches the Nominating Committee by December 31 to be included on the ballot."

Petitions may be submitted to: karenrafferty@mac.com. Thank you for your continued participation in the governance of our community.

### Thank you neighbors!

We hope you enjoyed getting up to date on the latest happenings within the Melrose POA this fall. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Member Services Committee.

Member Services Chair: Vicky Wasser



