

Focus on Fernbrook

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE FERNBROOK COMMUNITY 1st QUARTER 2008

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Dear Neighbors,

Hello; the leaves are back on the trees, the weather is warm again, and Fernbrook is in full bloom. It's a great time of year to watch everything come back to life. I'm sure everyone is busy making their summer plans and your Home Owners Association board is busy as well.

There always seems to be a steady stream of things for the board to address and the first part of 2008 has been no different. What follows are highlights / updates of some of those items:

Pool Membership: Please notice that an announcement to join the First Colony pool has been included in this issue. My kids have been members of the swim team for years. Even if you don't have kids around the house anymore it's a great way to beat the heat of a Virginia summer.

Dues: We're trying to finish the 2008 cycle of collecting the dues. Most folks have taken care of that and we thank you. But if you haven't yet paid your dues, please save yourself and your neighborhood unnecessary expense by taking care of that now. Also, as a reminder the board is considering raising the dues by the 10% allowable in 2009 to cover steadily increasing expenses. That would put next year's dues at \$132.

BMP: We're currently in discussion with a contractor who will provide periodic inspections of our BMP at the end of

Captain Wynne. This will ensure that we stay in compliance with the new James City County storm water management initiative and more importantly make sure the BMP continues to function as designed.

Neighborhood Watch Program: Pat Groeninger has provided an update included below. Thanks to all the homeowners who have signed up to participate in this important and necessary program. Please, if you have not signed up, contact Fleming Buck or Pat Groeninger.



Fernbrook Calendar

May 20, 2008 – HOA meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

July 15, 2008 - HOA meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

September 2008 – Fall party date TBD

Sink holes: We have had several very open and genuine discussions with VDOT and JCC representatives with respect to our recurring problems with sink holes since the last update. Although final agreements have not been reached, both organizations are now fully aware of our situation in Fernbrook. The goal at this point is to definitively identify responsibility for the

different problem areas in the neighborhood. Please remember to contact VDOT directly when you have a problem with the sink holes near the street. A follow-up call to a board member would also be appreciated so we can stay synchronized as a neighborhood.

Covenants: We are currently trying to partner with another neighborhood association to accomplish the periodic covenant reviews mentioned in our previous newsletter. With that type of arrangement, the Fernbrook board or a committee authorized by the Fernbrook board would conduct periodic walkthroughs of the partner neighborhood and in return their board would do the same for us. The idea has been received well and we continue to work through the details.

Fall Party: We are still looking for volunteers to coordinate a neighborhood party this fall. We received a suggestion that we should hold the event in the fall to avoid the summer heat. If you are interested in helping with the event or maybe even leading it, please contact a board member.

Like I said at the beginning, Fernbrook is looking great now that spring has sprung.

Please help to do your part to keep improving the look and feel of Fernbrook. Plant some flowers around your yard, trim things up, compliment your neighbor on their yard / house, or just take a quiet walk thru the best neighborhood in Williamsburg.

Enjoy the summer and I hope to talk to you soon. And remember; all homeowners are welcome at our HOA meetings – the 3rd Tuesday every other month at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church on Jamestown Road.

Tim Lauth



Welcome Back!

Joe & Janise Newbury
3716 Governor Yeardley
876-6322
Victoria '93

**Summertime!
Kids at Play!**



Please watch your speed when driving through the neighborhood. Now that summer is here, there are a lot of children outside playing. Also, please pay attention to stop signs and be sure to STOP before continuing.



Welcome to these new additions!

Jonathan Comenzo - 01/25/08
Andrew & Colleen
Matthew '05
2832 Jonas Profit



**It's that time of year!
Please keep lawns mowed and weeded
Neatly kept lawns enhance the value of
everyone's property**

First Colony Pool Membership



FULL SEASON... MAY 24 TO SEPTEMBER 1

Weekends (Sat/Sun all season):	11AM to 8PM
Weekdays: May 26 – Jun 13	10AM to 2PM
Jun 14 – Sep 01	11AM to 8PM

Full Family Membership	\$250 + \$10 Capital Improvement Fee
Single Adult Membership	\$135 + \$5 Capital Improvement Fee

Twilight Family (4PM-8PM)	\$175 + \$5 Capital Improvement Fee
Twilight Single (4PM-8PM)	\$ 95 + \$5 Capital Improvement Fee

Half Summer Family (July 14 – Labor Day)	\$170 + \$5 Capital Improvement Fee
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For additional information, contact Deborah Hewitt at
hewittsinva@cox.net or 564-8490



Fernbrook HOA Meeting:

DATE: May 20th

TIME: 7:30 PM

**LOCATION: Grace Covenant
Presbyterian Church**



**Please remember to pick up
after your dog when out walking.**



**Please watch your speed when driving
through the neighborhood.**



**Dogs should not be left out all
day to bark and should be
leashed and not allowed to roam
free.**



**Also, please pay attention to stop signs
and be sure to STOP before continuing.**

Neighborhood Watch



Update

Over 50% of our neighbors have agreed to participate in Fernbrook's Neighborhood Watch Program. Neighborhood captains will be contacting those of you who have not yet signed on, to explain the program and ask for your support. The recent events in Suffolk should alert us how important it is for each of us to be prepared for emergency situations and to be ready to help each other when emergency equipment cannot reach our neighborhood. Remember that assistance should only be offered within your ability and training. Personal safety is primary.

Hopefully you have taken the time to review your family's emergency plan as outlined in the booklets that were given to each family. Your first response in an emergency is to call 911 and make sure everyone in your home is safe. Communicating with absent family members in an emergency requires advanced planning.

In cases of suspicious incidents or vandalism we cannot do anything to correct the situation so the police need to be notified. Neighborhood Watch can then alert others in the neighborhood to be alert for similar events.

For those people interested, please contact Fleming Buck, 565-1697.

Neighborhood Captains



Fleming Buck
Lesley Atkinson
Lisa Mahoney
Ray Pacheco
Lisa Taylor
Katharine Purrington
John Rosenberger

Pat Groeninger
Loretta Fetsko
Cindy Joyner
Elmer & Alice Birdseye
Greg & Cindy Smith
Gary & Debbie Besnier
Tom Gold