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Fox Chase HOA Board Members:

- Dick Cook, President
- Dave Frey, Vice President
- Mary Blackmoor, Secretary
- Debbie Bradfield, Treasurer
- Dan Conway, Palmentarian
- Jennifer Stockli, Pool Manager
- Kevin Kelly, Newsletter

Annual Dues:

The first installment of the Annual Dues for \$315 is due by June 1st.
 The second installment is due on October 31st.
 If the first payment is not received by June 1st, the full amount of \$630 will be due immediately along with an assessed late charge of \$60.
 If this amount is not paid within 30 days, the Association will take legal action.

From Our President:

Spring is here! Some of us thought the snow would never leave. I am very thankful to neighbors that helped out with snow removal so I could get my car out. It is a blessing to live in a community where neighbors help neighbors.

Along this line of thought, I want to mention the need to respect others property. Some of our neighbors are having problems with teenagers using their property to "hang out." They are smoking, littering, and generally causing a nuisance. Please make sure your teenagers are not being disrespectful of your neighbors.

The Board had to increase dues this year to help off-set the cost of our amenities. We understand the financial difficulty that some families are

experiencing and are trying to keep costs to a minimum. But this requires more of us volunteering to do things we used to pay someone to do. If you are not volunteering and helping to keep our community and amenities in good shape, then you are taking a "free ride." All of us can find some time and way to help out. Do your part, volunteer, and help us to keep costs from going up every year. You can volunteer on this web site by clicking on the "volunteer" link.

Remember to drive slowly on our streets to keep our kids safe.

Have a great Spring,
 Dick Cook
 President, Fox Chase HOA



Volunteer and be a quick brown fox that jumps over all the lazy dogs!
 Check out
www.fox-chase.org/volunteer.htm

Community Emails:

- board@fox-chase.org
- arc@fox-chase.org
- amenities@fox-chase.org
- grounds@fox-chase.org
- social@fox-chase.org
- welcome@fox-chase.org
- info@fox-chase.org



Annual Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt, March 28th at the Amenities Property

Amenities/Pool Committee



Let's meet at the pool this summer to hang out!

The opening of the community pool is planned for Memorial Day weekend. Community volunteers are needed in preparation for the opening. We will be power washing the furniture & pool deck and caulking the pool deck on May 8th at 8am and May 22nd at 2pm.

You can also sign up to open and/or close the pool for a week (Sun. to Sat). Opening duties consist of unlocking the pool gate and taking the trash can back down to its designated spot. Closing duties are listed in the pool house on the bulletin board. Some responsibilities include closing umbrellas, folding down chairs, cleaning up pool deck of garbage or toys, taking garbage can up to the gate

for pick up (2 times a week) and lock up.

A new closing responsibility has been added this pool season. To reduce budget impacts we have decided to assume the duties of cleaning the pool bath house. This should not be too big of an added burden since our community has taken pride in keeping our amenities clean. Closing responsibilities should only take about 10 to 15 min. on most nights. We encourage those who plan to use the facilities to sign up by emailing amenities@fox-chase.org.

Homeowners will be required to review amenities policies and resign the Acknowledgment and Liability Waiver Form. The poli-

cies and form will be available on the Fox Chase website www.fox-chase.org/amenities.htm. Additionally, homeowners will be required to present their key cards for re-activation.

If you are a new member of our community you will be issued 2 key cards once you have reviewed the policies and signed a waiver form. As the pool season approaches, more information as to the dates and times will be provided.

If you have any questions please contact us at amenities@fox-chase.org.

Gardening Enthusiasts

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Eleanor Roosevelt



The cardinal is Virginia's official state bird. Do you know the six other states that call this bird their own?

Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, West Virginia

After all the snow, this spring has been even more welcome! Here are some things to keep in mind as you prepare your garden for the year.

- Cut back any remaining grass stalks or seed stalks from fall to allow new growth.

- Time to prune the early spring-flowering shrubs like forsythia.

- It's bluebird nesting time. I have a hand-out if you are interested in monitoring a bluebird box in your backyard or the neighborhood.

- Hummingbirds are back the week of April 18. Bring 4 cups water to a boil. Add one cup regular granulated sugar, stir until dissolved, and boil one minute. Store in refrigerator and change feeder at least weekly. I start with a small amount in mine until enough

are back to warrant a full feeder.

