

Farmington Chase

“The Neighborly Chase”

March 2010

Farmington Chase Community Survey

There is still time to fill out a Farmington Chase Community Survey. The overall purpose of the Survey is to obtain resident's views on matters relating to the community. The information will be used to identify areas for improvement and help the Board of Directors better understand what is important to the community.

If you need a blank survey, please contact Audrey Kozma at Imagineers, Ray Howland at the maintenance garage, or email Charlene Langston at Bugs007@comcast.net. The deadline to hand in a completed survey is March 31st.

A hearty thank you is extended to everyone that has already completed the survey! Your response was welcome, and your comments are valued.

Community News & Reminders

Farmington Chase – website availability

Effective immediately – select Farmington Chase information is available on Imagineers website <http://www.imagineersllc.com/>. Log onto their website as usual with your private login and password, and then look in the Farmington Chase Community page.

Association members are now able to access current Newsletters, 2010 approved meeting minutes, Club House Contract & rules for use, Service Request form, Farmington Chase Home Owner Info sheet, the Farmington Chase Home Owner's Manual, the calendar of Board of Director meetings, etc.

Imagineers has agreed to post the Farmington Chase documents at no cost to our Association. Secretary, Charlene Langston and Imagineers Administrative Assistant, Audrey Kozma, are coordinating the efforts. If you have questions, please direct them to the Secretary at Bugs007@comcast.net.

New editions of the Newsletter and important community messages will continue to be communicated through community email.

Community lamp post – Route 177 entrance

Shortly after the lights at the Route 177 entrance were finally repaired, one of the lamp posts was hit and knocked down by a car during the snow storm. CL&P has been contacted to repair the damages. Our superintendent and Imagineers are following up with CL&P on a frequent basis to ensure repairs are made. The cost of the repairs will be worked out between CL&P and the insurance company of the insured driver of the vehicle that hit the lamp post.

The driver called the Farmington Police to report the accident. Our appreciation is extended to the driver for responding responsibly.

Special thanks to the resident who alerted a Board member of the situation that same evening – and special thanks to the Neighborhood Watch for following up with the Police Department on this situation. Imagineers has all the pertinent information from the FPD and insurance company and they will continue to follow up on the matter.

Snow plowing damages

Many residents have commented with concern about the damage to curbs from snow plowing. As you can imagine, this is an inevitable problem each winter. In the spring, when outside temperature allows for asphalt repairs, the curbs will be fixed. The cost of the repairs of damaged curbs is covered by the snow removal company, Imagineers.

Snow plowing damage to grass and gardens

Residents have also expressed concern about damage to grassy areas and common area gardens from snow plowing. Imagineers is responsible for repairing damages to gardens and grass. If you have a concern about a specific area, please place a service request with Audrey Kozma of Imagineers – or contract the Maintenance Committee

Chairperson, Charlene Langston (mailbox # 132) or at Bugs007@comcast.net.

Speed Bumps and Pot Holes

Residents are cautioned to drive slowly over the frost heaved speed bumps on the Route 6 side of the main road of Farmington Chase – and be mindful of potholes from the winter season. Efforts to alleviate the problems will be attentively dealt with as soon as the frost heaves settle down and it is warm enough for asphalt patching of the pot holes.

Storm Drain Repair

The storm drain in Cluster 7 is in need of repair. The frost heaving during the winter and age in general are responsible for damages. Residents are cautioned to take care walking and driving around the collapsing storm drain. Multiple quotes for repair were reviewed at the March 23rd Board of Director's meeting. Central Sealing has been awarded the job. Bill Nardi of Imagineers has contacted Central Sealing and the storm drain will be taken care of as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience with this inconvenience.

Skateboarding Guidelines in our community

At the March 23rd Board of Director's meeting, concern was voiced about skateboarding at Farmington Chase. Younger members of the community also attended the meeting and presented their point of view. Members of the audience and board members were impressed with the participation and thoughtful comments of our younger residents.

After consideration, the following safety Guidelines for Skateboarding at Farmington Chases was adopted:

- ~ Skateboarding is allowed in the clusters only - on the pavement (no skateboarding on the curbs please).
- ~ No skateboarding on or across the main road (for safety reasons).
- ~ The Board of Directors requests that children wear helmets when skateboarding.

Volunteers for the Welcome Committee ...

If you are interested in joining the Farmington Chase "**Welcome Committee**" please contact any Board member. What would you need to do as a committee member? Welcome Committee members visit new neighbors with a "personal welcome", and provide a copy of the Home Owner's Manual. Many of you have suggested that new residents may not know about some of our policies. A friendly visit from a neighbor and a copy of the manual helps welcome new residents and share the guidelines of the community; such as the parking rules, pet guidelines, and dumpster guidelines.

Plant sharing

The volunteers of the Landscaping Committee will be active again this year. As spring arrives, if you are thinning your gardens and would like to donate plants, please contact Luz Wheeler at luzat28fc@gmail.com, or give plants to Ray Howland and ask him to hold the plants for the volunteers.

These dedicated and hard working volunteers have worked tirelessly for several years helping to make Farmington Chase a beautiful place to live. The contributions of plantings from our own residents have helped to expand the variety of plants.

The volunteers work on common gardens; planting, thinning, and weeding from spring to fall. Their contribution has helped maintain the attractiveness and appeal of Farmington Chase at no cost to the community. There is room on this committee for more volunteers – please contact Luz anytime.

Sincere thanks to the volunteers of this committee!

Drive with caution - reminder

Please drive with caution in our community.

The warm weather is inviting to everyone and will increase outdoor activities – such as children playing, people taking walks, bicycling, and pet walking. An open garage door probably means a car will be backing out of the garage; and the driver may have a limited view of oncoming traffic.

Drive slowly please.

Did you know?



Time to put away the bird feeders!

Hibernating Bears – when do they wake up?

Most bears begin hibernation in early October and rouse themselves in April or May. Bears have already been sighted in neighboring towns.

As many residents will recall, black bear sightings were prevalent at Farmington Chase last year. Visits from the bear(s) started in the spring and continued right through June. The bear(s) thought nothing of lounging in back yards, coming onto some decks, and feeding happily on residents bird feeders! Did you know that last year's visiting bear strolled through the estate homes during the June Annual Tag Sale!?

When contacted last year, the Wildlife and Animal Department replied that they will not relocate bears, adding that relocation spots have dwindled. They recommend that bird feeders be taken down and put in storage until the next winter. As entertaining as it was to see a bear so close --- it was a little too close for comfort!

It's that time again – when the bears come out of hibernation. **Please remember to stop feeding the birds now -- and put your bird feeders away in your garage or shed.**

Famous Quotes



From Gandhi

- ❖ Keep your thoughts positive, because your thoughts become your words.
- ❖ Keep your words positive, because your words become your behavior.
- ❖ Keep your behavior positive, because your behavior becomes your habits.
- ❖ Keep you habits positive, because your habits become your values.
- ❖ Keep your values positive, because your values become your destiny.

Neighborhood Watch



The community of Farmington Chase partners with the Farmington Police Department in the "Neighborhood Watch" program. Don't hesitate to call the Farmington Police if you are concerned or witness suspicious activities at Farmington Chase.

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If you would like to contribute an article to the Farmington Chase Newsletter please contact the editor.

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Service Requests - All service requests and reports of problems in the community must be submitted to Imagineers in writing via email or by using their mailing address. This allows for accurate documentation of an issue and facilitates follow up. It also helps prioritize Ray's services to the community. In the event of an emergency Imagineers should be contacted by telephone.

