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Spring Newsletter

Fox Chase Homeowners’ Association

April 5, 2013

Neighborhood Spring Clean-up

9:00 am-3:00pm, April 20, 2013
Amenities Property (Pool Area)

Gardening Tips

It seems that spring is finally here. The last frost date is around April 15th and so the list of chores begins. Here are some things to focus on this month.

**GENERAL**

- Prune winter-flowering shrubs and vines after bloom
- Plant permanent ground covers
- Plant or repair lawns
- Plant bare-root and container roses
- Plant or transplant warm-season annuals
- Plant heat-loving perennials
- Uncover roses
- Plant ornamental and evergreen trees, shrubs, and vines
- Perennial clumps can still be divided if they are just starting to put out new growth.

**LAWNS**

- Lime may be applied now
- Mow frequently starting now and throughout the summer. Mowing more frequently and cutting off less in each mowing results in a healthier lawn. So set your blade on the highest setting recommended for your type of grass. This will help to keep weeds at bay and makes the lawn more resistant to drought and disease.
- Leave the clippings on the lawn because they help add nutrients to the soil and therefore decreasing the need for fertilizers therefore reducing the chance of pollutants being washed through the soil and into the water supply. Follow Virginia Cooperative Extension guidelines for fertilizer rates.

Let’s keep it safe for all!

The speed limit in the community is 25 mph!!

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

Fox Chase HOA Board Members:

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

Welcome Spring!!!

I want to thank all of our board and committee members for their time and commitment to our neighborhood. Specifically the newly formed Neighborhood Watch Committee. Thanks to them for disseminating information to all of us during those nights when thieves roamed our neighborhood.

Thanks to our Grounds and Maintenance Committee for the planning behind the scenes for this upcoming season. Thanks to the Amenities and Social Committee for continuing to find ways to spread enjoyment amongst us all. Thanks to the Architectural Committee for ensuring all of our properties look their best. And last but not least, thanks to all of our volunteers who will give their time this year to help during the spring & fall clean-ups, maintain our amenities area, lake and dam.

Now that the weather is getting warmer, I look forward to seeing our beautiful neighborhood come to life again. Work will continue on our front entrance and some volunteers have discussed planting flowers near the pool house.

Please review this newsletter for upcoming events and areas of focus from the Architectural Committee.

I look forward to serving the neighborhood again this year!

Barbara Shevchuk
HOA Board President
board@fox-chase.org

Architectural Review Committee

It’s a wonderful sight to ride through Fox Chase and see the beautiful pear trees, daffodils, and cherry trees popping with color reminding us that spring has finally arrived. It’s a time when neighbors come out of hibernation and get re-acquainted. It’s also a time when many of us will begin the task of outside work to keep our yards and house looking good. The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) would like to take this opportunity to remind homeowners of a few items requiring ARC approval before being done:

- Exterior repairs which require design or color changes; improvements such as new decks, patios, additions, sheds, garages, driveways (excluding repaving); landscape changes; mailbox changes; all color changes including mailbox and post, doors, and shutters; and, changes to or addition of permanent lighting. These are only a few of the items requiring ARC approval and we encourage you to contact us at arc@fox-chase.org if you have any questions.
- We’d also like to remind our fellow residents that campers, RV’s, boats, and trailers may be maintained on your property as long as they do not exceed the maximum weight limit of 7,500 pounds and are reasonably screened from street view. Those in excess of 7,500 pounds may not be kept in Fox Chase.

Remember, the function of the ARC is to help maintain the beauty, unity, and integrity of our neighborhood and we greatly appreciate everyone’s cooperation. Happy Spring!!!!!

Cathy Manke
Architectural Review Committee Chair
arc@fox-chase.org

Neighborhood Watch

This year we began a neighborhood watch. This winter the county saw a rash of thefts from vehicles. Our neighborhood was targeted several times. Although the Spotsylvania county sheriff was successful is catching several of the people responsible for these crimes we must remain aware. Please continue to lock your vehicles and remove valuables from them.

The sheriff has stressed numerous times that we should report suspicious behaviors. Do not feel silly or like you are bothering them. This is the only way they will know that anything is going on. Additionally these reports are what drive the decisions to send patrol cars through the neighborhood.

