

FOREST PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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BOARD MEMEBER INCENTIVES

At the next homeowners meeting in November, we will elect the board for the 2012 calendar year. Because some of the positions require work which can not be compensated for with money, we are considering introducing a plan that would waive the board members dues for that year. Other suggestions for increased participation on the board are also welcomed.

If no volunteers are found to fill the positions, a plan to hire a management company to handle the duties will be considered. If this happens, it is likely dues will have to be raised to cover the expense.

2011 HOA Dues of \$60 are DUE

Please mail your check and the voucher on the back to the PO Box listed above. This is to serve as your notice.

HOA DUES

As always, please remember to send in any delinquent homeowners dues for any year. Per the HOA bylaws, the HOA is authorized to charge interest on all late HOA dues. We are currently not doing this as to encourage compliance by all. If you are unsure if you owe, how much, or if you would like a payment plan, please contact Janet Hershey. The HOA may authorize action on delinquent homeowners which includes, but not limited to, liens on homeowners properties which may lead to a foreclosure action. In addition, we are still considering a plan to list all delinquent homeowners in the newsletter. Please do not force the HOA to take more action than is needed. This money benefits all of us and keeps our property values up.



BOARD CHANGES

As of August 1, 2011, Josh Walker, will no longer be the President of the HOA due to moving out of the neighborhood. Please direct all calls or requests to other board members until a new President can be found. Additionally, you can continue to send e-mails to the HOA e-mail address listed above. **If you would like to volunteer for the rest of the year, please contact Janet Hershey for more information.**

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ANIMAL CONTROL

The City of New Bern has multiple rules concerning pets. All pets are required to be leashed when not on your own property. Cats are included in this law along with dogs. The animal control laws state that dogs can not be a nuisance by barking, yelping or howling as to disturb the neighborhood. The city also requires that all animals must be vaccinated against rabies. The laws allow for the city to impound any pet which is found to be in violation.

Remember to have identification on your pet in case they do get loose so that they can be returned home to you.

Please contact the Animal Control Department of the New Bern police at 252-633-2020 when you see animals out on the streets to control this problem.

WEBSITE HELP WANTED

With the departure of the current President, the HOA is looking for someone to keep the website up to date. The current location of the website provides for easy updating of the website without any prior knowledge of making webpages. Please contact Janet Hershey for more info. In addition, Josh will help with the transition if found soon.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

A neighborhood watch has been established for our area. Freda Tyndall has volunteered to be the point person on this project, please contact her at 252-637-4815 or e-mail her at cvftyn-da@hotmail.com if you are interested.

PARKING & PROPERTY CONCERNS

Parking in the area is becoming a concern as more and more people are parking on the streets instead of their driveway. Recently this situation has lead to an accident in the neighborhood and I'm sure there have been others. To avoid unnecessary accidents and to enhance safety, please park in your driveway as much as possible.

Some property concerns that have arisen are lawns not being mowed and residents keeping "junk" out in the front yard. Lawns not cared for and unnecessary "junk" left in the yard make the area look uninviting and unkempt. Please remember to mow your lawn on a regular basis and keep all items behind your fence. In addition, mowing your lawn helps keep unwanted guest, ie. snakes, away from your and your neighbor's homes.

One final note, as the neighborhood gets older, the fences will start to break down and need to be replaced. There are some areas where this is already happening. Please remember that the HOA bylaws require that homeowners maintain the same type of fence throughout.



If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact one of the board members or visit our website.

DUES PAYMENT VOUCHER

Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Property Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Amount Paid: _____

Covered Year(s): _____

NOTES: _____

PLEASE MAIL CHECKS TO: FOREST PARK HOA PO BOX 15222 NEW BERN, NC 28563