

THE NEIGHBORLY CHASE

DECEMBER 2006



Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah

NO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2006

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2007 at 1:00 pm at the Club House. Registration begins at 12:30 pm.

The Association holds an annual meeting to discuss events and problems during the past year, plans for the next year, and to answer your questions.

Everyone is urged to attend. It is an opportunity for you to participate in determining the direction we head towards for 2007.

At the Annual Meeting, three members of the Board of Directors will be elected for a term of three years. In total, there are nine members of the Board of Directors. No member of the Board receives any compensation.

The Board of Directors, usually referred to as “the Board” or “BOD”, is the primary governing body. Its primary functions include:

- Determining the budget and the Association fees.
- Determining the rules and their enforcement.
- Selecting contractors, attorneys, managers and other professionals to services.
- Overseeing the services to residents.
- Representing the Association in negotiations with governmental bodies, utilities, etc.

(Excerpts from the Farmington Chase Home Owner's Manual, Page 32)

If you are interested in running for the BOD, you may request a Candidate Profile Form from

Imagineer's or find the form on-line on the FC Website: <http://www.farmingtonchase.com/>. Imagineer's will also mail out the forms during the last week of December. Interested candidates should mail forms to Imagineer's.

Current Board members welcome your questions. Don't hesitate to contact a Board member if you have questions about running for the Board.

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Unit #</u>	<u>Position</u>
Roger Magoon	86	President
Mary Jane Parlow	83	Vice-President
Diane Glassman	23	Treasurer
Charlene Langston	132	Secretary
Chip Howley	34	Director
Joanne Spence	24	Director
Charles Midura	131	Director
Kristin Violette	53	Director

FARMINGTON CHASE SOCIAL EVENT

Saturday - December 30th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm– Join the FC Social Event for the entire family.

The Social Committee welcomes volunteers. Please contact: Patty Sylvester-#121, Diane Glassman-#23, Joanne Spence-#24, or Mary Jane Parlow-#83.

AVON CALLING

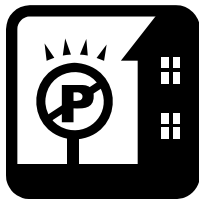
Amy Giovannucci (Unit #90) is the new Avon Representative in this area. You can reach her at 678-0131.



COMMUNITY REMINDERS



- ☺ **Recycle old holiday decorations!** Why not consider donating your surplus holiday decorations to be recycled at the Club House? Please see John Machowski at the maintenance building or contact Charlene Langston, at #132.
- ☺ **Club House Rental Reservations**
The Club House has been reserved on:
 - December 3rd
 - December 10th
 - December 30th - Social Event
 - January 21st, 2007 – Annual Meeting
- ☺ **Maintenance Requests**
How to submit a maintenance request
 - Call Audrey Kozma or Bill Nardi at Imagineers – Phone 860-247-2318
 - E-mail Audrey or Bill
Audrey - AKozma@imagineersllc.com
Bill - bnardi@imagineersllc.com
 - Or use the interactive Maintenance Request Form on the FC Website <http://www.farmingtonchase.com/> (Click on *Download Documentation*)
- ☺ **PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY!**
Please drive responsibly in the Chase. Drive slowly and be mindful of walkers and children!



Parking in front of garages or in any space other than a marked parking space or garage is prohibited, except for prompt loading and unloading of vehicles. **This also applies to vehicles of contractors hired to do work at your home.** Ask your contractor to unload materials necessary for the job, and then move the vehicle to a parking spot while work is being completed. Parking in front of garages and

homes not only makes it difficult for neighbors to maneuver around the parked vehicle, but also creates a hazard in the event emergency help is called (fire, police, and ambulance).

FARMINGTON CHASE WEBSITE



- ☞ See the Photo Gallery.
- ☞ Review board meeting minutes.
- ☞ Read the past and present Newsletters.
- ☞ Review the updated Home Owner's Manual.
- ☞ Speak to others on the message board.
- ☞ Review community policies.

<http://www.farmingtonchase.com/>

DID YOU KNOW? Robert's Rules of Order

Did you know that ... “At all meetings of the Members or the Board of Directors, Robert's Rules of Order ...shall be followed...”
(*Excerpt from the By-Laws, Page BL5, Section 10*)

What's the point ...? To provide order in a meeting, going about it in a courteous spirit.

“The prime value of Parliamentary procedure is that it provides processes through which an organization, large or small, can work out satisfactory solutions to the greatest number of questions in the least amount of time. ... It makes meetings go smoothly when everyone is in agreement, and allow the group to come to decisions fairly ...”
(*Excerpts from “Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised”, copyright 2004 by Henry M. Robert III*)

HOMES FOR SALE AT THE CHASE

If you would like to post your “For Sale” notice (for a home for sale at Farmington Chase) please contact Charlene Langston by email at Bugs007@comcast.net.
(or drop a note in mailbox #132)





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Thinking of What to Give for the Holidays?

