



The Neighborly Chase

www.farmingtonchase.com June 2007

The Next Farmington Chase Board of Directors Meeting is Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Residents are welcome and encouraged 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.

2007 Tag Sale - one last reminder

FARMINGTON CHASE ANNUAL TAG SALE
JUNE 2, 2007 ♦ 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Tag Sale Will Take Place Rain Or Shine!

**In the event of rain on Saturday, the
Tag Sale **WILL** take place on Saturday,
AND WILL ALSO take place on
Sunday, June 3 ♦ 8:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Registration after May 25 - \$10.00

Tag Sale Committee

Mary Jane Parlow, #83 (Parlow83@aol.com)
Charlene & Bob Langston, #132 (Bugs007@comcast.net)
Diane Glassman - #23 (677-5095)
Brian Kall - #147



Welcome new neighbors

We extend a warm welcome to our
new neighbors ...

There are no new neighbors to list this month,
however;

The following are corrections to last month's
"Welcome" postings. Apologies for the
miscommunication -- please bear with us as we
fine tune the process for this renewed section.

- ❖ Traci Heberling is the owner of # 43.
- ❖ Tommie Yeung and Nae Tak remain the
owners of # 17.

Getting to know the Directors

KRISTIN VIOLETTE ➤ Born and raised in Connecticut, Kristin Violette has been a resident of Farmington Chase since 2003. She joined the Board of Directors in 2004, bringing with her a balanced sense of open mindedness on issues that come up for discussion. During her time on the board, Kristin has been instrumental in developing and maintaining the Farmington Chase website. Her volunteer efforts with this project have brought Farmington Chase into the technological present and future. Kristin is a high school teacher in Newtown. She also is a college adjunct at MCC and NVCTC. She is an independent computer consultant and instructor, and a floral designer. Kristin shares her home with Twitch, her indoor cat, and she enjoys backpacking, soccer, biking and kayaking.



Community Updates

June Club House Reservations



June 21st and June 24th



Tick Season

Take extra care this season to check for ticks on
your children, your pets, and yourself.

Neighbors use the Internet to identify unusual sounds in the night



Wildlife at Farmington Chase - Have you been woken up in the middle of the night by an unusual and loud cry? Several neighbors have and sought the internet for some answers! It's hard to describe the sound – is it a woman screaming in the night? Is it a cat fight or other animals fighting? Is it a screech owl or a hawk? Try this website: <http://www.angelfire.com/ar2/thefoxden/sounds.html>

The sounds heard in the night at Farmington Chase are unmistakably repeated on this website and identified as a **Fox Territory Call** and a **Red Fox Distress Call**. Give a

listen – if you've heard these cries, you will recognize these sounds immediately!

For newcomers to Farmington Chase, we are home to a variety of wildlife in our wooded community; deer, fox, coyotes, all sorts of birds; from hawks to hummingbirds and even a crane visits us seasonally! There are snapping turtles as well as regular turtles in the ponds, and last year a black bear was the talk of the area (by the way, she was relocated by the proper authorities).

It is advisable to keep an eye on young children as well as small pets. However, normally, there is no reason to fear the wildlife in our community – but remember these are wild animals and common sense should be exercised if you come in contact with them. For example, don't leave food outside your door for stray cats - that may invite wildlife to come too close for comfort.

The DEP website <http://hartford.about.com/> advises that if you come in contact with a black bear, for starters, **don't panic**. "Aggression by bears towards humans is exceptionally rare," according to the DEP Web site. If you see a bear, **observe from a distance**. You **do want to make your presence known** by making noise or waving your arms, particularly if you encounter a bear while you are out hiking. **Walk away slowly**, and be sure to **keep dogs leashed** and away from bears. **Don't climb a tree** in an attempt to get away from a bear. The DEP 24-hour hotline # is (860) 424-3333. For non-emergency situations, call the Wildlife Division at (860)-675-8130, or use the online [Black Bear Report Form](#) to report sightings.

Parking Sticker Reminder

All residents of Farmington Chase must display a parking sticker on each car. If you need new parking sticker(s), contact Audrey at Imagineers 860-768-3414, or see John Machowski in the maintenance building. You will need to provide a copy of the vehicle registration. Long term visitors must have a Farmington Chase Visitor Parking Sticker. Parking in clusters and/or the Club House parking lot without a parking sticker can result in a substantial fine(s).

Painting



Farmington Chase has a maintenance plan of a cycle-of-painting throughout all the clusters, and we are due start the cycle again this year.

