



Farmington Village at Schramm's Crossing

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Upcoming Events

HOA Board Meetings

3rd Tuesday of each month
Clubhouse - 7 p.m.

Newsletter/Web Committee

Thursday after each Board Meeting
Clubhouse - 7 p.m.

Recreation Committee

4th Tuesday of each month
Clubhouse - 7 p.m.

Architectural Review Committee

1st Tuesday of each month
Clubhouse - 7 p.m.

Pool Committee

1st Wednesday of each month
Clubhouse - 7 p.m.

Annexation Committee

August 4th - Clubhouse - 7 p.m.

4th Annual Summer Party

August 16th - 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Clubhouse/Pool

Catoctin Colorfest Arts and Crafts Show

October 11th. Time TBD.



REWARD OFFERED

Have you noticed the trees lining our entrances on Schramms Crossing and North Star, and those along

Bell Tower Crossing? If you drive anywhere around our community lately, you can't help but notice the damage that is being done to the these trees by unknown individual or individuals? Our community has suffered damage to over 50 trees in the past few months. These trees have been broken off at the ground or damaged in such a way that they have to be replaced—usually at a cost of over \$200 per tree—an expense that must be paid for with our homeowner's fees.

Reports have been filed with the Anne Arundel County Police Department and they are actively patrolling our community looking for the individual or individuals that are responsible for the damage to the trees. If found, they will be arrested and prosecuted. The police are asking anyone knowing any information, or observing any suspicious activity to contact them immediately at 410-222-8050 or 410-222-8610. Any information that is provided would be greatly appreciated by the police to help apprehend the individual or individuals responsible for the vandalism.

In addition, the Farmington Village Board of Directors has voted to offer a \$500 reward to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the individual or individuals responsible for the destruction of these trees.

These young trees have been planted to enhance our community, not to be the destroyed by individual or individuals who get a kick out of destroying nature. Please help us put an end to this senseless destruction.

Know something about who has been damaging our trees? Call the AAPD @
410-222-8050 or 410-222-8610.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Charlie Laster

With this past annual meeting and election we now have a new board to serve the homeowners of Farmington Village. The original board that was elected in May 2000 has completed their term and moved on to less stressful duties. As your new President of Farmington Village Homeowners Association and on behalf of the community I would like to extend our thanks to these folks for stepping up and taking on the challenge of forming this association's foundation. Also, thanks goes to the volunteers who joined committees and worked to get us where we are today.



Our elections at last month's annual meeting gave us two board members. We would like to welcome Lisa Wilder Russo and Marlyn Landin to the board of directors. Marlyn was serving in a temporary capacity as a replacement for Tim Edwards who resigned late last year. She has been, and is very active, in the community. She brings a wealth of knowledge to the board.

My goal, as well as that of the new board, is to keep the purse strings tight. Of course I want our community to continue to be the place that everyone wants to live. We intend to get as much as possible out of every dollar that is spent. Also, in the coming months many issues need to be addressed by the board and the community; such as Koch's proposed new development, vandalism, etc. We need the community to become involved and help with some of these issues. I encourage you to join one of our many committees and become a proactive member of our community. It is through the involvement of our residents that we will be able to maintain the high standards we now enjoy.

If you should have any concerns, questions, or suggestions please feel free to contact anyone of us on the board or contact American Community Management. We can be reached through any of our 'farmingtononline.org' email addresses, or at any one of the monthly board or committee meetings. Everyone is welcome!

Annexation Committee Being Formed

The *Farmington Villager* previously reported that Koch Homes is in the process of developing property along Waterford Road and would like to annex this development into Farmington Village. In order to become part of Farmington Village our community will need to vote on this issue.

A meeting will be held on **August 4, 2003** to form a committee to weigh the pros and cons associated with annexation and provide recommendations to the Board. We will meet at 7:00 at the clubhouse to elect standing committee members. If you are interested in this short-term commitment and would like to become a member of this committee, please make a point to attend this important meeting. The committee would also like the attendance of a volunteer lawyer and realtor to give some advice on issues that may arise within their area of expertise.

Traffic Committee

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Depending on the weather, the temporary traffic deviators should be in place in the next few weeks. These diverters will be placed on Schramm's Crossing and North Star, where the current white line circles are located. The Anne Arundel County Engineering Dept. is currently accepting bids for the work to be done. These temporary deviators will be in place for 90 days, and then the committee in conjunction with the County Engineering Dept. and the Anne Arundel County Police Dept will do a traffic study. At that time, the effectiveness of the deviators will be examined and a recommendation made to the Board of Directors for permanent deviators or other means of reducing the speed of vehicles in our community.



Help Wanted

Your community needs your help.

The Farmington Village Board of Directors needs a volunteer to take notes and prepare minutes for the board meetings. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month and last about two and a half hours.

If you or someone you know is interested in helping, please contact any of the board members via email.



Recreation Committee

By Aimee Kelly
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4th Annual Summer Party

Calling all Villagers! Mark your calendars for Saturday, **August 16th** from 6-10 pm for Farmington Villages 4th Annual Summer Party. The Recreation Committee is hard at work planning so everyone has a great time. There will be great food, great prizes, great music (by returning band Oracle), fun games and all you can eat snoballs. Tickets may be purchased for \$10 per family by calling Aimee Kelly at (443) 770-0198. They will also be available at the door. We are anxious to see everyone there! The pool will closed early on Saturday the 16th of August at 5 pm. The pool will reopen from 6pm-10pm for party attendees only.

