



Inside This Issue

| | |
|-----------------------------------------|---|
| Letter from the President | 1 |
| Calendar of Events | 2 |
| Community News You can Use: | 3 |
| Member to Member & Business to Business | |
| Community Bulletin Board | 3 |
| Board & Committee Reports | 4 |
| Board & Committee Members | 7 |

A Letter from the President

As the end of the year is here, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs, and volunteers who have worked so hard and taken their time to make our Fox Chase Community a better place to live. I especially want to thank my fellow officers who have worked diligently with me and have made my job easier. As evident by our nicely decorated entrance and recent Christmas Caroling, we have several families who really do care about our community.

Our goal and vision as a Board was to involve more people in the community, to create a friendly atmosphere with more events and functions where more residents would participate to meet their neighbors — I feel that we have accomplished these tasks throughout the year.

Of course at the end of this year, I realize some of you may ask, where are we on the Amenities Project? As President of your HOA, I would like to say we are making progress, even though it has been a slow process. We have been dealing with numerous federal, state and county regulations, and many bureaucratic issues that take time to analyze and be approved by these various entities. At this point in time, we are very close to the Site Plan approval by the County. Many of our community volunteers, along with our consultants, have been working through this process. The Board's vision has not changed — we all want to make this an enjoyable place to live, raise a family, and have the Amenities completed.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your HOA President during 2005 and invite all of you to become involved in the upcoming year. Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting on January 12, 2006. Your voice counts and we want to hear from you. I hope that you all have a Happy New Year. As always feel free to contact me or any Board Member with any concerns.

- Brian K. Bickley

President, Fox Chase Homeowners' Association



2006 Annual Meeting

Date: **Thursday, January 12**
 Time: **7:00 PM**
 Location: **Brock Road Elementary School**

Meeting Agenda

Welcome of Community Members/President's Report
 Treasurer's Report
 Committee Reports
 Amenities Update

New Business — Elect New Board Members & Signup for Committees

A representative from Anderson and Associates will update us on our Amenities Project and be available to answer any questions you might have. Most importantly, we will elect new Board Members and ask that you please consider serving on the Board of Directors. At a minimum, please join a Committee. Sign-up sheets will be available (see Page 7 for a Committee listing). We encourage all of you to become involved in our Community. See you there!

FOX CHASE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION The Fox Chase HOA is here to serve you, the residents of Fox Chase. We all know Fox Chase is a beautiful place to live, and, with your help, we can make this the friendliest and most sought after development in the area.

Upcoming Events

2006 Annual Meeting,
Thursday, January 12

Bunko & Ladies Nights

Spring Community
Yard Sale

Spring Community
Cleanup

2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEWCOMERS—WE NEED YOU!

The Social Committee invites everyone to attend these events. We have tons of fun and would like to meet more of you. So, come on out and enjoy yourselves. We're always happy to see new faces!

January 2006

| | | | |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------|
| 12 — Thursday | Annual Fox Chase Homeowners Meeting | 7:00 pm | Brock Road Elementary School |
| 13 — Friday | Ladies Night (adult women) (bring your own beverage & a snack to share) SPECIAL EVENT — Please bring a re-wrapped gift to exchange! | 7:00 pm | Lynn Van Bruggen's home 13511 Buglenote Way |
| 28 — Saturday | Bunko Night (adult women) (bring your own beverage, a snack to share, & \$5 to play) | 7:00 pm | Ashley Conway's home 13503 Fox Chase Lane |

February 2006

| | | | |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 10 — Friday | Ladies Night (adult women) (bring your own beverage & a snack to share) | 7:00 pm | Nancy Bowles' home 13500 Fox Chase Lane |
| 25 — Saturday | Bunko Night (adult women) (bring your own beverage, a snack to share, & \$5 to play) | 7:00 pm | Christy Maupin's home 13600 Fox Chase Lane |

March 2006

| | | | |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------|
| 10 — Friday | Ladies Night (adult women) (bring your own beverage & a snack to share) | 7:00 pm | Nancy Bowles' home 13500 Fox Chase Lane |
| 25 — Saturday | Bunko Night (adult women) (bring your own beverage, a snack to share, & \$5 to play) | 7:00 pm | Lynn Van Bruggen's home 13511 Buglenote Way |

April 2006

| | | | |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------|
| TBD | Bunko Night (adult women) (bring your own beverage, a snack to share, & \$5 to play) | 7:00 pm | Jennifer Stockli's home 13401 Fox Chase Lane |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------|

Weekly Event

| | | | |
|----------------|--------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Every Saturday | Walking Club | 8:00 am | Meet on the Corner of Fox Chase Lane & Buglenote Way |
|----------------|--------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------|

UPCOMING EVENTS

► **Garden Club, Egg Hunt, Spring Community Yard Sale, Spring Community Cleanup Day, Beginning of Summer Barbecue!** Stay tuned for dates and locations.