The Board of Directors has already discussed developing a plan for 2007 painting. The discussions are in the early stage, however, it is anticipated that the painting will begin in the fall of this year. If you would like to touch up painting surfaces at your home, you may contact John Machowski at the maintenance building for the correct color paint for your building.



Did You Know

Did You Know ... Use, Purposes and Restrictions of property at Farmington Chase includes the following stipulations?

The buildings and each of the Lots are intended to be used for the following purposes, and their use is hereby restricted as follows:

Section 1. Use of Lot. No Owner shall permit use of his Lot for transient, hotel or commercial purposes, except as provided herein. No Lot may be divided or subdivided into a smaller Lot, nor may any portions nor any portion thereof sold or otherwise transferred ...

Section 2. Residential Use. Each Residence is hereby restricted to residential use by the Owner thereof, his lessees, his immediate family, guests and invitees. Each Residence shall be occupied for no other purpose except for home professional pursuits without employees or regular visits by the public.

Section 3. Garage Use. Each Garage is hereby restricted to use for parking a motor vehicle by the Owner of the Garage, and for miscellaneous storage purposes. Garages may be leased only to other Owners.

The above excerpts are from Article IX, pages DCR-16 and 17, Article IX, Use, Purposes and Restrictions of the Farmington Chase Bylaws (Documents for Establishment and Operation)



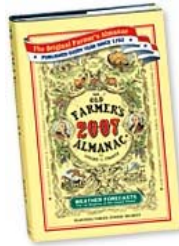
Interesting Facts

From the Farmer's Almanac

Helpful Hints

◆ Glass tabletops will sparkle if you rub gently with lemon juice or with vinegar, then dry with paper towels and polished with newspapers.

Farmer's Almanac



The Farmers Almanac Monthly Farm & Garden Schedule is determined by their age-old formula and applies generally to regions where the climate is favorable. (From www.farmersalmanac.com)

Gardening - June 2007

- 1** Poor planting day. Cut hay or do general farm work.
- 2-3** Plant late beets, potatoes, onions, carrots and other root crops.
- 4-5-6** Poor days for planting. Kill plant pests, spray, fertilize, do general farm work.
- 7-8** Favorable time for planting late root crops. Also good for vine crops. Set strawberry plants.
- 9-10** Cut hay or do plowing on these barren days.
- 11-12** Good days for planting root crops.
- 13-14** Seeds planted now tend to rot in ground.
- 15-16-17** Plant tomatoes, beans, peppers, corn, cotton and other aboveground crops on these most fruitful days. Plant seedbeds and flower gardens.
- 18-19-20-21-22** Poor period for planting. Kill plant pests. Clear fencerows. Clear land.
- 23-24** Favorable for planting peas, beans, tomatoes and other fall crops bearing aboveground. Sow grains and forage crops. Plant flowers.
- 25-26-27** Extra good for planting fall lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower, collards and other leafy vegetables. All aboveground crops planted now will do well. Plant seedbeds also.
- 28-29** Poor planting days. Cut hay or do general farm work.
- 30** Plant late beets, potatoes, onions, carrots and other root crops.

Summer Activities



This website has an informative section on Conn. Events. Monthly Events can

be viewed by clicking on the month of choice.

<http://www.tourism.state.ct.us>

Here are a few upcoming events that looked interesting – but there are many more, so give it a try to find events you prefer.

Connecticut Trails Day

Location	Hill-Stead Museum 35 Mountain Rd, Farmington
Date	June 2
Time	10-4
Description	Explore scenic walking trails, traversing meadows, woodlands and wetlands. Self-guided and naturalist-guided walks offered.
Admission	\$5
Phone	(860) 677-4787
ULR	http://www.hillstead.org

50th Annual Strawberry Festival & Craft Fair

Location	New Horizons Village 37 Bliss Rd., Unionville
Date	June 16
Time	10-4
Description	Strawberry shortcake and other refreshments, professional crafters, children's games, pony rides, entertainment.
Admission	Free
Phone	(860) 673-8893

21st Annual Spring Birdwalks at Hammonasset State Park

Location	Begin at the Audubon Shop 907 Boston Post Rd., Madison
Date	April 14-June 23
Time	Sat. only, 8 a.m.
Description	See returning song birds, shore birds and birds of prey. Guided walks at Connecticut's premier birding site.
Admission	\$4
Phone	(203) 245-9056
URL	http://www.theaudubonshop.com

