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Winter 2012 Newsletter

Notes From The President:

As 2011 ends, I'm happy to report we now have a full Board for 2012, an Architectural Committee, and a Social Committee. Anyone wishing to volunteer their services please contact a member of the board. They are named on the last page of this newsletter.

Re: HOAFINANCES:

Delinquencies in HOA payments have increased significantly in the past 2 years. To get collections back on track the Board has voted to enforce a more aggressive program effective immediately. If you are 2 months behind, you will be contacted to set up a payment plan with Pro Com. If you neglect to pay the outstanding amount or fail to contact Pro Com to discuss a "catch up" plan, the account is turned over to our collections attorney. When that happens, in addition to the debt already owed to the HOA, penalties and fees are added to the total amount and a lien is placed against your property.

Every effort has been made to keep monthly dues at \$48, though our covenants allow a \$10 charge for every month you are late, we have never added that fee. Through our dues, *we all share the costs to maintain an attractive community.* A partial list of expenses includes the following:

HOA Finances (cont.)

- Cost of maintaining the common areas*
- Cost of landscaping the common areas*
- Cost of snow removal from all roads*
- Cost of maintaining road surfaces*
- Cost of repairing sinkholes*
- Cost of tree removal and trimming*
- Cost of streetlights and electricity*
- Cost of liability insurance on the common areas*
- Cost of insurance as required by the HOA*
- Cost of management of the HOA*
- Cost of legal services*

As you can see, your dues pay for quite a few services. For the HOA to remain on budget, EVERY RESIDENT must pay their dues ON TIME.

Thank You for your cooperation.
Pat Kupfer, President

Social Committee Reports:



Christmas
Spirit
Invades Fox
Chase

SANTA came to Fox Chase town homes on Saturday December 17th. He gave out candy canes to all the “good little girls and boys”, and snapped pictures of his helpers while they collected canned goods from our generous residents for the North County Emergency Outreach Network (NCEON). In return, our community HOA donated \$150 to the Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Department (GBVFD). Thank you to all who helped these two wonderful organizations



Winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest!

Our Holiday Decorating Contest was a really tough one to judge. There were so many beautiful homes this year displaying lots of lights and brimming with originality. After much consideration, the judges decided to award: **First Place** prize of a \$50 Best Buy gift card to

Winners (cont.)

7838 Foxfarm Drive; Second and Third place winners received \$25 Home Depot gift cards which went to **7905 Fox Bridge** and **145 Fox View** respectively. **Honorable Mentions** go to the following: **the row of 4 homes at the corner of Foxtree and Fox Bridge** all of which were decorated and looked great; **155 and 161 Foxtree** showed originality; then there was **Santa waving from the deck of the end unit on Fox Manor**; and as in past years, the **first row on Fox Bay** is always an attention-grabber. Thanks to everyone who made the season warmer, brighter and a joy to be a part of the holidays at Fox Chase.

Coming Up: Community Yard Sale Our Spring yard sale will be held sometime in May. It will again be held in conjunction with the single-family homes' yard sale. Sellers in both communities experience better business when we share the same date. Date and times will be announced.

Community Meetings

Community meetings are held to give residents an opportunity to hear issues affecting the community and projects the Board is currently working on. Comments and concerns from residents are welcome. 2012 meetings will take place at North County Library located at 1010 Eastway, Glen Burnie, MD 21061, 410-222-6270 at 7pm. The library is located across Ritchie Highway from Harundale Mall. Mark your calendars. Plan to attend.

- **Thursday April 5th**
- **Thursday June 7th**
- **Wednesday September 26th**
- **Tuesday December 4th**



Trash Rules-One more time.....Please Note:

Trash is picked up on Thursday and Monday mornings. Recyclables are picked up with the trash on Thursday mornings. Trash and recyclables are not to be placed outside until the evening before pick up after **5pm**. If you miss the collection, it is your responsibility to retrieve your trash and take it back to your house until the next trash collection day. Also, **pick up your trash and recycle bins ASAP on the same day the trash has been collected.**

Frequently, trash is scattered around streets, homes and mailboxes because trash bags are left wide open so that the trash can spill out onto the mail islands. **Tie the bags. It's not difficult to do.** Please pick up trash to help keep our community clean. Also, put your house number on your trashcan and recycle bins.

Bulk Items: Furniture, large appliances, play equipment, lawn mowers, etc. do not fit in trash trucks and are not items for regular trash collection. **Do not** put bulk items curbside for regular pick up. Instead, call **410-222-6104** to arrange for pick-up of those items. Visit the following sites for additional information: <http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/index.cfm>, <http://aacoprod.aacounty.org/MyAnneArundel/welcome.do>

Pet Peeves. . .



As my dog walks me each day, I find myself in awe at the debris left by inconsiderate and just plain lazy dog walkers. I wonder what these owners are thinking—or not. For example:

- 1) *The owner who chooses to allow his very large pet (or pets) to adorn **each** side of the sidewalk near the entrance sign at Foxspring/Hospital Drive? If that spot is a 'must have' for his dog(s) OK, but **pick up their poop!** Did it ever occur to this dog owner that the school bus stops here? C'mon. Give the kids a break! Clean up your mess. Keep it off their shoes.*
- 2) *Then there is the small dog owner who allows the pup to drop a small package on the handicap ramp at the corner of Foxfarm and Foxspring. Nice huh? **Message to Moms pushing baby strollers: step oh so carefully.***
- 3) *Gotta love this one. the **considerate owner who picks up his/her dog's mess** in one of our brown poop bags, (so far so good) **then drops the bag—wherever!** Duh? If he or she found the bag dispenser, surely they noticed the Dog station's receptacle right beneath it.*

Let us know your Pet Peeve. Send it to newsletter editor, Nancy at Flexx4me@comcast.net.

Fox Chase Town Homes on the Internet

www.foxchasetowns.com

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The website is designed to give residents additional information about our community. You can find budget, by-law, and our covenants information along with pictures, updates, and other valuable information pertaining to our community. If you have any updates or questions regarding the website please write to roy@charisdesign.net.

Fox Chase Town Homes has come out of the Stone Age. We are now on Facebook.
Fox Chase Townhomes of Glen Burnie... Stop By for a visit and Like us.

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