Summer Newsletter

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Volunteer and be a quick brown fox that jumps over all the lazy dogs!

Check out www.fox-chase.org/volunteer.htm

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Treasurer’s Report

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. Not much to report at this time from a monetary standpoint. We are again on pace to come in under budget overall for 2012 and we have already met our reserve goal for this year. AT&T has contacted us in regards to installing more antennas in the silo so we are hopeful we’ll be able to extend the cell tower contract, as well, though no communication has been initiated by either side on that topic.

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

Fox Chase Homeowners’ Dues

Where does your money go? Currently, homeowners dues are $660 per year and as you know these dues pay our financial audits, utilities, entrance landscaping and upkeep, mowing all areas including the vacant lots, property taxes, committee expenses, insurance, and website hosting.
Amenities

Thanks to all the volunteers for opening and closing the pool.

- Please make sure all umbrellas are put down. Many umbrellas have been damaged this summer.
- Please be responsible and bring your key card to the pool.
- Alcohol and smoking are prohibited at the pool.
- All children under the age of 14 years old must be accompanied by and adult 18 years or older.
- $25 canoe fee (paid to the HOA treasurer) if your canoe is on the amenities property.
- No vehicles are to be driven on the walk paths.

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

Jennifer Stockli
Chair, Pool & Amenities

Grounds & Maintenance

Let me start off thanking the follow people for donating their time in helping with the Spring Clean-Up project on April 21, 2012: Barb & Mark Shevchuk, Mary Blackmoor, Sun Crews, John Bell, Lori and Kevin Kelly, Tish, Evan and Nathan Frey, Ryan Miller, Dan Soper, Jerry Stockli and the Whittier family. The project was a huge success!

We currently have some openings in the grass-cutting schedule for the months of August and September. If you are able to donate some of your time we would like your help. Please checkout the website to sign-up.

The front entrance landscaping has been slowly deteriorating. Over the last several years we’ve been minimally maintaining it with the funds that have been allocated. However, we now need to do some major renovations. This area is the first thing guest and future homeowners see when they enter our community. During the Spring Clean-Up, we were able to make some progress on improving this area, but much more work is needed. This will be the main area of focus for the Fall Clean-Up. I am looking to reduce the size of the flowerbeds, remove the overgrown bushes, and add small, slow-growing plants. These changes will expose the beautiful stone walls and help with long-term maintenance.

If anyone is interested in assisting with a design plan, please email me at Hbg24fan@yahoo.com. Keep an eye out for the Fall Clean-Up date. We can definitely use your help!

Christopher Espenshade

SPECIAL THANKS

The Fox Chase HOA graciously acknowledges the help of the Radel, VanBrugen, Crews, Soper, McCall, Cercone, Wilson, Kelly, James, and Whittier families for opening & closing the pool this summer.

Let’s keep it safe for all!
The speed limit in the community is 25 mph!!
Gardening Tips

Watering

During this hot month watering is important. Your garden will need an application of at least one inch of water per week. The best time to water is in the morning. The reason is that watering in the evening may leave the plant leaves wet and therefore more susceptible to fungal diseases. Additionally, try to water directly to the soil, avoiding the leaves will help to prevent foliar diseases.

When watering, water well. It is better to have a good soaking because it promotes root growth. If the water is too shallow much of it will evaporate. Mulch to reduce water loses and to improve yields.

Check the moisture in container plants. They may need to be watered more frequently, even more than once a day. Hanging plants are the most susceptible to drying out.

Lawn Care

Although this is a time where grass growth can slow you will want to keep the lawn mowed. When the weather is dry it is better to mow high, but less often. If the grass is but too short it will reduce the ability for the lawn to withstand the stress of drought. The key is to cut only one third of the grass off at any mowing.

Miscellaneous

Other activities for July:

- Prune back spring bulb foliage as it dies.
- Continue to deadhead annuals. Shear back spent annuals by about one third.
- Daylilies can be planted almost any time the soil can be worked. Early spring and late summer are the best time for transplanting.
- Divide irises.
- Continue to attract insect eating birds by providing them with a fresh water source. Change the water often to discourage mosquitoes.

Sarabeth Truebenbach

Architectural Review Committee

As you’re aware, home prices have dropped drastically in the Spotsylvania area in recent years. In order to maintain the beauty of Fox Chase and the value of our homes, we want to remind you that exterior alterations need approval from the Architectural Review Committee. Some of these alterations are outlined below:

- All changes in color to doors, shutters, mail boxes and posts, sheds
- Permanent lighting such as porch lighting, lawn post lamps
- The addition of decks, porches, sidewalks, in-ground pools, sheds
- Major landscaping designs (including excavation)
- Changes in your current mail box style
- Roof replacement

Please review your HOA documents for a list of items not mentioned above.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Sandra Morton
Fox Chase ARC

Upcoming Events

- Annual Fox Chase Neighborhood Block Party – Saturday, September 1st. 4-8pm @Amenity Property. (Flyer will be emailed soon.)
- Ladies Night – Friday, September 7th. 7:30pm (Look for the invite in your email.)