The holiday season means many things to many people. Along with the celebration of our own personal traditions, we all keep in mind a spirit of goodwill and kindness towards others.

In that spirit, here are a few suggestions to *give gifts of the heart during this holiday season.*



Donate your used car to the National Kidney Foundation. The money raised through this charitable contribution plan will benefit programs in research, patient services, organ donation & public education. And you may find yourself in the express lane for a tax deduction. All you need to do is **call 800-488-CARS (2277)** and they will send you a packet with a self addressed envelope so you can mail back the signed title and odometer statement. Once you return the completed packet, the Foundation will contact you to arrange for a free pick-up. Vehicles are sold either at auction or for part. Talk about getting good mileage!



Food Pantries

The town of Farmington sponsors a Food Panty for those in need – donations are accepted at the First Church of Christ, 75 Main Street, Farmington. Hours to drop off donations are:

- Every Tuesday from 9:30 am to noon
- Every 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- Every 3rd Saturday from 9:00 am to noon

For additional information – call **Farmington Community Services at 675-2390**. Social Services Departments at Town Hall in any town of your choice can also give you details for their communities.

For more information about Foodshare Inc. of Greater Hartford go to www.foodshare.org



The American Red Cross - Have you considered giving blood? The winter holiday season always presents a great need for blood. The local American Red Cross located at 209 Farmington Avenue, Farmington - they hold regular blood drives every Wednesday from 12:45 pm-6:00 pm, and every Saturday from 6:30 am-11:15 am. To schedule your life saving appointment please call 1-800 GIVE LIFE (1-800-448-3543).



Woman with Children Transitional Center, 19 Jacobs Street, Bristol, CT
585-9749 / 585-9673

In 1999, the St. Vincent DePaul Society of Bristol opened the Woman with Children Transitional Center. The program has a ten-family facility for homeless woman and their children. The center is a safe environment where woman and their children may live for up to 2-years as she prepares to build a healthy home for herself & her family. It has a caring staff that utilizes the community resources to help each family achieve their personal goals. It provides a non-violent, drug & alcohol free environment where motivated woman can rebuild their lives. The philosophy of the Center is growth through education, life skills training, substance abuse counseling and mental health counseling to empower woman to become productive citizens upon re-entering the community. An action plan is developed for each family member based on specific needs.

Call the Center to determine the current needs of their residents and consider making their holiday brighter by your gift from the heart.

There are many **Women in Need Programs** across the state. Search “WOMAN IN NEED” on www.google.com – it will direct you to all sorts of websites. Another idea is to call Town Hall at the town of your choice, and ask for the Social Services Department, who will connect you to a cause you can help.





Paul Newman's **Hole in the Wall Gang Camp** provides children with cancer and other serious illnesses and conditions a camping experience of the highest quality, while extending year-round support to their families and health care providers

Find out more about The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp at www.holeinthewallgangcamp.com

Donations to The Hole in the Wall Gang Fund can be mailed to:

The Hole in the Wall Gang Fund
555 Long Wharf Drive
Department W
New Haven, CT 06511



Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation

There are many ways you can help Fidelco in their mission to provide the highest quality guide dog to men and women who are visually impaired. By participating in a Fidelco event, shopping at their online gift shop, or making a donation or becoming a Partner for Life with Fidelco by making a planned gift, you help them help others. They are also in need of volunteers for events and to help raise their puppies.

FIDELCO

103 Old Iron Ore Road
Bloomfield, CT 06002
860-243-5200.

Look for more details at www.fidelco.org



Help support our troops - www.Anysoldier.com allows soldiers, marines, and navy personnel, who do not get mail from home, to write emails and request items to be sent to them. **Shop Rite of Bristol is a local grocery store that supports this effort.** Donate money to the Shop Rite Post Office. Shop Rite will package donations and mail them to those serving our country.



Organ Donation – Consider signing up for organ donation. There are many organs that can be donated in the event of loss of life – hearts, liver, lungs, kidneys, pancreas and small intestines. Cornea, skin bone, heart valves, connective tissue and blood vessels are all examples of tissues that can be donated after cardiac death. Total body donation for medical research and education is also an option. If you are interested in finding out more about **organ donation** – in Connecticut contact:

LifeChoice Donor Services
8 Griffin Road North
Windsor, CT 06095
www.lifechoiceopo.org



These were just a few suggestions for helping those in need this holiday season. Here are some additional charity suggestions:

- ☞ The Cure for Cancer
- ☞ Toys for Tots Drive
- ☞ Breast Cancer Research
- ☞ The Cure for Diabetes
- ☞ Shriners Hospitals ...
...Provides free orthopedic & burn care to children under 18
- ☞ St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- ☞ Connecticut Humane Society
- ☞ Salvation Army Store, Bristol
- ☞ Goodwill Store, Bristol
- ☞ Visiting Nurse Association
- ☞ ...and many other worthwhile causes ...



Whatever your favorite cause is, giving *gifts from the heart* this holiday season is a wonderful thing to do.

Happy Holidays

