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Welcome New Board Member

The Fox Heath Homeowners Association Board of Directors welcomes Maureen Garrett to the Board. Maureen was appointed to the Board to fulfill the term vacated by Dawn Marion. Maureen will serve as member at large through September 2010. We thought Maureen would be a great fit to the Board because she and her husband are long-term residents in Fox Heath. Maureen is very active in the community. She also lives in an area of the community that was not represented by any other board member. We look forward to working with Maureen.

Zoning Board Meeting for T-Mobile Cell Phone Tower

Some of you may not be aware that T-Mobile has requested permission to construct a 120 feet in height "stealth silo" antenna support structure (with antennas and attendant equipment cabinet) in our community. The location of this proposed cell phone tower is 316 Township Line Road, which is the farmhouse between Panepinto Drive and Bridge Street. This proposed cell phone tower would be disguised inside a 120-foot high cement silo and would be constructed adjacent to the existing barn at that location. The homes on Welsh Road in Fox Heath would back right up to this cell tower, and it would be located only 50 feet from Fox Heath common property.

Because of the enormous amount of concern expressed by our residents the Board of Directors for the Fox Heath Homeowners Association has intervened in the Zoning Board proceedings through our legal counsel. We encourage all homeowners to attend the next Perkiomen Township Zoning Board hearing.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28th at 7:00. It will be held at the Perkiomen Township Municipal building behind the firehouse on Route 29, next to PV High School.

Vandalism and Crime within the Community

There has been a wave of break-ins and vandalism within the Fox Heath community lately. An individual or individuals have been breaking into cars at night. Please remember to keep your doors locked at all times.

There has been vandalism throughout the community such as spray painting on homes, fences, signs, and common property. This will not be tolerated at all. If anyone is caught vandalizing Fox Heath property, the HOA is prepared to prosecute to the full extent of the law.

If anyone is a victim or has any information about these crimes, please call the Pennsylvania State Police at 610-584-1250. The more aware the State Troopers are of the problems we are experiencing, the more likely they will be to patrol the area.

As homeowners, there are some things we can do. We can form a neighborhood watch. There has been discussion about that in the past. If interested please email the board.

Make it look like someone is home. Keep a few lights on or install a motion light on your home.

We need to know who our children hang out with. Sometimes good kids make bad choices when they are with bad influences. If your child has friends over who do not live in Fox Heath, you as the adult are responsible for your child's visitors.

Make sure your children are not roaming the neighborhood late at night. This is very disturbing to many residents and is very inconsiderate. If there is someone who is walking around the neighborhood committing crimes, your child could be in danger. Unfortunately, the nights these crimes have been committed are nights that children have been roaming around the community.

Fire Safety

Do you have a fire extinguisher in your house? Do you know where it is? Do you know how to use it? Fox Heath resident and Perkiomen Township volunteer firefighter, Mike Zielinski, shared with the board that in times of emergency many people do not remember where their fire extinguishers are. Mike recommends that homeowners keep fire extinguishers in constant sight, not in a cabinet or a closet, and to familiarize yourself with how to use it before you need it. Thanks for the great advise, Mike!

Parking Concerns

Parking has always been an issue in Fox Heath. Our roads are only 26' wide. We do not have sidewalks. Many of the children living in the community are now driving. The Board has received many homeowner complaints regarding the parking problems. In response to these concerned residents, the following are the guidelines for parking within the community:

1. There is NO Resident on-street parking permitted at any time. Resident vehicles are to be parked in the Resident's garage or driveway.
2. Overflow parking is to be used for guests/visitors only. Only after all parking options are exhausted are guests/visitors permitted temporary street parking. In those cases, guests should park in front of your house, not your neighbor's house. We understand there needs to be flexibility during social gatherings, but this should never be the norm.
3. Residents who have more vehicles than parking spaces may park in the overflow spaces. For residents who have a one-car garage, they could park their 3rd car in the overflow spots. For residents with a two-car garage, they could park their 5th car in the overflow spots. These residents must use their garage and driveway for vehicles to be able to park in the overflow spots.
4. No one should be parking on the grass under any circumstances.
5. Commercial vehicles may NOT be parked in Fox Heath at any time. Special board permission is needed for a variance.
6. Under Perkiomen Township ordinance, vehicles may not be parked with a "For Sale" sign.
7. All vehicles parked illegally will be subject to towing at the owner's expense if there are any future violations.
8. Overflow parking spaces are for temporary guest parking and are not to be used for long-term parking

Due to the large number of complaints regarding cars parked illegally, the board will be taking a more active role in enforcing our parking policies. As of May 1st random sweeps of the neighborhood will be conducted. Vehicles parked illegally will be issued a warning for the first and second offences and added to a violation list. If a vehicle on the list is found to be in violation thereafter it will be subject to towing at the owners expense. . We understand many of you may have concerns about storage vs. parking space. We will be offering another driveway expansion program soon. We are also looking at the possibility of updating the rules regarding sheds so residents have better storage options.

Fox Heath Website

Sponsor or Find a Local Business for the Website and Newsletter

Fees and payments from advertisers and publication of the newsletter can help revenue generation for the association. If you know of a friend, family member, or local business, please consider letting them know about the benefits of having their ad in front of our community.

For Non Residents of the HOA the fees are:

\$120.00 per year for a page on the website in the Advertisers section

412 x .15 for one-page flyers in the newsletter. If provided electronically these will also be sent out through email

Business card space is also available on the website and newsletter. HOA residents can have their business card and paragraph of text in the advertiser section free of charge.

* Additional fees for any design work will apply if business cards, logos, or other design work are required. Please send an email to webmaster@foxheath.com with any questions.

Register your email address

Have you registered your email address on foxheath.com? By registering your email, you will receive more correspondence through email, not mail. Also, you will have access to the Discussion Forum, forms such as architectural requests, Rules and Regulations, By-laws, and meeting minutes. This website is the easiest way for you as a resident to participate in the community. Our goal is to have every resident registered so we can minimize the amount of paper we use and contain our postage expenses.

Annual Community Yard Sale

Thank you to Bob Tronoski for organizing the annual yard sale scheduled for May 22nd. This is a great opportunity to make some money and make room in your garage for your car.

Bob will also be collecting food for a local food pantry. He will provide more information in his newsletter.

Basketball Nets

This year basketball nets have been included in the spring inspection. Many basketball nets throughout the community are supported by tires, rocks, cement bags, etc. Many homeowners also choose to place their basketball nets directly against their neighbor's property. These are both unacceptable. Basketball nets must be a minimum of 8' from the property line and supported per manufacturer's specifications.

The ideal location for the basketball nets is the interior of your driveway supported according to manufacturer's specifications or to be put away when not in use.