

Focus on Fernbrook

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE FERNBROOK COMMUNITY 2nd QUARTER 2008

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Hello Neighbors,

Hopefully everyone has found ways to stay cool this summer. It seems like we went straight from spring to the dog days of summer. Unfortunately we can't do anything about the weather, but cooler weather will eventually arrive. Regardless of the temperature, time is still moving along and your board is hard at work.

First; the board is happy to report that we have now met the participation requirements necessary to become a Neighborhood Watch community. Hopefully your block captain has contacted you. If that hasn't happened, please contact Fleming Buck so he can direct you to the block captain assigned to your home. **A representative from the James City County Police is scheduled to attend our homeowner's association meeting on July 15th to officially kick-off the program in Fernbrook. The general session starts at 7:30PM. So come on out to hear about the program and ask any remaining questions.**

Progress has also been made with BMP maintenance. As you know, the neighborhood is responsible for the BMP. You probably also know that the county has set-up an entire stormwater management department with one charter being to monitor compliance by neighborhoods / owners of BMPs. In response the board took a hard look at the condition of our BMP and as a result we had the brush cleared. We also have found a company that



Fernbrook Calendar

July 15th – HOA meeting at 7:30 p.m. Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

August 5th – National Night Out crime prevention event

September 20th – Fall party; **Volunteers needed**

October 21st – Annual Meeting JHS

specializes in BMP maintenance and are in the process of finalizing a contract with them to accomplish this quarterly. A report documenting the findings of each inspection will be provided to the board which can then be used for planning / maintenance purposes.

Another item your board is still addressing is arranging for recurring, "neighborhood-wide" covenant reviews. This has been an item that a lot of homeowners have expressed interest in. I mentioned in the previous newsletter that we were trying to team with other neighborhoods to accomplish these reviews. Unfortunately that approach didn't work out, so we are now investigating the cost to contract this service.

Also in the covenant area, there have been some guidelines drafted associated with yard maintenance in response to numerous

requests from homeowners. Once these guidelines are finalized and distributed, they can be used to evaluate whether landscaping is consistent with other homes in the neighborhood as is stated in our covenants. I know my yard has suffered with the arrival of the intense heat; but don't get discouraged, we will all get another chance to spruce things up this fall.

Speaking of landscaping; hopefully you've noticed the improvement out front. We just recently switched to a new landscape company since we were having problems with level of service the previous company was delivering.

Lastly, we're still trying to pull things together for a Fall Party and we need volunteers to help. The date is September 20th, location to be determined. We'd appreciate your help and would like to see everyone come out for food and fun. It's a great chance to meet your neighbors! Please contact one of the board members to volunteer.

That's enough for now. If you have any concerns or questions, please give one of your board members a call. We'll talk to you soon. And; don't forget about the kick-off of our Neighborhood Watch program on Tuesday July 15th at 7:30 PM (Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Jamestown Road).

Tim Lauth



Neatly kept lawns enhance the value of everyone's property.

Guidelines for yard maintenance, in accordance with the Covenants signed by all homeowners, are being drafted in response to numerous requests from homeowners.

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.

**N e i g h b o r h o o d
W a t c h**



Update

Neighborhood Watch Sign!!

A representative from the James City County Police is scheduled to attend our homeowner's association meeting on July 15th to officially kick-off the program in Fernbrook. Fernbrook will receive the Neighborhood Watch sign for the front of the development.

The general session starts at 7:30PM. So come on out to hear about the program and ask any remaining questions.

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



Fernbrook HOA Meeting:

DATE: July 15th

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

SPECIAL ITEM: JCCPD presenting Neighborhood Watch sign.



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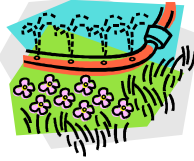
National Night Out

Crime Prevention Event

This event will be held on Tuesday August 5th 2008. Over 35 million people in more than 11,000 communities will join forces on that day to:

- (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs;
- (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

For more information and for a free Organizational Kit, go to: www.nationalnightout.org



JCC Water Restrictions in Effect

Watering allowed on the following days from 12AM – 5AM and 5PM – 12AM

Odd numbered addresses: Wednesday, Friday and Sunday

Even numbered addresses: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

No watering on Mondays

Exemptions include but are not limited to: watering of plants from a hand-held container, all outdoor water use from a hose with an automatic shutoff nozzle which is continuously attended, watering new lawn or turf for a period of 60 consecutive days, etc.

See JCC Service Authority website for further details.



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



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

Copies of the Covenants, the Bylaws, and
policies, as well as archives of the meeting
minutes (two years) and newsletters can be

found here