If you're interested in hosting an event, please contact a member of the Social Committee. *MORE events are coming! As details are finalized, they will be listed on www.Fox-Chase.org. If you haven't been receiving events reminder emails, contact Tish Freywith your email address.*

Ladies Night Special Event Re-Gift Exchange

Date: **Friday, January 13**
Time: **7:00 pm**
Location: **Lynn Van Bruggen's home, 13511 Buglenote Way**

No doubt you received at least one gift this year you just aren't that fond of. Well, you have an opportunity to turn that unwanted gift into someone else's treasure. Remember: "one woman's unwanted gift is another woman's treasure." Please bring a rewrapped gift you'd like to exchange. And, start the new year off meeting new people in our neighborhood and making new friends. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share. For more information, contact Lynn Van Bruggen. We look forward to seeing you there!

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE!

This section is for Fox Chase Residents to post business and personal opportunities or events. Please submit your article to Mary Blackmoor. Reminder, our newsletter is published 4 times a year — March, June, September, December.

Member to Member...

- ▶ Is anyone interested in sharing the rental of a "Cherry Picker" this Spring. We'd like to use it to wash our windows and clean our gutters. Please let me know, Mary Blackmoor.
- ▶ Want to advertise your business in the Fox Chase Newsletter? If so, please contact Mary Blackmoor with your logo and information. The fee to advertise is \$10 per newsletter, payable to FCHOA, and used to offset the cost of producing the newsletter.

Business to Business...

- ▶ Mike Van Bruggen recently obtained his real estate license and is working for Weichert on Route 1 in Fredericksburg. You can find him in our neighborhood or look him up on the Fox Chase website as he is a Board Member.

Community Bulletin Board

Good Neighbor Awareness

WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS! If you have not been receiving this newsletter by email, that means either we do not have your address or the one we have is incorrect. You could be missing out. Occasionally, we email county information that could affect our subdivision along with updates on activities and events in our community. Please email with "Email Address" in the subject line. We'll make sure your information is updated in our Fox Chase database.

Disclosure/Covenants Packets

Have you lost your Disclosure/Covenant Packet or want an updated one? You may purchase a packet for \$100. Please contact Julie Paul for more information.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SPEED LIMIT IN FOX CHASE IS 25 MPH! Many of our residents enjoy the beauty and peacefulness of Fox Chase by walking, jogging, and cycling through the neighborhood. **PLEASE KEEP YOUR SPEED DOWN TO 25 MPH IN FOX CHASE!**

Dogs! Again, a big **THANK YOU** to all our residents who have been abiding by the County's dog owner policies in keeping their dogs on a leash, not allowing them to roam, and cleaning up after them when they are off their property. It's made a big difference in our community! Recent tragic events involving roaming dogs have lead to stricter animal control polices. Please continue to keep your pets confined to your property. One additional note concerning dogs—please remember we have lots of commuters in our development who rise very early and drive considerable distances to work and back home again. **PLEASE be considerate and keep your barking dogs quiet, especially at night.**

Lost and Found. I've had a green fleece jacket from Lands End at my house since Cleanup Day last October. Please let me know if it belongs to you. Mary Blackmoor.

Board of Directors and Committee Reports

Board of Directors

Good Neighbor Awareness - we hope all of you in Fox Chase will play a major role in making this a great neighborhood and community in which to live. The first 15 minutes of each HOA Board meeting (7:00 pm – 7:15 pm) is dedicated to "Resident Concerns." Please feel free to attend a meeting if you have an issue you would like to voice or discuss. The next meetings will be scheduled after the Annual Meeting when the new Board is elected. Meeting dates/times will be emailed and posted to the website.

Treasurer's Report

The financials of FCHOA were recently audited. This audit is performed yearly to ensure compliance with HOA guidelines. The audit came back clean regarding our financial health, which is good news. No bookkeeping errors were found and our financial picture looks healthy. This is important since the next stage, after the amenities approval, is finding a bank to secure our loan. As always, financial data is available to all homeowners. Contact me with any questions.

- Barbara Shevchuk

Amenities Committee

2006 will be a very busy year for us as with the Amenities Project. Here's a recap of what we've done in 2005 and what it means for 2006.