Please look forward to events we would like to hold this spring. We would like to have an awareness day and see about bringing in McGruff the crime dog. Look for signs to be added to the front of the neighborhood. If you have questions or comments, or would like to join please email neighborhoodwatch@fox-chase.org
Amenities

Pool season is approaching. The pool will be opening Saturday, May 25th, Memorial Day weekend. Pool hours will be from 6:30am to 8:30pm. We will be cleaning the pool house and furniture on April 20th our Neighborhood Spring Clean Up Day.

New key cards will be available before opening day. Families who received used cards last summer will get 2 new cards. If you have lost or misplaced a card, you can purchase a new one for $25. You will need to bring the card you have when purchasing the new card. The pool committee will be available at the Pool House to hand out cards on Thursday May 23rd from 7 – 8pm and Friday May 24th from 7-8pm. If you cannot make either date, please email amenities@fox-chase.org to make other arrangements.

Please review pool regulations on the website with your family. We do not have a paid staff at the pool to enforce rules. We rely on the honesty of our families to keep our pool safe and enjoyable. If you, your family members or guests are reported for misconduct, you will be contacted by the HOA Board.

Just a few reminders:

1. Remember to bring your pool key card and not impose on other homeowners to let you in.
2. Children under the age of 14 MUST be accompanied by an ADULT 18 years or older.
3. No smoking or drinking of alcohol inside the pool area.
4. It is a courtesy to clean up before your family leaves the pool area.

Our pool house and deck are maintained by the homeowners. Please sign up to volunteer for 1 week to open or close the pool. You can sign up on the Fox Chase website.

I look forward to our summer at the pool!

Jennifer Stockli
Amenities
amenities@fox-chase.org

Grounds & Maintenance

Thank you for allowing me to serve as the Grounds and Maintenance Chairperson for another year. We have many changes to look forward to this year. Spring has finally arrived, so we need to get started right away!

1. The Front Entrance has been improving thanks to lots of help from our neighbors and the contract with a new landscaper. We currently have an open bid out to work on the entrance lighting. This should be important to us as it is the first thing guests and future homeowners see when they enter our community.

2. Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for April 20, 2013. We will meet in the parking lot in the pool area at 9:00 AM. Since I’ve been short on time lately, Kevin Kelly will lead this effort this year; look for the guy in the NY Giants gear. It is vitally important that we have enough residents supporting this event. The HOA has several pieces of maintenance equipment that are used for the routine maintenance of the HOA properties (i.e.: 2 backpack leaf blowers, 2 grass trimmers, etc.). However, I would encourage folks who can bring some extra equipment to do so. I would anticipate that grass trimmers, rakes and leaf blowers would be needed. Also, we will need one or two utility trailers to assist in moving yard debris to the dump.

3. Most of our school-aged children are encouraged or required to do community service projects. This is a great opportunity for our kids to meet this goal, as well as participate in improving the appearance of their neighborhood. I would encourage residents to bring their appropriately aged children to help out with Spring Clean-Up.

4. I want to thank all of the residents who assisted me last year with the routine maintenance of the common areas. The grass-cutting schedule for this year is up on the HOA website. Please take some time to see where and when you can assist. I will be happy to show any new volunteers how to use the equipment and the delineation of the mowing areas.

Lastly, many of our neighbors have difficulty in maintaining their properties, especially springtime projects. Please keep in mind our community spirit and help our neighbors in need.

Christopher Espenshade
Chair, Grounds & Maintenance Committee
grounds@fox-chase.org

Fox Chase Community Yard Sale, Saturday May 18th
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
We had a terrific Easter egg hunt in the snow this year. I think, for most of us, that was a first! All that participated had a blast.

We will continue to host Ladies night through June and then take a break for July and August and pick it back up again in September.

Don’t forget to save anything that you are cleaning out of your home or garage this spring. We will have our neighborhood yard sale on Saturday May 18th. An ad will be placed in The Free Lance-Star

From the Desk of Our Webmaster:

Keep an eye out for changes coming to the website! We’ll be giving it a facelift after 10 years of the same old look. Plus we’ll be adding new sections on Neighborhood Watch, etc.

Tish Frey, Webmaster (info@fox-chase.org)