



Upcoming Events

Community Yard Sale

Bunko/Game Night -
NEW TIME!

Ladies' Nights -
NEW TIME!

Spring Cleanup Day

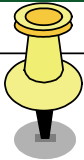
Annual Block Party

Stay tuned... Your
Social Committee is
very busy!

Letter from the President...

I would like to thank each and every Board member, Committee Chairman, Committee members, and volunteers who helped make the Fox Chase Community a great place to live in 2006. As we now enter Spring 2007, please consider participating and enjoying the many events the various committees have planned and don't forget to prepare for and take advantage of the Community Yard Sale. As president of the HOA, over the last two years I have had the pleasure of working with several of our neighbors and fellow residents to, hopefully, make this a better place to live and raise a family. We, as a Board, and our respective Committees are meeting and working diligently to progress on the ever so slowly process of getting an amenities area, in respect of our community's needs and within our financial constraints, under contract and built. I was elected by our new 2007 Board members for a third term and appreciate my fellow Board members' support. Always feel free to contact any Board member with respect to comments you may have to make this a better place to live.

Sincerely, Brian K. Bickley, President



COME JOIN US
...to clean our neighborhood and meet new friends!

Grounds and Maintenance Cleanup Day

Saturday, April 28

2:00 pm—5:00 pm

(Please meet at the Front Entrance)

GOT JUNK?

...this is a good day to turn it into cash!

Community Yard Sale

Saturday, May 5

8:00 am—1:00 pm

(Advertised in *The Free-Lance Star* Newspaper)

REMINDER! FOX CHASE HOMEOWNER'S DUES \$400 Invoices will be mailed by the end of April. Please return your payment by May 31, 2007 to:
FCHOA, PO Box 455, Locust Grove, VA 22508

Board of Directors and Committee Reports

Board of Directors

We hope you will play a role this year to help make this a great neighborhood and community. We can't do it without you! The first 15 minutes (7:00-7:15 pm) of each Board meeting is dedicated to "Resident Concerns." If you have a problem, please contact the Board and we'll work quickly to find a resolution. If you have an issue to discuss or just want to know what's going on in the community, attend a meeting. The next meetings are scheduled:

- May 10 7:00 pm Barb Shevchuk's home 13508 Buglenote Way
- June 14 7:00 pm Mary Blackmoor's home 13415 Fox Chase Lane

Treasurer's Report

A quick reminder, homeowners' dues invoices will be mailed by the end of April and need to be paid by May 31, 2007. Financial data is available to all homeowners upon request, please contact Barb Shevchuk.

Amenities Committee

The Amenities Committee, after consultation with the Board of Directors and feed back from an independent consultant, has agreed it is in the best interests of the community and the amenities project to solicit additional proposals. We are in the process of collecting those proposals and in the near future will be able to choose and partner with one or more contractors to provide the best value to the residents of Fox Chase and then be able to build an amenities site that everyone will be able to enjoy. This project has been in the works for years and as we reach the final stages, it is more important now than ever before to make sure we are primed and ready for success. I am glad to be back on the project after being gone from the community for a couple years. I look forward to staying involved until this project is finished.

—Chairperson, Mark Wakeman

Architectural Review Committee

The purpose of the ARC is to improve the appearance and quality of life in Fox Chase. This is a goal the whole neighborhood can share. Here are a few points to keep in mind as you prepare your Spring chore list:

- To those neighbors planning any exterior changes to your home, please submit your proposed changes to the ARC for review, using the form available on the Fox Chase website. The volunteers of the ARC are your neighbors and our goal is to keep the review process friendly and timely. For those neighbors who have submitted your changes in the past, the ARC extends its appreciation for supporting the guidelines to which we have all agreed.
- Lawn maintenance, up to the road's edge, is required to keep Fox Chase looking its best. A service is now contracted to mow any home's roadside lawn this is not properly maintained for a fee of \$100. If you are vacationing or have a family emergency, please ask a neighbor for help or reach out to the ARC.
- For the convenience of the neighborhood, the ARC has arranged for mulch delivery from Double B Farm, located on Route 20. If you would like to order your Spring mulch for driveway delivery, please call Double B Farm, 854-4277. The minimum order is five cubic yards at \$21 per cubic yard with a \$25.00 delivery fee.

The ARC is working on neighborhood rates for services like driveway sealing, power washing and gutter cleaning.

—Chairperson, Dan Conway

Grounds and Maintenance Committee

Already the Committee has been very busy in the neighborhood. Once again, the Front Entrance contract was awarded to S&H Lawn Service. We were extremely pleased with their maintenance and "work" from last year and are happy to have them stay on. This year, we plan to take care of areas around the dam as well as keeping our streets clean of debris. Please remember to pick up trash on your property to keep the neighborhood nice looking all year long. Our first Cleanup Day has been scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2:00 pm (meet at the Front Entrance). We hope to finish as quickly as possible. The more helping hands, the quicker the process. If everyone comes out, the cleanup could be completed in a hour or less. Please come out and do your part. Mark your calendars and I look forward to meeting all of you.