2nd Annual Litchfield Hills Brew Fest

Location	Litchfield Community Center 421 Bantam Rd., Litchfield
Date	June 23
Time	4-8 p.m.
Description	Local and regional breweries come together for a tasting extravaganza; food and music round out the event.
Admission	\$20 in advance, \$25 at the door
Phone	(860) 567-8302

Guided Estate Walk

Location	Hill-Stead Museum 35 Mountain Rd., Farmington
Date	July 1
Time	2 p.m.
Description	Free
Admission	(860) 677-4787

Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art

600 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06103
860-278-2670
<http://www.wadsworthatheneum.org>
Hours: Wed-Fri 11-5, Sat-Sun 10-5, First Thursday of each month, open until 8 p.m. Closed Mondays, Tuesdays and major holidays
Admission: Adults \$10, seniors \$8, students \$5, under 12 free, \$5 First Thursdays (5-8 pm)

More Bike & Walking Paths

Farmington River Trail Trail Highlights

This trail is a section of the Farmington River Trail, a 10.5-mile trail that begins in Farmington, continues in Burlington and ends in Canton. The 5-mile section begins at Meadow Road in Farmington and travels northwest crossing Red Oak Hill Road. It then travels another 2.25 miles until it meets Rte 177. After crossing Rte 177, the trail parallels the Farmington River for the remainder of its length, crossing River Road and Collinsville Road along the way. The trail then reaches its terminus at the Burlington town line, where it connects with Burlington's portion of the trail.

Tips for Pets



From www.bestfriendspetcare.com

Kitty eating your plants? House plants can be a danger to the family cat. Experts disagree as to why cats like to chew on our potted plants. Some say it's a form of entertainment; others that the family feline is seeking out a bit of roughage for his digestive tract.

Risks from poisonous plants - Whatever the reason, our feline companions are fascinated with houseplants, which can be dangerous - even life-threatening. According to Dr. William Buck, Director of the National Animal Poison Control Center, "a lot of ornamental plants have irritating sap that will cause an animal to salivate or maybe vomit and have diarrhea."

Common houseplants, like philodendron and dieffenbachia (dumb cane) contain oxalate crystals that cause the animal's mucous membranes to swell, making the animal unable to eat. Plants in the nightshade family may cause digestive problems, confusion, weakness, sleepiness, depression, and decreased heart rate. And, some plants, like the hibiscus and those in the Easter lily family, which are not toxic to people, may be very harmful to pets. Two or three days after cats have eaten a few leaves of a Tiger lily or Easter lily, they may go into renal failure.

A cat-safe alternative - If your cat is a plant eater, one safe alternative is to provide a pot of grass for your cat. Cat-grass growing kits are available at most pet stores. Or you can purchase grass seed and soil and start your own pot of grass from scratch. Either way, the grass isn't harmful, and may satisfy your cat's urge for something green. Dr. Buck recommends against giving your cat a pot of catnip. "Although catnip isn't generally toxic to pets, owners should guard against giving too much of the fresh plant to cats. This plant causes hyper-stimulation to the central nervous system and the cat can injure itself."

Breaking the habit - Once you've provided kitty with her own special plant, you need to teach her that other house plants are "off limits." The non-profit website <http://www.21cats.org> offers a variety of aversion techniques for keeping kitty away from favorite plants:

- Use plant stakes to create a physical barrier around the outside of the plant.
- Place double-sided sticky tape on the area surrounding the plant. Your cat will hate how this feels on his/her paws and soon stop going there.
- Place aluminum foil on the area surrounding the plant. Most cats hate this feeling on their feet.
- Place plastic liners bottom side up (with the little pokey parts facing up) surrounding the plant. Your cat will not like how that feels on his/her paws at all.

If your cat does eat something that is poisonous call your veterinarian or the National Animal Poison Control Center at 1-800-548-2423.

For more information on poisonous houseplants visit the Univ. of Illinois Toxicology homepage at <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/vex/toxic/comlist.htm>

Recommended by a Farmington Chase cat owner: the Farmington Valley Veterinary Emergency Hospital, located in Avon, can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 674-1886.



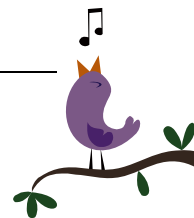
BIRD FEEDER MIX

From COOKS.COM

BIRD ORNAMENTS

- 1 c. peanut butter
- 2 c. bird seed

Mix peanut butter with bird seed. Cut 6 squares of nylon net from vegetable or fruit bags. Put some bird food into the center of each bag. Bring corners together. Tie string around the corners to hold food inside. Tie the string to the tree and watch the birds enjoy them.



