



The Neighborly Chase

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The Next Farmington Chase Board of Directors Meeting is Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Residents are welcome to attend. If you would like to discuss an issue at the meeting, please contact a board member prior to the meeting to be added to the agenda.



Annual Meeting Elections

There was “standing room only” at the January 13th Annual Meeting. It was one of the better attended meetings in many years! Let’s keep up the interest – please ... come one, come all ... to the monthly meetings. 📌

Association Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month, unless otherwise noted. The meetings begin at 7:00 pm in the Club House. A reminder notice is posted on the cluster common mailboxes prior to each meeting.

At the Annual Meeting, the following candidates were elected to the Board of Directors:

- Ross Gottlieb
- Charlene Langston
- Paul Mancarella

The Board of Directors - 2008

Board Members	Unit #	Position
Ross Gottlieb	137	Director
Chip Howley	34	Director
Charlene Langston	132	Secretary
John Machowski	52	Director
Paul Mancarella	141	Treasurer
Peter Rush	100	President
Joanne Spence	24	Director
Kristin Violette	53	Vice President
Luz Wheeler	28	Director

You are welcome to contact board members if you have a question or a comment. Email addresses can be found on the Farmington Chase website on the “Meet the Board” link.

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A word from Peter Rush

Dear Farmington Chase Residents,
My name is Peter Rush. I was recently appointed your President. This is quite an honor for me. As president I will try to the best of my ability to serve you well. We as residents must all work together to make our community one we are all proud of. Each person is valuable with their own unique characteristics and talents. We need one another. This is a joint effort. I encourage you to contact me with any concerns and ideas you might have. I look forward to our future with much enthusiasm. My e-mail address is: nancypete@sbcglobal.net



What goes on at the meetings?

Some residents don’t have the time or the inclination to attend the Board of Directors meetings. But, as a member of the community, and a paying association member, would you like to know what’s going on? Meeting minutes are posted on the Club House bulletin board. Even easier, meeting minutes can be found on the Farmington Chase website. Click on the “Meeting Minutes” link to find minutes from 2005 to the present. Find out first hand what’s going on – and let’s put an end to speculation and rumors. Got a question? → Call or email a member of the board for answers.



Did You Know

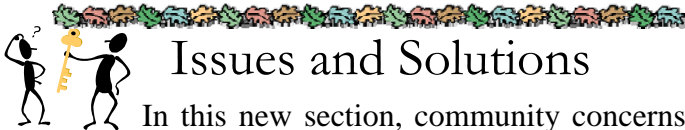
Is there something you want to say at a board meeting?



There seems to be a common misconception that home owners of Farmington Chase are not allowed to speak at a Board of Director's meeting. **You are allowed to speak at a Board of Director's meeting.** Just like the header line on each monthly Neighborly Chase reads

Residents are welcomed and encouraged to attend the meetings. **If you would like to discuss an issue at the meeting, you should contact a board member or Bill Nardi prior to the meeting to be added to the agenda.**

Advance notice that you would like to speak at a meeting is best, and is appreciated in order to prepare the agenda and allocate the appropriate time. However, you may ask to speak at a meeting anytime **before** a meeting begins.



Issues and Solutions

In this new section, community concerns and questions will be looked at. Some key areas of attention this year will include:

- Careful review of line-by-line items on the 2008 Budget.
- Addressing the follow-up and timing of repairs for service requests.
- Developing a Compliance Policy for infractions and fines.
- Developing a Communications process for the community – for example:
 - The plan of action for maintenance and repairs to the community.
 - Sidewalk repairs plan of action.
 - Garage light replacement plan of action.
 - Vendor bid and selection process.

Look for some new processes of communications in the next few months. If you have a question – please let the board members know. *But remember – you need to read the newsletters or you won't know first hand what's going on!*

Neighborhood Watch Update

A Neighborhood Watch meeting was held on January 29th. Pete Rush has been instrumental in developing a neighborhood watch for Farmington Chase, coordinating with the Farmington Police and 22 volunteers from our community.

The concept of a neighborhood watch has some residents wondering what this is all about. Pete has explained that residents all over Farmington inquired with the police about neighborhood watches following the shocking and heartbreaking incident in Cheshire. Farmington Police invited all Farmington residents to an informational night on the subject several months ago. As a result of that interest, Pete spearheaded the Neighborhood Watch Group at Farmington Chase.

With his new responsibilities as President of the Board of Directors, Pete has “passed the torch” to Mary Jane Parlow, who agreed to take on the responsibility of keeping this group organized. We welcome Mary Jane's guidance and thank every one of the volunteers for their concern for our community.

We will all be glad to hear that the group has announced that **our parking lot at the Club House and the dumpsters are now under surveillance of the Neighborhood Watch. They ask that this area be used with respect.**



Real Estate in the Chase



FOR SALE - Three bedroom end-unit. This home has been well maintained and cherished. It includes many upgrades, and is nestled in an area with private wooded lot. Please call 409-0757.