Our engineering consulting firm, Anderson and Associates, submitted site plans to the Spotsylvania County Planning Department at the end of 2004 for review. Several local, state, and federal agencies (e.g., the Planning Department, Virginia Department of Transportation, and US Army Corps of Engineers) reviewed the plans and submitted comments, many of which were not received by Anderson until Spring 2005. Anderson revised the plans based on the reviewers' comments and resubmitted them in July 2005. Those revised plans were reviewed in mid-September. Also, during that time, we hired another firm to perform a wetlands survey, prepare a Wetlands Delineation Report, and submit the plan for approval to the US Army Corps of Engineers. That approval was received in October 2005, enabling Anderson to begin preparation of the final site plans incorporating the wetlands delineations and remaining comments. Anderson submitted those final plans mid-December and anticipates that the County will approve them. We also have to submit a Joint Permit Application (JPA) to the State's Department of Environmental Quality stating that any wetlands disturbance will be below 0.1 acre. In short, we've been jumping through bureaucratic hoops this year.

During 2006, we will need to have the construction drawings revised based on the final, approved site plans. Once we have construction plans, we will need to request proposals from companies qualified to do the work, review those proposals, and select the best firm at the best price. Next, we will need to determine what we can afford to build and when (we'll probably have to use a phased-in approach to be cost-effective), and arrange financing. And, we'll have to keep an eye on the work that's being done to ensure we get what we pay for.

As you can see, the new year should bring lots of activity toward making the amenities a reality. However, we need help – lots of help. This past year, there really hasn't been a lot that we could do ourselves – we've had to rely on the experts we hired at Anderson. However, the next steps require hands-on involvement from all the residents of Fox Chase. So, to help make the amenities a reality, please attend the Annual Meeting and sign up for the Amenities Committee. We need members to help write letters, make follow-up phone calls, prepare a budget, solicit and review proposals, check on the progress of work, etc. The amenities will not nor cannot happen if only a few people volunteer. This is a critical year in the progress of the amenities, so please sign-up to help – the more we have, the less work for everyone.

Architectural Review Committee

It's a quiet time of the year as there haven't been many submissions in lately. We do have one house under construction at the end of Fox Chase Lane, and it will be a beautiful addition to the neighborhood. There are a few issues that I'd like to bring everyone's attention:

1. For those of you with boats in your yard, the Fox Chase Covenants require you to conceal them. Boats are not allowed to be visible from the street. I know that they need to be worked on from time to time, so please do not have the boats out for more than one week.
2. While driving through the neighborhood I've noticed that there are quite a few split-rail fences that need to be put back together. Please take a walk around your fences and put the rails back up.
3. Please remember, if you're thinking of making improvements to your house or adding structures to your property, please get the proper permissions required by the Covenants by filling out the ARC Submission Form found on the website — www.fox-chase.org — and then submit it to the ARC.

At the January Board Meeting you will be able to sign up for the Architectural Review Committee. We always need new volunteers and if you feel that we haven't been doing our job then now's the chance to have your say. The dates for our upcoming meetings will be established after the January Board meeting.

Those of us on the Committee want to thank all of you for keeping Fox Chase looking beautiful. May you all have a wonderful holiday and a very merry New Year.

- Vicki Gelb

Grounds and Maintenance Committee

2005 has seen many changes to the grounds of Fox Chase. The front entrance gazebo roof was replaced with a simulated slate roof that will last a lifetime. This roof definitely enhances the look of our front entrance while ensuring that we will not have to replace it again! Three trees in poor health were removed from behind the front entrance wall and replaced with *Cryptomeria Japonica* Yoshino Evergreen, a fairly fast growing tree with a graceful shape. You also might have noticed that the front island has been planted with Blue Rug Junipers. We're hoping these will grow to cover that area requiring less maintenance. Several homeowners spent their time weeding and planting shrubs and daffodils bulbs to make our front entrance very colorful this Spring.

In the Spring, the Committee is planning to revamp our front entrance landscaping. Most of the barberry bushes and Junipers have completely overgrown the Azaleas. The shrubs on either sides of the stone walls also have become too large for the area and one of the tall Plum tree will need to be removed, as well as two evergreens that are not looking healthy. We plan to remove the Barberries, Junipers, Spireas, and dead trees and replace them with lower growing shrubs, Crepe Myrtles, and new Plum trees, respectively. If you are interested in taking any of the Barberries, Junipers, or Spireas we plan to remove, please let us know. All we ask is that you dig them out yourself and replant them where you choose. We'll send an email and post the date on the website.

