

*Quarterly  
 Newsletter*  
 March 2009

President

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](http://fox-chase.org) and due to privacy considerations; we are unable to include full names, phone numbers and other sensitive information.



**Keep FC Clean & Beautiful**

**Please secure flyaway litter, cigarette butts...thank you!**

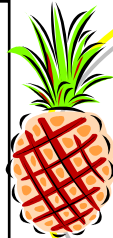
**TREASURY**

Annual dues, \$600, are due May 31, 2009, or dues may be paid in two installments of \$300, first payment due May 31, 2009 and second payment due October 31, 2009.

The new email contact is **Blp53@aol.com**

**ARCHITECTURAL  
REVIEW  
COMMITTEE**

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*Welcome*

the **Boshear**  
and the **Kelly** families  
*We hope to meet you soon if  
you are new! Please  
contact us at  
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*A Message from Beth:*

We hope you've enjoyed the new amenities area and have walked our new trail that extends from the amenities area to Heathermore Lane. The footway is even, the bridges are picturesque and the nature around us is beautiful. That's the reason the Grounds and Maintenance Committee decided to maintain as much property as possible in a natural format. Areas to be mowed are the amenities play areas, the margins of the path on both sides of the stream, the access to the pond, and the road frontage on lot 70 of Heathermore. We want to keep the slopes, woods edges, and open area on lot 70 of Heathermore as natural habitat areas for our wonderful diversity of native grasses, flowers, birds, insects, amphibians, and reptiles. Eastern red cedar, Virginia pine, and wild cherry-- three natives and valuable food and shelter sources--along with wildflowers and grasses, will be allowed to flourish on lot 70. Our area of Virginia has a wide variety of ground-nesting birds whose populations are declining because of loss of the aforementioned. By allowing native grasses and flowers to flourish, we are ensuring food and habitat for many creatures.

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.

# Amenities

## GRounds & Maintenance

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 basic 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 [srjrpaul@comcast.net](mailto:srjrpaul@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.”



## Pool Committee

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](mailto:amenities@fox-chase.org)

## Social Committee

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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup>.

Check out the calendar of events and the web site ([www.fox-chase.org](http://www.fox-chase.org)) for upcoming events.

Please contact me if you have any ideas for new



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Grounds,  
Pool



President



Calendar,  
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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](mailto:usmcpsu@comcast.com)

### 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](mailto:NhaBe70@verizon.net)



**2009 Events\***

April 3	Ladies Night	Lynn Kelsey
April 4	Easter Egg Hunt	Amenities 1pm Kids below 10
April 5	Easter Egg Hunt	Rain Date
May 1	Ladies Night	Lisa D'Albis "Cinco de Mayo"
May 16	Community Yard Sale	
June 5	Ladies Night	Julie Paul Pool Party
June 13	2ndSat@Pool	Bring Picnic Dinner
Jul 11	2ndSat@Pool	Bring Picnic Dinner
Aug 8	2ndSat@Pool	Bring Picnic Dinner
Aug 29	Neighborhood Party	Amenities Area
Aug 30	Neighborhood Party	Rain Date
Sep 4	Ladies Night	Jennifer Stockli
Oct 2	Ladies Night	Nancy Bowles
Oct 3	Community Yard Sale	
Nov 6	Ladies Night	Lori Kelly
Dec 12	Cookie Swap	Donna Lambert
Dec 18	Ladies Night	Christy Maupin
	Please bring a wrapped gift \$10-\$15 to exchange.	

\*Contact Lisa D'Albis at [usmcpesu@comcast.net](mailto:usmcpesu@comcast.net) to host a Ladies Night.



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Email questions to the BoD members via the web manager at [info@fox-chase.org](mailto:info@fox-chase.org)

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