From Our President:

Labor Day is over and with that being said, its back to school time. I would like to remind all of our neighbors that traffic within our neighborhood is busy between 6am and 8am and again between 3pm and 4pm. Please be mindful of our smallest residents and use caution.

As we near the fourth quarter of 2013, the board is working on additional landscaping and lighting changes at the front entrance as well as making some upgrades to the camera system at our pool.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped with the pool schedule and those who have been doing the mowing at the amenities area. We could not be able to maintain the amenities area without you.

The board will be reviewing improvements needed for the upcoming year as well as securing estimates for the 2014 budgets. Our grounds and maintenance committee could use some volunteers to help secure estimates for next season. If you have a few hours to spare, we could sure use your help. Please contact anyone on the board for more information.

Fall cleanup day is just around the corner and your help is greatly needed. Please mark your calendars for October 5th when we will meet at the pool area at 9AM. With enough volunteers we should be done by noon.

Have a wonderful fall season and I look forward to see you around the neighborhood.

Barbara

Let’s keep it safe for all!

The speed limit in the community is 25 mph!!

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**Fox Chase HOA Board Members:**

- Barbara Shevchuk, President
- Christopher Espenshade, Vice President
- Mary Blackmoor, Secretary
- Dave Frey, Treasurer
- Cathy Manke, ARC
- Jennifer Stockli, Amenities
- Lori Kelly, Newsletter
- Christy Maupin, Dick Cook, Members At-Large
Amenities:

Thank you to the families that volunteered to open and close our pool. We rely on volunteerism to keep cost down and still provide a place to cool down and enjoy our family, friends, and neighbors. The gate will be locked for the season, but you are still welcome on the amenities property. See you next season!

Neighborhood Watch

Have you noticed this sign at the entrance to the neighborhood? Do you know what a Neighborhood Watch does? Are you willing to help make Fox Chase’s Neighborhood Watch Program work?

The Spotsylvania Sheriff’s Office encourages Neighborhood Watch Programs where residents of a neighborhood observe and report suspicious activities as part of the effort to lower crime rates. The objective of a Neighborhood Watch Program is to remove opportunities for people to commit crime. This and other signs throughout Fox Chase announce to those meaning to harm us that we are watching them. However, to make our program work, we must all count on each other to watch.

What can you do? Here are a few easy ways to be involved that require little effort on your part.

First, be aware. Get to know your neighbors, especially those on either side of you and across the street. Look out for each other. Keep an eye on each other’s homes. Also, as you jog, walk, or ride your bike through the neighborhood, be aware of what is going on around the homes you pass and of the cars driving through the neighborhood. As you have time leaving or returning to your home in your car, take a few extra minutes to drive down all the side streets and, when opened, through the pool area.

Second, report suspicious activity. Call the Sheriff’s Office at 540-582-7115. Such reports allow the Sheriff’s Office to note trends and determine what areas require increased patrols. Also, send an email to neighborhoodwatch@fox-chase.org.

Third, pay attention to all emails that comes from Fox Chase’s Neighborhood Watch. From time to time, we will disseminate information from the Sheriff’s Office regarding crime and scams occurring in the County that might affect Fox Chase residents as well tips on keeping your home and our neighborhood safe.

Look for more information to come. We will mail a packet of detailed information on how you can protect your home and Fox Chase and be involved in your Neighborhood Watch Program.

Architectural Review Committee

It’s hard to believe but summer is almost gone. It’s been a wet one for sure which has resulted in Fox Chase being greener and more colorful than ever. Maintaining our landscaping has certainly been a challenge that’s for sure. But, we’d like to thank everyone for your hard work. It makes a big impact in the appearance of our beautiful neighborhood when our lawns are mowed and gardens managed.

If you’ve driven through the neighborhood lately, you’ve likely seen several houses either for sale or recently sold. AND, the prices of these homes have risen above what they were a few years. It’s been a rough road for many but we’re pulling through and I’m sure we will continue to do so. I have no doubt the cooperation of everyone in following our covenants shows the pride we take in living in Fox Chase.

As a reminder, please be sure to send a submission form to the ARC (found online) for exterior changes to your home including: any color changes; roof shingle changes; mailbox or post changes; changes to landscaping design; tree removal; shed, pool, porch/deck or playground equipment installation; and driveway extensions (street and lawn parking has become a widespread problem lately). We realize some may feel it is unnecessary to request prior approval for these types of changes but our concern is in maintaining the beauty and integrity of Fox Chase as well as our property values and we thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Cathy Manke
Architectural Review Committee Chair
Treasurer’s Report

I would like to thank all of those that volunteered this summer at the pool, mowing, etc. Thanks to you we keep our costs low for that maintenance and in turn our dues down as well. We appreciate it and we encourage all who live in our wonderful community to participate in some way as well. We are again on pace to come in under budget overall for 2013. Over the next few months I’ll start working on the budget for 2014 and forecasts for the next 5, 10 and 20 years. The invoices for second installment payments will be going out at the end of September to those residents that did not pay in full in May. Those payments are due back by October 31st. As always, if you would like a copy of the HOA financial reports I present at the board meeting each month, please feel free to contact me at dues@fox-chase.org.

Dave Frey
Treasurer, HOA Board

Upcoming Ladies Nights (7:30pm to 11ish)

Stop by any time (like after you put the kids to bed) to visit and catch up—simply bring your own beverage of any kind and a snack to share—please email info@fox-chase.org to get the street address

October Ladies Night—Sat, Oct 12th @ Lori Kelly’s

November Ladies Night—Fri, Nov 15th @ Nancy Bowles’

December Ladies Night (Gift Exchange) - Sat, Dec 14th @ Christy Maupin’s

Cookie Exchange—Sat, Dec 21st @ Tish Frey’s

January Ladies Night (Re-Gift Exchange) - TBD