

FOREST PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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ASSOCIATION DUES LETTERS

Recently, some homeowners received notices from a local lawyer regarding past dues of three years or more. Please be advised that this is not a legal action against anyone and is to serve as a notice that legal action **COULD** be taken. We are trying to make every effort to get everyone in compliance without taking any type of legal action.

Remember that paying the homeowner's association dues are a legal obligation that must be made by every homeowner, every year. If you received one of these notices, please call Janet Hershey to make arrangements to get current. **The amount on the notices did not include dues for the 2011 year.**

2011 HOA Dues of \$60 are DUE

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

ANNUAL MEETING

The 2010 Homeowner's Association meeting was held in November at HJ MacDonald School. Many ideas were discussed and the minutes have been posted to the HOA website.



There was talk of a Spring meeting to discuss the future of the HOA; however, this will not take place at this time. The issue will be revisited at the yearly meeting in November.

The Secretary and 1 and 2 Year trustee were reelected for another year while the President and Treasurer were reelected on a temporary basis until replacements are found. If you are interested, please contact either the President or Treasurer. We will help with the transition. We need additional volunteers to take positions or a management company will need to be hired which will cause the yearly rates to increase. The yearly dues were kept at \$60 for 2011; however may be raised in 2012 as allowed in the by laws.

Other issues discussed were listing delinquent homeowners in the newsletter, having a lawyer send letters to delinquent homeowners in excess of two years, review of selected association rules and approval of Top Cut for another year to do the upkeep of common areas.

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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.

REDESIGNED WEBSITE

Stop by and visit the new redesigned Forest Park website. The new website will hopefully be more user friendly and provide more information. If you have any ideas, feel free to send an e-mail and provide your idea. We are working to add more items to the website so be on the look out. Remember that HOA events will be announced there.

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.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

This article was originally published last year but has some relevant info to share. Here are some suggestions to be a good neighbor and comply with our covenants:

- Be respectful of your neighbor and your neighbor's property
- Keep your animals on leash, and pick up after your pet
- Keep your dogs inside at night to prevent them from being loud at night which may disturb your neighbors.
- Stay off other people's property unless you have permission
- Be mindful of noise during early/late hours
- Keep items out of the street for safety
- Store boats, trailers, campers out of site behind fences.
- Place yard debris near the curb for pickup on trash day—not excessively early in the week. Branches and shrubs do not have to be bagged.

By showing respect for each other, we can make this one of the best places to live in New Bern.



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: _____

Amount Paid: _____ Covered Year(s): _____

NOTES: _____

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