It’s Time to P A R T Y!

Summer ends, school begins, autumn is just around the corner … what does it all mean? It’s time for Fox Chase’s annual block party!

Make plans now to attend — Saturday, September 6th, 4 to 8 PM, at the pool. Have one last summer fling; spend time with old friends and perhaps meet some new ones.

The HOA will provide paper products, chips and pretzels, condiments, bottled water, juice boxes, and a sheet cake. Bring meat for your family to grill, your beverage of choice, camp chairs (just in case), and a dish to share. Those of legal age are welcome to responsibly enjoy alcoholic beverages at the block party, but no glass containers please!

RSVP to Karen Cercone at the4cercones@gmail.com. Use Block Party in the subject line and include the number of adults and children who will attend. If you can help out by loaning a grill or outdoor game (e. g., badminton, volleyball, corn hole, ladder ball, etc.), please let Karen know that as well.

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Canoe Conundrum

Many Fox Chase residents enjoy the fishing and canoeing offered by the pond. That is apparent by the number of canoes littering the shore. Several years ago, volunteers constructed a canoe rack and the Fox Chase Homeowners Association Board of Directors set a $25 annual fee for canoe owners to use the rack.

We realize that one rack no longer provides adequate storage space for the number of residents who now own canoes. Consequently, a second rack will be built. When that rack is completed, the Board will devise a system whereby fee-paying homeowners will be assigned a numbered space on one of the canoe racks and required to properly store their canoe in their assigned space. In the meantime, we ask homeowners to stow their canoes as close as possible to the current rack or take them home. Do not leave them at the water’s edge. Any canoes left along the shore after September will be disposed of.

Do you enjoy canoeing on the pond? Are you handy with tools? Do you like to build things? If so, Fox Chase needs your help building another canoe rack on the amenities property. Materials will be provided. Date and time to be determined. Contact the Board at board@fox-chase.org to volunteer.

All Good Things Must End

Labor Day ushers out summer and with it the pool officially closes for the year. We’ve had some ups and downs this year…

We continuously saw underage children at the pool without proper supervision. Most were warned, but continued to come anyway. Since we do not have lifeguards or pool attendants, we rely on the honor system for compliance with the pool rules. Those rules clearly state that “Parents must either supervise or provide adult (18 years or older) supervision for any children under the age of 14…” Parents — this rule is in place to help ensure your children’s safety. Please keep it mind next season.

We had to replace the sand filter in the main pool. This malfunctioning filter was the root of the cloudy water problem so many of you noted. Thank you for keeping us informed.

Thank You Volunteers!

The Board and Amenities Committee wish to thank the volunteers who opened and closed the pool this summer. You made it possible for everyone to enjoy the pool. Thank you also to those of you who simply picked up after yourselves and kept the pool area tidy. Again, your diligence helped us all enjoy the pool.

All residents are asked to keep in mind that we keep our costs, and consequently our dues, down by relying on each other to take care of the pool area and follow the rules.

School starts September 2. Our children will be out in full force mornings and afternoons. Please adhere to the 25 MPH speed limit throughout the neighborhood, be alert to students walking to and from and waiting at the bus stops, and stop for school buses loading and unloading passengers.
Happenings in the 'Hood

- Pool Closes Labor Day Weekend (last day is Labor Day)
- Block Party, Saturday, Sept 6, 4-8 PM, amenities area
- Clean & store pool furniture, Sunday, Sept 7, 2 PM
- Ladies Night returns in October! Watch the notice board at the entrance. Contact the Social Committee to host a month.
- Second HOA dues payments are due no later than Oct 31.
- Christmas Ladies Night, Saturday, Dec 13, 7:30
- Visit with Santa, Friday, Dec 19, 6:30-8:00 PM, amenities area

Ground Work

Spring Spruce Up

On our grounds project work day back in April, volunteers spent the day planting grass, grinding stumps, cleaning and shoring up the bridges, removing shrubs from the dam, cutting brush at the pond’s edge and in the fields surrounding the amenities area, mulching the trees near the pool, and removing tires and other trash from the pond. Thank you Grounds Committee Chairman, Dan Soper, and volunteers Doug King, Kevin Kelly, William Lettich, Robert Manke, Jerry Stockli, Barbara Shevchuk, Grayson Soper, Jon Burris, Tim Wilson and Christopher Espenshade for your hard work.

Early in the summer, the trails and amenities parking area were sealed and repainted, “No Swimming” (in the pond) and “No Motorized Vehicles” (on the amenities grounds) signs were posted, and a new batch of grass carp was added to the pond. All was done as part of the effort to protect our amenities area as well as those who use the amenities, and keep our common grounds healthy and attractive for us all to enjoy.

Ongoing Chores

Members of many of our Fox Chase families have been maintaining the amenities area this season. Thank you Grau, Manke, Worrell, Bowles, Shevchuk, Musselman, Stockli, and Espenshade families. We still have several more weeks of mowing. If you can help, please contact grounds@fox-chase.org.

This fall and winter will find us maintaining the dam area with brush cutting and building a new canoe rack. Again, if you can help, please email the Grounds Committee.

Helpful Hints for Ornamental Trees

As fall approaches, resist temptation to trim trees. Decay fungi spread their spores profusely in the fall causing cuts to heal more slowly. Wait until winter when trees are dormant. Winter cutting results in a vigorous burst of new growth in the spring.

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Let’s Be Careful Out There

Thankfully, we can consider Fox Chase a “safe neighborhood;” but, no neighborhood is 100-percent safe. We have had thefts in the past, and this summer we experienced vandalism at the amenities area. We must all work together to make Fox Chase as safe as a neighborhood can possibly be. That means we must protect our own homes and look out for each other and our common areas. If we all keep watch, we all benefit.

Protecting Our Homes

While Fox Chase seems to have been spared, other neighborhoods along Route 3 have experienced thefts this summer. Keep your home, property, and, most importantly, family safe. Lock your vehicles and secure your home’s doors and windows. Use security lights and trim shrubs located near doors and windows.

Protecting Our Four-Legged Friends

Sadly, during the month of August, some of our neighbors lost family pets to antifreeze poisoning. Ironically, despite being highly toxic, antifreeze contains a chemical that has a pleasant smell and taste. That makes it very dangerous to children, pets, and wildlife. Please use and store antifreeze and other hazardous household products properly, check your vehicles for leaks, and promptly clean up any leaks or spills. Pet owners — the best way to keep your pets safe from harm is to keep them indoors, confined to your yard, or on a leash.

Reporting Suspicious Behavior

If you see destructive or suspicious activities, call the Spotsylvania Sheriff’s non-emergency number — 540.507.7200. Also, alert the Neighborhood Watch by emailing neighborhoodwatch@fox-chase.org. Suspicious activity can be anything that appears “out of place” or occurs at an unusual time of day. Better to err on the side of caution. Call 911 to report life-threatening incidents or crimes in-progress.

Describe activities in as much detail as possible: what happened, when it happened, where it happened. Write it down while still fresh in your mind. To the extent possible, identify vehicle make and model, color, and license plate. Note special features (e.g., body damage, paint detail, wheels, etc.). Identify persons in terms of sex, race, age, weight and height (estimate relative to your own), hair (color and length), facial hair, clothing, mannerisms, voice characteristics, and direction of movement.

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