—Chairperson, Steve Paul

Social Committee

The Committee has been busy planning upcoming events. The Easter Egg Hunt, held on March 31, was a great success. The Annual Block Party is tentatively scheduled for September 15. Ladies Nights are held on a Friday near the beginning of the month and Bunko/Game Nights on a Saturday near the end of the month (at least 2 weeks apart). We decided to change the start time for Ladies Night and Bunko/Game Night to 7:30 pm. These events usually last until around 11:00 pm so please feel free to stop by later in the night if you can't get there early. Bunko Night has changed its name to "Bunko/Game Night" so if we don't have the required 8-12 players to play Bunko, we play another game (hostess' choice). No need to find subs anymore!! Check out the *Calendar of Events* and our website (www.fox-chase.org) for upcoming events. To sign up to receive emails about these events, please contact Tish Frey at tish.frey@comcast.net. Also, please feel free to contact Tish if you have any ideas for new events. Lastly, I'd like to thank all of those who have been involved in putting on our social events and for opening their home to us. THANK YOU!

—Chairperson, Tish Frey

Welcome Committee

Fox Chase is off to a great start to the year. The Welcome Committee greeted two homes in February - already surpassing our activity in 2006! We are hopeful the housing slump is slowly lifting. Our Committee offers new residents HOA and local area information as well as a gift card from Lowes. We hope everyone enjoys living in our lovely community. Welcome!
-Chairperson, Beth Malmquist

Website

Please visit our website, www.fox-chase.org, on a regular basis for updates of community events and information. Also listed is Spotsylvania County information that affects our subdivision. Links to many organizations of interest are listed, such as: Spotsylvania County's Website; Spotsylvania County Schools' Website; Spotsylvania Towne Center; Simply Fredericksburg; FredericksburgCity.com; Historic Fredericksburg, Virginia; *The FreeLance Star* Newspaper; Fredericksburg.com; Meadow Farms Golf Course; and Virginia.gov.

-Webmaster, Dave Frey



Fox Chase Garden Club

This is always an exciting time of year! Those daffodils are so cheerful—what a nice taste of Spring. I was out pruning my poor Crape Myrtles and that inspired me to write to you. The Garden Club will start its first meeting of 2007, April 21, 4:00 pm, 10740 Greenbriar. Also, April 21st is the start of Historic Garden Week, so it couldn't be a better time. Contact Beth Malmquist for more information.

To start the growing season off, here are a few garden tips for this Spring:

- ▶ March and April are busy months! Even though it's still chilly outside you can start planning your garden beds and order seeds and plants from many reputable catalog sources (contact Beth if you want to see a few). As soon as the soil is dry enough, it's a good time to turn your beds and incorporate organic matter such as your own compost (chopped up leaves from Fall you kept or round them up now by the woods edge), or purchased compost/manure—this organic material will decompose to provide a wonderful planting medium by late April. Our last average frost date is between April 15 and 20 so it's usually safe to plant annuals by the end of April.
- ▶ Keep in mind that any time now you can divide and transplant perennials, such as Hostas, Goldenrod, Monarda (bee balm), Rudbeckia (Black Eyed Susans), Irises, ornamental grasses, and just about anything else you have outgrowing its original location. Most perennials can be divided in the Fall to give them a head start on the next year, but if you didn't do it then, now is your next best opportunity.
- ▶ Cut back your grasses now—give your Liriope a haircut and cut back any other seed stalks you might have left over the Winter for interest for the birds.
- ▶ If your landscape plans include planting new trees, make sure you water them at least 1" of deep watering per week if we don't have adequate rainfall. Better yet, wait until September or October to put in trees as they will benefit from the cooler weather while they are getting established.
- ▶ Now is a great time to prune shrubs or trees—you can see the branch structure that will be hidden by leaves later in the year. Any time of year remove dead branches, branches that rub against one another, or prune to improve the structure of the plant. This will help the shrub/tree stay healthy.
- ▶ At this time of year you get added benefit of pruning because you can bring in the twigs of flowering shrubs and trees indoors to force them to bloom in about 2 weeks! Use any Spring flowering woody plant, such as Weeping Cherry, Forsythia, Serviceberry/Shadbush. But any other you may have should work, too. I have not tried Viburnums, Redbuds, or Dogwoods—mine are too small to prune and I'm not sure if they would behave like Forsythia. My Weeping Cherry really needed some work.
- ▶ If you have not done this before, here are a few instructions to get you started:
 - Take your pail of water out to the pruning site to have available for your cuttings;
 - Make as many pruning cuts as you need to or want, putting the cuttings into the pail of water;
 - Bring them inside and let them sit overnight;
 - In the next day or so, you can make another cut, hammer the end lightly (to expose more area to take up fluid), and place cuttings in vases or containers with room temp water to which you've added regular chlorine bleach; I use about 2 tablespoons per quart of water but you can experiment with more or less;
 - Sit your vase in a spot where you can watch it and within a couple of weeks you should have cheery blossoms to brighten those April days when you really want to be outside but it's still too cold or blustery!



