

FOREST PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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Note: We are in dire need of a new treasurer. Brian has been doing an excellent job, but will be re-locating. It is important that someone step up soon so we have a smooth transition. The duties don't require much time or energy but do require access to a computer. No financial background is necessary



ANNUAL YARD SALE

Our annual community yard sale will be held Saturday, May 10, from 7 a.m. until noon. An ad will be placed in the Sun Journal and the Shopper to draw prospective buyers.

As in past years, this is a great way to begin your spring cleaning. Go through your house and set the items you no longer want in your front yard for the sale.

Drivers will stop to look and to shop. Don't be surprised if your neighbors are the first ones to make you an offer.

So gather your excess "stuff" for an event with a proven track record.



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COOL CITIES INITIATIVE IN NEW BERN

Great news! New Bern's local leaders have agreed to join in the Cool Cities Initiative sponsored by the Sierra Club.

This means that they will make better choices in the future about how our municipalities use our resources in the most cost effective and common sense way.

This "Green Initiative" is gaining support across NC and New Bern now joins Greenville, Raleigh, Asheville, Rocky Mount and more.

We can do our part right here by taking advantage of our recycling program.

PET CONCERNS

There has been a noted improvement in pet control over the last couple of months. However, we still see a number of cats running loose. Remember, cats fall under the city's leash law and should not be running free.

Several times in the past year, people have contacted Jeanne Crockett after finding a neighborhood dog that escaped from its yard. These pets did not have an ID tag which delayed their return to their owner.

These ID tags are very inexpensive and are worth their weight in gold for a wandering pet's safe and speedy return home. Please make sure your pet has an ID tag with its name and your telephone number so you can be reunited.



SPRING LAWN MAINTENANCE

Spring has arrived. Time to spruce up the property, mow lawns, pull weeds, and plant gardens. Bagged debris, leaves, pine-straw, etc may be placed near your curb for pick up. Branches and shrubs do not have to be bagged but also need to be placed curbside. The city will pick these up on our regular garbage day. Please do not place these items out too early in the week.

BOATING ENTHUSIASTS

Spring is the season for all of our boating enthusiasts to spruce up their craft. There is no problem with having your boat in your drive for a few days to do this. However, your boat should not remain in your driveway overlong.

SPAY AND NEUTER

Pet overpopulation is a big problem in Craven County. In fact, Pamlico Craven Animal Services Center kills over 5,000 animals every year. This is a problem that we can solve by being responsible for our pets and by adopting homeless animals from the shelter or from any of our local rescue groups. New Bern has several groups that do a wonderful job saving one animal at a time.

People who buy from a pet shop or on the internet are most likely buying from a puppy mill. A puppy mill is a place where dogs are feed and bred in small cages for their entire life. They are no more than a "cash crop" to people who profit from them.

Please don't allow your pet to breed when so many excess animals are dying. If the cost of the spay or neuter is beyond your means, the Colonial Capital Humane Society *may* be able to provide some assistance. You can reach them at 633-0146.