As the newly elected HOA President, I have some pretty big shoes to fill. Your past Presidents, Tim Wilson, Brian Bickley, and Dick Cook, with the help of all the committee members, have accomplished a great deal. Some of you might be surprised at exactly how much work goes into the care and maintenance of a small community such as ours. Suffice it to say, that without the countless hours donated by members of the community, there would be no trails, pavilion, or pool. The expense of the maintenance of our common areas is kept down for one reason and one reason only…volunteers. Without their efforts, this work would need to be done by contracted labor and the cost passed on to the homeowners in the form of increased HOA dues.

My focus this year will primarily be to maintain the level of excellence set forth by the previous presidents, to increase community involvement with regard to the care and maintenance of Fox Chase, and to ensure community safety.

If I haven’t already met you, I look forward to doing so in the near future.

Regards, Mike D’Albis

Please Note:
Our newsletter is now posted on our web site, fox-chase.org and due to privacy considerations; we are unable to include full names, phone numbers and other sensitive information.
The email contact is danconway3@comcast.net

Did you know that insects, a favorite bird food, have greater protein than meat? If we use less insecticide, herbicide and chemical treatments, we have a greater diversity of vegetation and insects, thus more birds, butterflies and other insects.

Lawns are very sterile places. However, look around in your woodpiles, brushy areas, tangle of vines at the woods edge, and along the preserved wetland areas on Fox Chase Lane, and you'll see life in all its abundance. If your lot is adjacent to the woods edge, allow a border to “go natural” and reap the benefits of less mowing, less chemicals, more habitat, and creation of endless enjoyment by your family as you watch wild creatures thrive. The natural areas will be mowed once a year-- in late February or early March--to allow less interruption for wildlife when nesting season begins.

If you have any questions, please contact the Grounds Committee. Also, a plea to the entire neighborhood: PLEASE DON’T LITTER, and that means not throwing anything out your car window, and assuring your trash and recyclables are secured in your vehicles. Thank you.

The new email contact is Bjp53@aol.com
This year, the Grounds and Maintenance (G&M) Committee will be in charge of many tasks, mainly consisting of the following: mowing the pool/lake area, ensuring the regular maintenance duties of the “front entrance”, and checking and repairing the general grounds of Fox Chase.

In order to save the HOA money, the Board of Directors is allowing the G&M to purchase a mower (garden tractor or a zero turn mower). The idea behind this is to save the HOA money by not contracting this out. Here’s what we need - VOLUNTEERS! We plan to cut the grass on a weekly basis or as required during growing season. We need you to sign up and commit some time to mow this area. This is quite a cost saver provided every home owner puts in their dues by volunteering an afternoon of their time through the season. Please see the web site to sign up or contact me at srirpaul@comcast.net and I’ll be happy to give you the details of what is needed.

The G&M has planned to have back to back (Sat. and Sun.) workdays this year. So if you can’t make it one day, then maybe the other day will work out for you to volunteer a little of your time. The date will be posted on the web site and at the front and pool bulletin boards. An email will also be sent to you. We plan on working at the front entrance, pool and lake areas, and the street areas on one day, and then, working on the silo area the other day.

“Homeowners can help out by cleaning the sand off the streets in front of your home and PLEASE, VOLUNTEER TO MOW, YOU ARE NEEDED! We even supply the gas, you just sit and ride.”

Happy spring! We are excited for another year at the pool. At this time we are planning on opening the pool from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. More information will be coming as those details are finalized. Operational hours will remain the same this year, 6am to 8:30pm. If you haven't received your pool key card, or are interested in renting space on the canoe storage rack, and/or can volunteer to help close down the pool (closing umbrellas, putting the furniture back, making sure the trash is picked up, etc.), please contact us at amenities@fox-chase.org
Social Committee

Garden Club Meets in April

Our first Garden Club meeting will be on Saturday, April 18. Contact Beth Malmquist if you would like to be added to the email distribution list for garden club activities.

For those looking for interesting sources for plants, try the RAAI plant sale the last two weeks of April through May 2 "Mayfest", the Lewis Ginter Botanic Garden (Richmond) plant sale April 30-May 2, and the local Soil and Water Conservation District and the

Spotsylvania Presbyterian Church plant sale that benefits their mission work. I have bought from all of these sources and been very pleased. These sales are advertised in The Free Lance-Star. Be thinking about planting native plants that will help sustain wildlife and will be very drought-tolerant after the first year of care. Enjoy spring and the wonderful natural bounty our state offers.

Beth Malmquist
NhaBe70@verizon.net

The 2009 Social Committee has just prepared this year’s social calendar, mixing annual events with a few new events for this summer. First, as a budget savings measure, there will no longer be any postal mailings for social events. All information will be posted via email, on the community web site, and on the community bulletin boards. In addition, listed below is the schedule for this year’s events.

Something new we’re trying this summer is “Second Saturdays at the Pool”. This is simply an open invitation for families to bring a picnic dinner and spend some time at the pool/pavilion, either catching up with neighbors or meeting new neighbors. This will start at 5:00pm on the second Saturday of June, July and August, and will last until closing. The idea behind this is an informal event within the community in which the entire family can attend. As always, pool rules will be in effect for any function at the pool.

If you still haven’t joined us for Ladies Night, please do!! These events start at 7:30pm, but usually last until at least 11pm, so feel free to stop by later in the night if you can’t make it there early. Please bring an appetizer/dessert to share, as well as, your own beverage.

Saturday, April 4th, is the date for the “Easter Egg Hunt” to be held at the amenities property by the pavilion. Set up will begin at 12:00pm, with the egg hunt starting at 1:00pm. Children ages 10 and under are welcome to participate. Details will be provided as the event nears. The rain date will be Sunday, April 5th.

Check out the calendar of events and the web site (www.fox-chase.org) for upcoming events.

Please contact me if you have any ideas for new events or suggestions for current events.

Finally, I’d like to thank all of those who have been involved in putting on our social events and for opening their homes to us.

Lisa D’Albis          usmcpsu@comcast.com
## 2009 Events

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Please bring a wrapped gift $10-$15 to exchange.

*Contact Lisa D’Albis at usmcpsu@comcast.net to host a Ladies Night.*
For inquiries, suggestions, concerns…please contact me at Sincerelydrcw@comcast.net

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