

Fox Chase Town Homes Newsletter Winter 2011

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The Fox Chase Newsletter is published quarterly and is our main method of communicating upcoming events, meetings, new items, and other information you need to know. Please hold on to your Newsletter for reference until you receive the next issue.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF HOA:

UPDATES:

Our new snow removal company is Articulated Land and Garden located in Glen Burnie. It must snow 3 inches before they plow. Please remember it is your responsibility to clear your steps and front sidewalk.

Fox Manor sink hole – We are waiting for proposals from 3 contractors. The engineer will work with any of them along with AA Co because the damages also involve Hospital Drive. According to Howard Holt, engineer, the latest information was given to the board 1/31/11 regarding proposals includes primary variables in the quote for collateral damage to the pipes caused by movement of the earth, that is approximately 12-15 feet deep and run 40 linear feet. The repair is complicated by the depth of the pipe, proximity to the main water line, buried wires and weight of equipment necessary to complete the replacement. repairs to curbs, pavement, sidewalks, sodded areas, and final stabilization of the location. Also included is all the necessary equipment. He has estimated the job could run between \$50,000 - \$80,000.

Dues: Please try to pay your dues on time. ProCom has set up auto pay to make monthly or yearly payments easier. You can go online to set up auto pay at www.smartstreet.com, or Procom.com. You can also call ProCom at 410-721-0777.

BLOCK WATCH

Recently the Fox Chase HOA has had complaints about strangers/panhandlers knocking on doors, saying they are your neighbor in need, due to an emergency for money. Once encounter was a man saying he was a neighbor on Fox farm and needed \$25 to get his babies prescription filled. ***Please do not answer your door unless you expect company, or ask who it is before answering – you can always talk through the door. If you have any suspicions, call 911 and contact one of your board members.***

On Another Note. Recently, I received emails from two residents critical of both the HOA Board and me in how crime information is passed on to residents. According to one email, this newsletter as an information tool is “less than effective...its information is not read” and “crime” information goes to only those who have asked to be put on the BW email list. If someone with more technology skills than me can implement a program that directs messages to all residents, is easy to maintain and update, please contact me.



Home Care Tips and Ideas for Winter



- Check your attic for birds, squirrels, raccoons, etc.
- Clean frost –free refrigerator drain pan.
- Inspect dishwasher for leaks.
- Check operation of water pump and sump pump.
- Have air ducts cleaned.
- Service kitchen disposal by grinding several ice cubes.
- Drain outside faucets and protect with isolated covers.

Trash



Trash continues to be a major problem in our community especially on recycle days. PLEASE pick up trash on your property. Fox Spring and Hospital Drive also seem to be a trash magnet.

Trash is picked up on Thursday and Monday **mornings**. Trash and recyclable items are not to be placed outside for collection until the **evening** before pickup (5:00 p.m. is the earliest). If your trash has not been picked up because you were late in getting it curbside or for whatever reason, it is your responsibility to retrieve your trash and take it to the back of your house until the next trash day. **Remember to pick-up your trash cans and recycle bins ASAP after the trash has been collected. Also, please put your house number on your trashcan and recycle bins. If unclaimed bins and trash cans are left out they will be thrown out.**

If trash and recycle pick ups fall on a holiday, they will be picked up the next day. Also call 410-222-7500 for inclement weather pick-ups. Visit the following sites for additional information:

<http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/index.cfm>

<http://aacoprod.aacounty.org/MyAnneArundel/welcome.do>

BULK ITEMS: Items such as furniture, large appliances, play equipment, lawnmowers, etc. do not fit safely in a trash truck. They **are not** considered items for regular trash pickup. **Do not** put bulk items out for regular trash pickup. If you have items other than normal household trash for pickup, please call **410-222-6104** to arrange pickup of those items.

Community Meetings



The community meetings are designed to give residents an opportunity to hear what the Board is currently working on, and a forum to voice any comments, opinions, or concerns.

In 2010 all meetings will take place at **North County Library** located at 1010 Eastway, Glen Burnie, MD 21061 (410-222-6270) on the following **Wednesdays, at 7pm.** This library is located across from Harundale Mall. Meeting dates for 2011 will be announced.

Upcoming community meetings will be held on:

MONDAY 3/21/2011
Wednesday 6/8/2011
Wednesday 12/7/2011

December 4th Meeting Updates:

The October meeting was to vote to elect officers for 2011. We did not have many residents show up for the meeting, therefore, the vote was taken in December to keep the current Board Members since no one else came forward to serve.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Pet Waste Receptacle Maintenance for the 2 doggie stations on Fox Spring – Responsibilities include: replacing full receptacle waste bags 1-2 times per week with a new bag, placing full bags out for pick up, and refilling rolls of “Fido” bags as needed (bags are supplied by HOA).
- Anyone interested in serving on one of our committees, Social, Architectural, or Block Watch, please contact a member of the Board.

Social Committee

Santa visited Fox Chase Town Homes: On Saturday December 18th. Many came out to donate canned goods to North County Emergency Outreach Network (NCEON) and Santa gave out candy canes. Thank you to Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Department, and to all the residents who gave to NCEON.

Home Decorating Contest: Our annual Holiday decorating contest was judged during the week of December 19th. The first place winner of a \$50 gift card to Outback was 7827 Fox Farm, 2nd place was 211 Foxtree and received a \$25 gift card to Outback, and 3rd place went to 127 Fox Bay and received a \$25 gift card to Panera. Congratulations to all the winners. The social committee tries to choose different homes throughout the community every year. Judging is based on most original, beautiful, and the “WOW” factor. Prizes were mailed to winners. Thank you for making Fox Chase beautiful during the holidays.

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By Charis Design

The website is undergoing a makeover and we would like to take this opportunity to add some memorial items from our fellow neighbors. If you have of the following please consider contributing them to the new site. Items include: Old pictures dating back to the beginning of Fox Chase, holiday pictures in Fox Chase, video that you may have of your home being built, fun stories about Fox Chase, and why you moved to Fox Chase.

Please e-mail your items to: roy@charisdesign.net, or feel free to drop them off at 115 Fox Chase Drive. All items will be returned.

*****The Secretary has resigned for personal reasons, anyone interested in serving on the Board please contact a current Board member or Paula McClendon from Pro Com.***

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