If you would like to advertise your Farmington Chase home **For Rent** or **For Sale** in the Neighborly Chase and the Farmington Chase Website, please contact Charlene Langston – drop a note in mailbox #132, or send an email to Bugs007@comcast.net

Club House Reservations

- February 23rd
- March 2nd

The Club House is available for rent at a very reasonable cost. It has a comfortable living room with a working fireplace. The kitchen comes complete with range, refrigerator, dishwasher and microwave oven. If you are interested in renting the Club House, please contact Audrey Kozma at Imagineers at 768-3414, Option 2. The Club House is rented on a first-come, first-serve basis, and the guidelines for use can be provided by Audrey, or found on our website.



Welcome new neighbors

We extend a warm welcome to our new neighbors:



- ▲ # 50 – Jeid Farnham
- ▲ # 108 – Joann Kissinger
- ▲ # 126 George Bassos

A new neighbor “welcome” is added to the newsletter as we become aware of closings from Imagineers, and can confirm with the town assessor’s office that the information is accurate. If your name did not appear here, please don’t hesitate to introduce yourself – email Bugs007@comcast.net.



Famous Quotes



- ❖ The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is: that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't.

Henry Ward Beecher

(1813-1887) American Preacher, Orator, Writer



Social Committee

Calling all volunteers there are mixed feelings about social events at Farmington Chase. As the saying goes, “it’s hard to please all the people all the time”. How about volunteering to be on the Social Committee? Part time, full time ... whatever time you can spare would be appreciated. Do you want to help organize a community family event, a block party, a game night? Perhaps you would like to lend a hand for one particular event, but not work on the committee all year. This is a committee that can always use new thoughts and extra volunteers! If you are interested in working with the Social Committee please contact Mary Jane Parlow, unit #83 or Joanne Spence, unit #24.



Community Updates

Some reminders bear repeating

Snow Plowing in the clusters

When the snow plows arrive – it benefits us all to move our cars out of the parking spots while they plow your cluster. When you hear the plow-please go outside and move your car so that all the parking spots will be cleared of snow.

Parking Policy reminders

#1) You are entitled to two parking spaces - one in your garage and one in the open parking areas.

#3) If you have more than one vehicle that you need to park outside of your garage you must park it in the Club House lot provided it (*the car*) is operable and registered.

The above Points are from the Farmington Chase Home Owner’s Manual, Pg 8, Revised 8/11/2007.

Lost keys

A set of car keys was found in Cluster 3 – please see John Machowski, Superintendent.



2008 Farmington Chase Committees

Listed in alphabetical order by last name

Architectural Control Committee

- Bob Langston
- Mary Jane Parlow
- **Luz Wheeler**

Landscape Committee

- Casey Hines
- Cheryl Jankura
- Joyce Mancarella
- Kate O'Mara
- Beverly Rackliffe
- Patty Sylvester
- Nanci Tetro
- **Luz Wheeler**

Maintenance Committee

- Chip Howley
- **Charlene Langston**
- Ross Gottlieb

Management Committee

- Charlene Langston
- John Machowski
- **Pete Rush**
- Joanne Spence

- Bill Nardi representing Imagineers

Newsletter Editor

- **Charlene Langston**

Social Committee

- Mary Jane Parlow
- Joanne Spence
- Pat Sylvester

Website Committee

- Charlene Langston
- **Kristin Violette**

Contacting Imagineers



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Recipes for the Chase



Golabki (Stuffed Cabbage)

From Linda

- Medium to large head cabbage
- 1 ½ to 2 lbs hamburger (uncooked)
- Medium onion (chopped)
- 1 or 2 eggs
- 2 bags Success rice (cooked)
- 32 oz. tomato juice
- 2 cans tomato soup
- About 6 slices crisp bacon
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350°

Remove the center core of the head of cabbage. Place in large pot of boiling water and boil until soft, removing each leaf as it softens. Let leaves cool, then trim the thick rib on each leaf.

In a large bowl, combine hamburger, cooked rice, onion, salt, pepper and egg (add 1 at a time as both eggs may not be needed).

Line the bottom of a roasting pan (not aluminum) with cabbage leaves that are too dark or too small to use for rolling. On each separate cabbage leaf, measure the mixture with medium-sized ice cream scoop to make each roll the same size. Place 1 scoop of the meat mixture at the bottom of the leaf and roll tightly, tucking the sides to cover the mixture. Place rolls in roasting pan.

Pour tomato juice over cabbage rolls, then both cans of tomato soup. Crumble the bacon and sprinkle over the top. If there are some extra leaves left over, slice into thin strips and sprinkle over the top.

Cover with foil and bake for 2 to 2 ½ hours. (They taste best the next day.)

Past editions of the Newsletter can be found on the Farmington Chase Website

The deadline for submissions to the Newsletter is the 4th Tuesday of each month.



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