- Mulching your beds and trees now will help them during our dry summers. Two to three inches of mulch is plenty, and don't mound the mulch up around the tree trunk like a volcano as this can cause trunk damage. It's best to spread the mulch out as far as the drip line of the tree, but with shallow depth.

- Our average last frost date is April 20. Wait until after this date, and check the forecast, before planting annuals. Perennials can be planted any time the ground is not frozen.

- The Historic Garden Week Fredericksburg tour is Tuesday, April 20.

- Lewis Ginter Botanic Garden in Richmond sponsors a great plant sale. This year it takes

place April 29 through May 1.

Any questions, please contact Beth Malmquist at 972-1472.

Happy Gardening!



Welcome Committee

Welcome to Our New Neighbors.

Richard Gregg Jr. and Liza D'Onofrio reside on Fox Chase Lane with their two cats. Welcome!

Larry and Kathy Casserly live on Fox Chase Lane with their 3 daughters. They are a military family and moved here from San Diego, CA. Welcome to the east coast!

Tom and Cheryl Bowley and their two teenagers live on Greenbriar Lane. They came to the area from Maryland and have relatives in the Fredericksburg area. Welcome to the neighborhood!

If we have inadvertently missed any new neighbors in the last 6 months, please contact Nancy Bowles 972-9593 or Audrey Boshears 412-2473 or welcome@fox-chase.org.



REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

All Hours Emergency Phone **911**

All Hours Non-Emergency Phone **540-582-7115**

Sherriff's Office web site <http://www.spotsylvania.va.us/departments/sheriff/>



Grounds Maintenance

Spring is here and we are preparing for the Spring Clean-up Day. The next clean-up day will be on Saturday, May 8th starting at 8am. Please meet in the Amenities Parking Lot. If 8am is too early for you, please show up as soon as you can. You'll be able to find someone working on the property and can ask how you can help out.

Please be sure to take some time to assist in the clean-up so we can continue to save money by doing the maintenance ourselves. The website has a volunteer sign-up page for community members to volunteer their services in mowing/weed whacking...etc at the amenities property. (www.fox-chase.org/amenities.htm)

Please sign up or call to get involved.

Jerry Stockli
Chairperson

972-7188 or grounds@fox-chase.org

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Social Committee:

- We had a good turnout for the St. Paddy's themed March ladies night. Thank you to Lynne Anderson for hosting the event.
- Nineteen children attended this year's Easter Egg Hunt at the amenities property. A great time was had by all!
- The May ladies night will be hosted by Tish Frey on Friday, May 7th starting at 7:30pm on Fox Chase Lane. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share. Feel free to show up anytime before 11pm.
- The neighborhood yard sale will be held Saturday, May 15th at 8:00 A.M. Start getting your items ready to sell. An ad will be placed in the Free-Lance Star Friday and Saturday.
- The June ladies night will be hosted by Ashley Conway on Friday, June 4th, at 7:30 P.M. on Fox Chase Lane. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share. Feel free to show up anytime before 11pm.
- June 12th, July 10th and August 14th bring us the second year of Second Saturday at the pool starting at 5pm. Please bring your family and a picnic dinner.
- The Fox Chase block party will be held on Saturday, August 28th, from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. This event will take place at the pool.
- Emails will be sent out for each of the above events.
- Information can also be found on the Fox Chase website (www.fox-chase.org/calendar.htm).
- Questions call Lori Kelly 540-412-2581 or email social@fox-chase.org

"Plant a seed of friendship; reap a bouquet of happiness."

Lois Kaufman

Architectural Review Committee (ARC):

The Fox Chase ARC would like to extend appreciation to the many homeowners who keep our neighborhood looking beautiful and well maintained.

As you are preparing your list of spring chores, please consider the appearance of your home from your neighbors' view. Small things, like a cleaned or painted mailbox post can make a big difference. Your home may be due for a power washing, especially on the north side of your house. Roof mold is becoming common throughout the neighborhood. In addition to being unsightly, this can be damaging to you roof and is easily remedied. Our local home stores can assist you with products to remove roof mold. Please remember that all homeowners need to maintain their lawns up to the edge of the road.

If you are planning any landscaping or exterior changes to your home, please submit a request form to the ARC and we will respond promptly.

The ARC has just completed a thorough review of the neighborhood. Homeowners may receive a letter for noticeable violations of the guidelines and covenants. Please remember that the Fox Chase HOA Board may institute fines up to ten dollars per day after proper notification of violations.

Thank you for caring about the appearance of our neighborhood.

For any questions, please contact us as arc@fox-chase.org