



Fairfax Communicator

Fairfax, Delaware *** Spring 2014
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The Fairfax Civic Association Community meeting will be held on
Tuesday May 6 at 6:30 PM at Concord Presbyterian Church.

Board of Director Elections Tuesday May 6 2014

If you are interested in joining the board, please email us at board@fairfaxdel.com

What do I have to do?

Board Positions are a 2-year commitment.

There are 7 board members permitted.

The Board meets once a quarter (occasionally more but not often)

- at meetings we discuss neighborhood and area issues
- plan social gatherings
- write newsletter
- address concerns brought to us from neighbors

The Board works with local and state governments

- we petition for road paving, safety issues, park maintenance, etc
- we act as a liaison between our neighbors and government, often bringing neighborhood concerns to our local representatives

The Board's most important duty is Community Involvement

- planning and encouraging social activities to create a true sense of community is our goal.



Who Can Join the Board?

Any member of the Association in good standing

- qualified as a current dues paying member, at least 18 years old, resident of Fairfax or non-resident whom owns a property in Fairfax
- anyone renting their home in Fairfax is permitted on the board, assuming they can commit to the 2-year term

If you would like to join the board, please email us before the May meeting. If we have more than 7 people interested in joining, we will have a vote at the May Association Meeting.
(if we have 7 or less, then no vote will be taken)

PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE!

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www.fairfaxdel.com



Join the neighborhood
discussions on Facebook
under the group.

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Outdoor light bulbs: Choose carefully!

As the weather gets colder, you should consider the type of light bulbs you use in your exterior light fixtures around your home. Compact fluorescent light bulbs are becoming more common place, however, you may not be aware that light bulbs of this type typically do not work well in cold weather. The cold significantly reduces these bulbs life. Brand new CFL bulbs can fail after as little as 2 weeks when used outside during the winter months. Given the cost and effort to change bulbs in lampposts and other outside fixtures, CFL's generally are not a good choice in that environment

Instead, consider using another type of light bulb, such as LED light bulbs. LED light bulbs use even less electricity than CFL's, and last for a very long time. I switched the exterior lights around my home to LED light bulbs over 6 *years* ago and they are still going strong! CFL's can also cause discomfort and headaches to people sensitive to that type of lighting, and with exterior lights being visible to the outside, using non CFL bulbs helps keep Fairfax accommodating. Along with the lower cost to operate and exceptional long life, you may want to consider switching your exterior lighting to LED's.

It's one less chore to worry about.

Tips for Relieving Stress through Exercise

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When you find yourself stressed, do you eat a lot or do you go to sleep? People handle stress in different ways, but there is one way some people may not think about and that's exercise. Depending on the type of exercise you do, you may find taking your stress and frustrations out on it or thinking about it will help tremendously. You may also find exercising when you're stress will make you forget about it or you'll realize it's not so bad after all.

It doesn't matter what you stress over, exercising is the best way to handle it. You can do just about any type of program and it will work. You can join a gym and use their exercise equipment or classes to alleviate the stress, you can purchase an exercise program on DVD and use it in the comfort of your own home, or you can find a family member or friend to exercise with walks or other programs.

Potholes Everywhere!

You can report potholes and other road conditions online to DelDOT here
<http://www.deldot.gov/public.ejs?command=PublicReportRoadCondition>
or by calling 302-659-4600, #77 on your cell

Stop Signs and Bus Stops

There have been concerns brought to our attention regarding vehicles not stopping at stop signs, driving past stopped buses and general speeding through the neighborhood. We have contacted the NCC Police to increase their presence in our neighborhood, however, this opens up our neighborhood to a variety of violations. We have many of our residents who park too close to the intersection (law says you cannot park within 25 feet of an intersection), have basketball hoops on the road, as well as speed and fail to come to a complete stop at stop signs. When inviting the police into the neighborhood, they will ticket and fine any violation that they see.

Please use extra caution when driving though our neighborhood, slow down, take your time.

