

# Quarterly Newsletter

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## The President

I would like to take this time to thank all who made this past summer a great one: the pool committee, who took care of all the behind the scenes tasks that keep the pool safe, clean, and in good working order for the enjoyment of all, and the grounds and maintenance committee, who have been very busy with all the rain this year. Your efforts to keep the common areas, and in particular the amenities area, looking sharp all year long were nothing short of stellar. The ARC committee, treasurers, and secretary, who spent countless hours each year on tasks too numerous to list here, had additional duties this year of dealing with lawyers and real estate agents with regards to the foreclosures in the neighborhood.

“I encourage all of you to look out for the neighborhood...”

Your professionalism is appreciated.

As many of you know, our summer was not without incident. While the incidents we suffered were for the most part, minor; some were more than a little disturbing. A breaking and entering with vandalism incident at the pool, as well as, the destruction of mailboxes, a car window, and the beating of a resident’s front door

in the wee hours of a morning should not be forgotten. I encourage all of you to look out for the neighborhood and for one another.

To all reading this news letter, there are many ways you can contribute to the community, make your voice heard, or make an impact. Whether it is joining the board, joining one of the many committees, or just volunteering to mow, or open/ close the pool next summer, your help is needed and appreciated. We welcome you, so join the party!!



Autumn begins.

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### Special points of interest:

- New treasury contact.
- Exact Wal-Mart location still to be determined.



**Please Remember**  
*Daily Quiet Hours*

**10pm to 8am**



• Loud music

• Revving engines

• Barking dogs

• Lawn equipment



## Amenities

**Saturday, October 24**

**0800-1200**

- Final mowing to include lake edge
- Clear cell tower fence and repair
- Winterize amenities equipment



Leaves Turn

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful and enjoyable pool season. We wanted to extend an extra special thank you to those families who signed up to assist us: Baffa, Bell, Conway, Cook, Crews, D'Albis, Gay, Howie, Kelly, Malmquist, Rubin, Soper, Van Bruggen and Wilson. There will be an email soon requesting assistance with caulking the pool deck to preserve the concrete. This will require two phases: 1) power washing, and 2) application. If you are able to assist in either phase, please contact us at [amenities@fox-chase.org](mailto:amenities@fox-chase.org).

Thank you,  
Tish and Jennifer

## Social Committee

Another summer season has passed and we're now settling into school routines and cooler weather. The social committee is currently planning for fall and holiday events in the neighborhood to include:

**October 17 Community Yard Sale**  
**December 12<sup>th</sup> Cookie Swap**  
**December 18<sup>th</sup> Santa Visit**

*Times and locations for these events will be posted closer to the actual event.*

If you haven't joined us for Ladies Night, please do!! These events start at



7:30pm, but usually last until at least 11pm, so feel free to stop by later in the night if you can't make it there early. Please bring an appetizer/dessert to share, as well as, your own beverage.

Upcoming events are found on the calendar of events on the web site [www.fox-chase.org](http://www.fox-chase.org). The community bulletin boards, also, serve as reminders.

Please contact me with ideas and suggestions for new and current events at [usmcpsu@comcast.net](mailto:usmcpsu@comcast.net).

Finally, I'd like to thank all of those who have been involved in putting on our social events and for opening their homes to us. Lisa, *Social Chair*

The newsletter is now posted on our FC web site, [fox-chase.org](http://fox-chase.org)  
Hardcopies are still mailed to homes not listed on our community email address list. To be added to the list and receive community updates, newsletter, ...contact our BoD secretary at [mblackmoor@hotmail.com](mailto:mblackmoor@hotmail.com)

## Treasury

Our former treasurer, dear friend and neighbor, Ron Maupin, is very much missed as we continue to mourn and celebrate him in our memories. Recently we have been fortunate to acquire a new member to our team, Debbi Bradfield, who volunteered to serve as the board treasurer. She is happy to answer any questions you may have as she continues to learn details of this demanding position. She can be reached at [keith.debbi.bradfield@comcast.net](mailto:keith.debbi.bradfield@comcast.net).

## Gardening

October is the best month to plant trees, shrubs, and spring-blooming bulbs. Its, also, a time to divide or move perennials. Keep in mind our annual Fox Chase Plant Exchange on Saturday, October 10, from 1-4. It will be held at Beth Malmquist's home at 10240 Greenbrier Lane. If that's too late for your yard, then make notes for yourself for things to do next spring (I always forget over the winter, so making notes now really does help in the next garden season!).

Prepare your outdoor plants to move indoors. Our average frost date is October 20. Make a solution of 4 tablespoons bleach to 1 gallon water. Drench your containers to kill insects and bacteria, then move inside. It's best for the plant if you do this gradually (i.e. move inside at night and outside for day-time for a few days), but most often I just bring them inside and am done with it! During the months inside, be careful not to over water; usually a thorough watering one time a month is enough.

Tender perennials can be over-wintered in your garage also, if you have space. These might include geraniums, lantana, Mandeville vines, Durante 'Sapphire Showers',



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verbenas, hibiscus and just about any genus that typically lives in zones 8 or 9; our zone is 7. Just cut these plants back hard, root prune and repot. Then, water once a month until you can get them to come back next spring. You can also take cuttings of many annual plants, such as coleus, that you might want to save for the following year.

Looking for color in these fall months? For next year, try these perennial fall bloomers: a variety of sunflowers, hardy ageratum, New England asters, salvias (Russian Sage), chrysanthemum, ironweed, goldenrods, obedient plant, and hardy begonias.

Please contact me, Beth, through [www.fox-chase.org](http://www.fox-chase.org) with any questions.

**Fredericksburg Expo Events at  
[www.fredericksburgexpo.com](http://www.fredericksburgexpo.com)**

## Wal-Mart Near Wilderness Battlefield?

August 25: Orange County Board of Supervisors approved the store.  
September 23: "Preservationists and residents filed a legal challenge Wednesday to block construction of a Wal-Mart Supercenter near a famed battlefield where the Civil War began to turn in favor of the North. The legal action is aimed at an Aug. 25 vote by the Orange County Board of Supervisors approving the store near the Wilderness Battlefield. The battlefield where 30,000 Union and Confederate soldiers were injured or killed 145 years ago is considered one of the nation's most endangered Civil War sites, according to preservationists..."

By **STEVE SZKOTAK, Assoc. Press, Sept 24, 2009**

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**All Hours Emergency Phone 911**  
**All Hours Non Emergency Phone 540 582-7115**  
**Sheriff Department Web Site [www.spotsylvania.va.us](http://www.spotsylvania.va.us)**

**Hello and welcome to our new neighbors, the Kings and the Cercones.**

*Nancy looks forward to greeting you soon!*

## Farmers' Market

Locally grown agricultural products are offered, as well as baked goods.  
Virginia Cooperative Extension Spotsylvania Farmers Market locations:

- The **commuter parking lot** at the intersection of State Route 3 and Gordon Road.
  - The **parking lot of the Holbert Building** (9104 Courthouse Road) in the Courthouse Area.
- Opens on the last Saturday in April through the last Saturday prior to Christmas, 8am-1pm.  
The Wednesday market at the Holbert Building is from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.



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Email questions to BoD members via the web manager at [info@fox-chase.org](mailto:info@fox-chase.org)