Adult Only Crabfeast

The Recreation Committee is continuing to plan an Adult Crabfeast (Surf n' Turf) Night at the Pool for sometime in early August. Look for a flyer with more details and ticket information coming soon.

Fall Activities

Believe it or not, but we need to talk about our Fall

Events!

As always the Recreation Committee will sponsor our Annual Fall Fest...this will be our 4th!! Dates in October are still being discussed.

The Recreation Committee is also planning a bus trip to the ever popular Catocin Colorfest Arts and Crafts show in Thurmont, Maryland for Saturday, **October 11th**. Exact time and cost are being determined.

Look for details on these Fall Events in the Fall Newsletter as well as flyers.

Egg Hunt Report

Wow!! What a turn out the Recreation Committee had for the Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny was busy hiding the eggs that were all found by the Villager kids. After snacking on the candy, the Gold Coins (hidden in the eggs by the Easter Bunny himself) were found by:

Matthew Kramer	Jordan DeGruchy
Lauryn Benjamin	Mandy Betag
Megan Buczynski	

And the big winner of the Jelly Bean Count Contest was Madison Buczynski with a guess of 2772...actual count was 3500. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all who attended, participated and helped setup and cleanup. The Recreation Committee welcomes suggestions (and volunteers) to make next years Egg Hunt "eggstra" exciting.

Route 100 - Catherine Avenue Construction Update

Most residents have noticed the construction recently on Route 100 and Catherine Avenue. What's going on, and when will it be finished? Well, the State Highway Administration Official, Ashwin Patel, has some answers for us, and the news is good!

The construction was needed due to the backups in the afternoons heading east on Route 100 at the Catherine Avenue ramp. The solution is to widen the ramp off 100 East, and widen the Catherine Avenue bridge over Route 100 extending to the Farmington Village entrance. The ramp will add a lane for drivers headed to Catherine Avenue North (towards Farmington Village) making TWO left turn lanes. The bridge will accommodate those two lanes of cars turning left with an added lane.



Route 100 was closed a few nights in June for setting the beam on the bridge for the added lane and for pouring concrete. With that done, plans are to switch traffic (zig-zag) to the new lane so the existing bridge deck can be replaced. At the same time, the new lanes on the ramp and Catherine Avenue will be paved.

When construction is finished, hopefully in early September 2003, the whole area will be nice and smooth. In the meantime, the State Highway Administration cautions drivers to be careful, be patient, and use extra care around workers.

Pool Committee

By Aimee Kelly

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Despite the lousy weather we've had so far, the Pool Committee is hard at work to make sure the day-to-day operation of the pool goes smoothly.

Just a few reminders for all Pool members:

☼ Guest Passes are available for purchase. They may be purchased from the lifeguards by check only. The Guest Pass is \$20.00 for 10 guests. The lifeguards will not accept cash.

☼ Don't forget your pool passes each time you visit the pool. The guard tending the gate will collect and file your passes when you enter the pool and return them upon your leaving. If you do not have a Pool Pass yet please contact American Community Management at 410-997-7767 for an application.

There has been discussion of the Pool Committee and Clubhouse Committee merging. Further details will be discussed at the next Pool Committee Meeting. The Pool Committee meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Any suggestions and/or volunteers are invited.

The lazy days of summer are upon us and many of us are enjoying the time outdoors. Have you been putting off finishing that project? Does your deck and/or fence need to be stained? How about that lawn – is it being mowed regularly? Are trees and shrubs being maintained? This is a gentle reminder that it is our responsibility as homeowners to keep up with these chores. Our community is one of the most sought after and appealing communities in the area and our property values continue to rise. Let's all be proud of our community and continue to work to keep it that way.

Here are a few tips to help keep your lawn looking good:

- Keep your mower blade SHARP.
- Raise mower height to top or next to top and mow often enough so that you never cut more than the top third of your grass.
- Fertilize in the spring, summer, fall and winter with a good broadcast type spreader, and use a "criss-cross" pattern to ensure even distribution.
- Grubs and moles can be a problem. If so, you can apply a grub control spread in the spring to help control grubs. If you have a mole problem, there are many effective "mole be gone" type sprays that can be used.

Around the Community



Carl, Barbara and big sister Sophie (3) of Green Ice Drive welcomed new baby Anna Margaux on October 31, 2002 at 2:42am. Anna weighed 8lbs 8 oz and was 21 inches long.

Theodore "Teddy" Carpenter arrived at the home of Harley and Douglas of Green Ice Drive on April 23, 2003. Teddy weighed 7lb 7 oz and was 20 1/2 inches long.



We would love to introduce all the new little ones to our families in each newsletter. If you would like to announce your new baby, please email your information to newsletter@farmingtononline.org. We will print your announcement in the next issue of the *Farmington Villager*.



Expecting a new baby? Looking for some low impact exercise to get you in shape for the special delivery? A certified instructor is coming to the Farmington Village Pool for a Prenatal Water Aerobics class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. Call Aimee Kelly at (443) 770-0198 for more details.



**From
Denny's
Kitchen.....**

Ruby Tuesday's Smurf Punch

This is a great summer fun beverage for the kids.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 C. Sprite or Ginger Ale
- Blue food coloring
- Whip cream
- Cherry
- Ice (optional)

Preparation:

In a tall glass, fill with ice, sprite or ginger ale, and add 2-3 drops of blue food coloring. Top with whipped cream and cherry.

Have a favorite recipe? Send it to chef@farmingtononline.org