Fairfax Boulevard to be Paved

Scott Zoccolillo and I met with Greg Lavelle and Deborah Hudson to discuss road repaving. The road that is approved is Fairfax Blvd. on both sides of the island from Waverly Road to Foulk. It will include new curbing around islands and gutter work on the outer part of the roadway.

Deborah is trying to get a stop sign at Waverly Road/Inglewood Road and Devonshire Road/Inglewood Road.

They apologized that due to budget constraints, we won't be getting Bybrook Road redone. We understand and would like to put out a big thank you for what work we will be getting. They understand even more streets in Fairfax need to be done, so we will continue working with them.

The total cost for the Blvd. work is \$130,474 it is scheduled to be completed by Fall 2014.

We would like to thank Greg Lavelle and Deborah Hudson!

~~Jimmy Albanese



Parking Issues in Fairfax

There have been many complaints regarding parking in and around our neighborhood. New Castle Code 4179 (abbreviated to pertain to Fairfax residents) reads as followed:

DEL CODE § 4179 : Delaware Code - Section 4179: STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING

(e) No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, including all state-owned and/or state leased property; in any of the following places:

- (1) On a sidewalk;
- (2) In front of a public or private driveway;
- (3) Within an intersection;
- (4) Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;
- (5) On a crosswalk;
- (6) Within 20 feet of a crosswalk;
- (7) Within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic-control signal;

editors note: this includes bus stops—please stay back 30 feet from stop signs for safety

- (16) At any place where such parking, standing or stopping obstructs the free passage of other traffic



Additionally, all vehicles, trailers, boats, etc must be parked on a hard surface and not on the grass. (there are also other stipulations regarding the size of RVs, trailers, and boats in the parking code)

We will be, at the request of many neighbors, be asking NCC Police to come in to the neighborhood to help crack down on speeding, stop sign runners, and parking violators. Please use this as a guide. The complete NCC code regarding parking can be found on the county's website.

Upcoming Events

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 12 10:30am
Fairfax South Park Baseball Field
Rain Date: Sunday April 13 10:30am

May Association Meeting

Tuesday May 6, 2014— 6:30pm
Concord Presbyterian Church
-Election of Officers
-Financial Update
-Road Conditions
-Social Calendar

Spring Garage Sale

Saturday May 17th 8am - ?
Rain Date Sunday May 18th 8am - ?

The Association will post in the News Journal about the sales. You are welcome to have your sales last as long as you want, all we ask is that you start at 8am to keep early birds out away until everyone has a chance to set up.

Movie Night in the Park

Friday June 27 2014
Time 7pm
Movie TBD—Kids themed
Popcorn will be served

Neighborhood Park Cleanups

We will be planning clean up dates for both the North and South Parks this spring. Please check the websites and Facebook pages for dates.

We will rent a wood chipper for you to bring your fallen sticks and branches to mulch for free, and we will use the mulch to spruce up the parks a bit.

Volunteers will be needed!



**OK, Show of hands...
Who's tired of snow?**

Ways to Keep the Neighborhood Clean and Safe

1. Curb your dog. As you are walking your dog, and nature calls, keep them on the strip of grass closest to the curb, as dog waste tends to damage grass and shrubbery. Remember to keep a plastic bag with you on walks to clean up any droppings.
2. Please pick up any trash throughout the neighborhood. If you don't read the "Community News" then please put it in the recycling bin instead of leaving it on the sidewalk.
3. County Code does not allow excessive dog barking, even during the day. If you hear a dog that is left outside all day while the owner is (or is not) home, you can report the violation anonymously to NCC Code Violations at 395-5555. County Noise Ordinance is **10pm– 7am**. Please remember this when you let your dogs out at night as well as driving through the neighborhood with loud music.
4. NCC Code states that company vehicles are not allowed to be permanently parked in the neighborhood. If you have a logoed vehicle, it must stay at your place of employment