Famous Quotes



From www.quotationspage.com

- Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest. *Mark Twain*



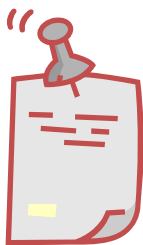
Capsule of Wisdom

“Capsule of Wisdom” was a monthly section in the 1980 & 1981 Farmington Chase Newsletters. A number of quotes are worth circulating again...

- The best vitamin for making friends is B1.



A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



“A blast from the past”

Another interesting article from the “historic” Neighborly Chase Newsletters

August 31, 1981 Neighborly Chase

“Our Ducks – They Try Harder – The ducks in the entrance pond aren’t really ours. In the past years local ducks haven’t made it through the winter and we were purchasing new ducks every year. Now thanks to an innovative service, we rent ducks. They are delivered in spring, then picked up in the fall and given a warm, safe winter home on the farm.”

Now this was “before my time”, and perhaps some residents that lived here in 1981 can tell us more about the ducks. One can only assume that when the cost of living increased; this duck “rental” idea fell through the “quacks”!

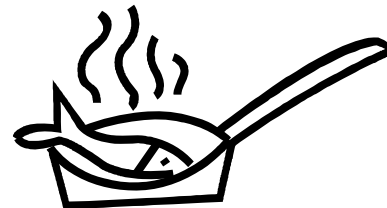


Recipes from the Chase

Share your favorite recipe. To put your recipe in print please drop a note in mailbox #132, or send your recipe by email to Bugs007@comcast.net.

This month’s recipe comes from

“Peppysmom”



Garlic Salmon

A large salmon fillet, steamed in foil and cooked either in the oven or barbecue. It’s seasoned with minced garlic, fresh baby dill, lemon slices, fresh ground pepper and green onions.

- 1 ½ pounds salmon fillet
 - Salt and pepper to taste
 - 3 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1 sprig fresh dill, chopped
 - 5 slices lemon
 - 5 sprigs fresh dill weed
 - 2 green onions, chopped
- A handful of capers (optional)
1. Preheat oven to 450° F. Spray two large pieces of aluminum foil with cooking spray.
 2. Place salmon fillet on top of one piece of foil. Sprinkle salmon with salt, pepper, garlic and chopped dill. Arrange lemon slices on top of fillet and place a sprig of dill on top of each lemon slice. Sprinkle fillet with chopped scallions and capers.
 3. Cover salmon with second piece of foil and pinch together foil to tightly seal. Place on a baking sheet or in a large baking dish.
 4. Bake in preheated oven for 20 to 25 minutes, until salmon flakes easily.

Yield: 6 servings

Real Estate in the Chase

HOME FOR SALE ♦ \$219,900.00

49 Farmington Chase Crescent

- Spacious sun filled, large 2-bedroom unit
- 5 room townhouse - 1432 s.f. with central air
- Eat in kitchen 11 x 10, Dining Room 11 x 10
- Sunken Living Room 18 x 17 with fireplace
- 2 sliders off Living Room to deck
- 2 Bedrooms
- 2½ baths
- Included: Dishwasher, Oven Range, Hood, newer Refrigerator, Washer & Dryer
- If interested call Kathy 860-209-7628 or email kathyh_bmh@yahoo.com

To advertise your Farmington Chase home in our Newsletter and on our Website please contact Charlene Langston – drop a note in mailbox #132, or send an email to Bugs007@comcast.net



Farmington Chase Classified Ads

For Sale: Custom cut 2-inch wooden slat horizontal blind for the kitchen window (for an end unit). Contact: klviolette@comcast.com



Photo Gallery

To be developed soon –
A new photo gallery on
www.farmingtonchase.com

[Farmington Chase Nature & Wildlife Photos](#)

The now familiar sightings of the red fox pair in our community have peaked interest about the wildlife at Farmington Chase.

Share your photos of nature and wildlife at Farmington Chase

Please submit your Nature & Wildlife photos to Bugs007@comcast.net.

Reporting Problems and making Service Requests

All service requests and all reports of problems in the community must be submitted to Imagineers in writing via email, by using the Maintenance Request Form on the Farmington Chase website, or by using their mailing address. This allows for accurate documentation of an issue and facilitates follow up on issues. In the event of an emergency Imagineers should be contacted by telephone.

Mailing Address

635 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105

E-mailing Imagineers



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Contacting Imagineers

☎ Farmington Chase Direct Line

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Farmington Chase Website

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

Log on to the Website Message Board!

Website contact: Kristin Violette at
klviolette@comcast.net



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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