Ah Spring in Virginia—Forsythia, Redbuds, Dogwood—it's good to be home! If you'd like to be on the Garden Club email list, contact Beth. We meet once a month beginning in April and our final meeting in October is our plant exchange. If you have a wonderful crop of daffodils or other fun things to look at, let us all know through the email distribution list of times convenient to stop by for a look. Also, the Spotsy Master Gardeners will be staffing a Plant Clinic every Monday evening through April at the Salem Church Library. The clinic hours are 6:30-8:30 pm. Can't you tell that spring is around the corner!
—Beth Malmquist

2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Social Committee invites you! We have tons of fun and would like to meet more of you. Come on out and enjoy yourselves. New faces always welcomed! Want to host any of these events? Contact Tish Frey.

April 2007

28 — Saturday	Bunko/Game Night (adult women) — bring your own beverage, a snack to share, and \$5 to play.	7:30 pm	Kirsten Bell's home 13514 Buglenote Way
28 — Saturday	Community Cleanup Day—meet at the Front Entrance	2:00 pm— 5:00 pm	Front Entrance

May 2007

4 — Friday	Ladies Night (adult women) — bring your own beverage and a snack to share.	7:30 pm	Lynn Van Bruggen's home 13511 Buglenote Way
5 — Saturday	Community Yard Sale	8:00 am— 1:00 pm	Advertised in <i>The Free-Lance Star</i> Newspaper
19 — Saturday	Bunko/Game Night (adult women) — bring your own beverage, a snack to share, and \$5 to play.	7:30 pm	Ashley Conway's home 13503 Fox Chase Lane

June 2007

8 — Friday	Ladies Night (adult women) — bring your own beverage and a snack to share.	7:30 pm	Donna Lambert's home 13421 Fox Chase Lane
23 — Saturday	Bunko Night (adult women) — bring your own beverage, a snack to share, and \$5 to play.	7:30 pm	Mary Blackmoor's Home 13415 Fox Chase Lane

July 2007

13 — Friday	Ladies Night (adult women) — bring your own beverage and a snack to share.	7:30 pm	Volunteer needed! Contact Tish.
28 — Saturday	Bunko Night (adult women) — bring your own beverage, a snack to share, and \$5 to play.	7:30 pm	Volunteer needed! Contact Tish.

Weekly Event

Saturday Morning	Walking Club—Children and Leashed Pets welcomed! Let's get out and work off calories in time for Summer.	8:00 am	Meet—Corner of Fox Chase Lane & Buglenote Way
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ ...stay tuned for upcoming events. We'll be announcing the date of the Annual Block Party soon! If you haven't been receiving event reminder emails, contact Tish Frey with your email address.

Community Bulletin Board—Good Neighbor Awareness

25 MPH—This is the speed limit in Fox Chase! Obeying the speed limit in Fox Chase may take you one extra minute to get out of the development. Isn't that extra minute worth the safety of the residents and children who live here?

SLOW DOWN AND OBEY THE LAW!

Dogs! Please abide by the County's dog owner policies—keep your dog on a leash and clean up after them.

Disclosure/Covenants Packets. Disclosure/Covenant Packets may be purchased for \$100 a packet. Contact Julie Paul.

Community News You Can Use—Business to Business...

To post your personal or business opportunities here, submit your article or advertisement, with logo or business card, to Mary Blackmoor. Personal postings are free, however, we charge a \$10 advertising fee per newsletter (payable to FCHOA) to offset the cost of producing the newsletter (published 4 times per year -March, June, September, December).

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Fox Chase Homeowners Association Dues

The Fox Chase Homeowners Association is here to serve you, the residents of Fox Chase. We 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. So, where does your money go? Currently, homeowners dues are \$400 per year and as you know these dues pay our financial audits, utilities, entrance landscaping, mowing common areas and vacant lots, property taxes, committee expenses, insurance, website hosting, and the Amenities Project.

FOX CHASE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION 2007

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Fox Chase Homeowners Association Newsletter

**Cleanup Day—April 28
Community Yard Sale—May 5**



**www.fox-chase.org
for the latest information!**

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RESIDENT ADDRESS