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New Fox Ridge

Homeowners' Association Newsletter

Yard Sale

Some homeowners have expressed an interest in conducting a yard sale. If you are interested, please contact Sandy Dunkelberger at 234-5776 by July 30.

In Next Month's Issue. . .

Tips on getting the most for your home including local market information and recent comparable home sales. Also a listing of recent sales in the area.

Calling All Readers

Are you interested in joining a reading club? If so, please contact Anniken Davenport at 232-4017 or via email at anniken@comcast.net If there is enough interest, we could gather regularly for an evening of literature, good food and wine and companionship.

Bulk Pick-Up

Unfortunately, the city no longer provides bulk pick-up service since the City Incinerator was closed. If you need to dispose of bulk items, you will have to arrange to have the items taken to the City Dump in Steelton.

Summer Growing Season Is Here

It's summer time again. With summer comes longer days and sunshine. You may have noticed that the common area pots have been planted with annual flowers again. If you see homeowner Peg Davis, be sure to thank her for the blooms. Peg has generously volunteered her time and flowers to brighten the common area. If a pot looks as if it needs a little water, please consider giving the plants a drink. Peg has asked that we all pitch in to keep the pots growing.

Regular rain and sun also means grass and weeds are growing fast. Please try to pull any weeds under your fence or in other places where they don't belong. It helps keep our community looking well-kept and inviting. If you have trouble keeping up with yard work, (for example, because you have physical problems or work long or odd hours) consider asking a neighbor for help.

Some homeowners have been discussing ways to improve our neighborhood, and one of the possible ways is through a gardening "club" of volunteers. If you are interested, please contact your block rep. Maybe next year, a New Fox Ridge can arrange a tour of NFR hidden gardens such as the recent Secret Gardens of Midtown tour.

National African American Museum Coming?

You may have seen news reports about the possibility of a National African-American Museum Being planned for our neighborhood. Preliminary plans call for the area across from the 1200 block of North Third Street to be converted to a museum and jazz club. As many of you know, one of the buildings proposed for the site has been neglected and boarded up for at least 20 years. As the plans develop, you may want to think about how the possible museum may impact New Fox Ridge - perhaps positively by renovating an eyesore and providing an impetus to rehabilitate other buildings close to our neighborhood such as the old Police Athletic Building across from the 1100 block of North Third Street. Possible negative impact might include increased traffic and late evening noise.



Board Meetings

The NFRHA Board has been meeting regularly and invites you to attend. Meetings are scheduled well in advance and have recently moved to the Harrisburg Historic Association Building on Third and Verbeke to better accommodate everyone who wants to attend. Your Block Rep can fill you in on when the meetings are scheduled and can also provide you with a copy of the minutes from meetings. You can also contact him or her about any other concerns you may have. The Block Reps this year are:

Herb Tufts:	234-0176 for 1101 - 1115 North Third Street
Cheryl Hull:	238-2952 for 1201 - 1215 North Third Street
Troy Moritz:	497-9898 for 1217 - 1231 North Third Street
Anniken Davenport:	232-4017 for 301 - 315 Verbeke Street
Melinda Schmitz:	233-3807 for 1234 - 1220 Capital Street
Tomm Chestnut:	234-7275 for 1218 - 1200 Capital Street
Ronald Boston:	232-1883 for 301 - 311 Fox Ridge Court
Laura Collier:	213-9429 for 300 - 312 Herr Street

In addition, you can contact the Board President, Robert Williams at 232-6726.

The next board meeting is set for August 7, 2004 at 7 p.m. at the Historic Harrisburg Association at Third and Verbeke. The Board will be discussing possible changes to the association bylaws. If you have any input or suggestions, please plan to attend or let your block rep know your concerns.

Picnic Set

Mark your calendar for the Annual New Fox Ridge Picnic! The date this year is September 12. Troy Moritz is in charge of the picnic and would appreciate your suggestions. The picnic is a great time to get to know all your neighbors and to welcome new residents to our community.



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Crime Corner

If you're a smart homeowner, you probably lock your door and may even have an alarm system to keep unwelcome visitors out. But if you throw credit card or checking account statements out with the trash, you might as well leave your door wide open. That's because with just a little bit of personal information, an identity thief can get access to your checking account or open a new account in your name. The best defense against identity theft is to make sure you shred or otherwise obliterate any account information or personal data that you toss in the trash.

How can you know if you're the victim of identity crime? The best way is to check your credit report regularly and always review your credit card and account statements for suspicious transactions or credit opened in your name without your knowledge. You can get credit reports from the three major credit reporting companies, but it will cost you a small fee. Some agencies will also offer to sell you a credit monitoring service, which will send you updated credit report information monthly.

Fortunately, reports will soon be available without cost once a year. Legislation passed in December 2003 provides that credit reporting agencies must provide a free credit report to Pennsylvania residents beginning on September 1, 2005. Meanwhile, you will have to pay to get the reports. The three credit reporting agencies are:

Equifax: (800) 685-1111

Experian: (888) 397-3742

Trans Union: (800) 916-8800