The Committee plans to safely eradicate the dense algae problem in the pond by using a sterile weed eating fish that feeds directly on the growth and yet will not reproduce so that we can control the fish population. This will eliminate us having to use a chemical to control the weed infestation.

Since our volunteers have always used their own equipment for cleanup days, the Board approved and purchased heavy duty equipment to include two leaf blowers, two weed eaters with heavy duty blades, extra heavy line, gas cans, and oil mixture. Dickinson's were able to beat the prices of the local chain stores so we felt good about giving a small businessman our business. The grand total including tax was \$1,263.32. Thanks to Steve Paul for spending his time to research and purchase this equipment!

A big THANK YOU to all those homeowners who volunteered during 2005 to keep our subdivision clean and beautiful all year long.

Social Committee

The Social Committee has many events planned for 2006 to help everyone meet new neighbors and bring our community together. Ladies' Night, Bunko, Walking Club, Garden Club, Scavenger Hunt, and the Egg Hunt have been successful in introducing neighbors throughout the community. We are happy to see these groups growing with new faces at each event. Please join us at any event to get to know your wonderful neighbors. For more information, check the *2006 Calendar of Events* on the Fox Chase website.

Welcome Committee

We have already greeted many new families this year! Along with a Lowe's gift card, we supply information from the ARC, Social Committee, and general information about Fox Chase, along with information on how to contact local news and history resources. Also, we include a lot map so new homeowners know where their lots are in relation to the rest of the subdivision. At the same time we provide information, we collect each lot's mailing information, and phone numbers so that our subdivision communication can be updated.

Website Committee

Please visit our website, www.fox-chase.org, on a regular basis. We're constantly updating our community events and include County information that affects our subdivision. Along with an abundance of community information, we've listed links to many organizations of interest such as:

Spotsylvania County's Website
Spotsylvania County Schools' Website
Spotsylvania Towne Center (formally Spotsylvania Mall)
Simply Fredericksburg
FredericksburgCity.com
Historic Fredericksburg, Virginia
The Free Lance Star Newspaper
Fredericksburg.com
Meadow Farms Golf Course
Virginia.gov
Friends of Wilderness Battlefield

FOX CHASE HOMEOWNERS' DUES

Just a friendly reminder, your Board of Directors will be issuing the Fox Chase Homeowners' Association Dues invoice in April 2006. At this time, the dues are \$400 per year. As you know these dues are critical monies used to pay our financial audits, utilities, entrance landscaping and upkeep, mowing all areas including the vacant lots, property taxes, committee expenses, insurance, website hosting, and the amenities project. We appreciate your prompt payment.



FOX CHASE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION 2005

| | | |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------|
| Board of Directors | President | Brian Bickley |
| | Vice-President | Christy Maupin |
| | Secretary | Julie Paul |
| | Treasurer | Barbara Shevchuk |
| | | Dave Anderson |
| | | Mary Blackmoor |
| | | Michael Van Bruggen |
| Amenities Committee | Chairperson | Ron Maupin |
| | | Dan Conway |
| | | Bob Manke |
| | | Bob Park |
| | | Steve Paul |
| Architectural Review Committee | Chairperson | Vicki Gelb |
| | | Dan Conway |
| | | Christy Maupin |
| | | Sandra Morton |
| | | Julie Paul |
| | | Barbara Shevchuk |
| | | Rebecca Whittington |
| | | Dick Cook |
| Grounds and Maintenance Committee | Chairperson | Bob Manke |
| | | Dick Cook |
| | | Steve Paul |
| | | Steve Smith |
| | | Wayne Worrell |
| | Sub-Committees | Adopt-A-Highway/Work Days |
| | | Front Entrance Landscaping & Maintenance |
| | | Lake & Dam Site |
| | | Road Maintenance |
| | | Vacant Lot Mowing |
| Social Committee | Chairperson | Jennifer Stockli |
| | | Lynne Anderson |
| | | Nancy Bowles |
| | | Tish Frey |
| | | Beth Malmquist |
| | | Barbara Shevchuk |
| | | Lynn Van Bruggen |
| Welcome Committee | Chairperson | Beth Malmquist |
| | | Nancy Bowles |
| | | Sandra Morton |
| Website | Webmaster | Dave Frey |

**Fox Chase
2006 Annual Meeting
Thursday, January 12
7:00 PM
Brock Road Elementary School**

www.Fox-Chase.org

**FOX CHASE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 455
LOCUST GROVE, VA 22508**

RESIDENT ADDRESS