

PELHAM'S CROSSING

July 2018 Newsletter

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Friends and Neighbors, Most of you know by now that one of our neighbors had a terrible accident on July 4th and lost their home to a fire. Very quickly, many of you were arranging help for the family through the Pelham's Crossing Community Facebook page. Seeing our community come together so quickly was uplifting! The HOA Board of Directors is also eager to help. To do so, The HOA will be hosting a neighborhood cookout. Food, drinks, games and camaraderie will be on the menu. There is no cost to attend, but donations to help the family who lost their home will be accepted. The proposed location is the Francis Ct. cul-de-sac. The date and time are to be determined. Volunteers to help organize, prepare and coordinate the cookout will be needed. If you would be willing to help, please contact Chris Weaver by email at cweaver871@gmail.com or by phone at 540-841-8514. Once the date and times are determined, they can be found on the Pelham's Crossing HOA website and will also be shared through the Pelham's Crossing Community Facebook group. The road to restoring a fire damaged home can be a long one with many unexpected twists and turns. So please make time to attend and support the family and have some fun with your neighbors.

Summer Heat! The mild weather of spring is behind us and the sticky summer heat is on its way. Many of us took the opportunity to make improvements to our exteriors and landscapes. Thank you! Our neighborhood really shines in the spring. Summer always has its challenges for our community residents but in this newsletter we'll discuss a few common things we can all accomplish during the summer months, despite the heat.

Crepe Myrtles - This past winter was exceptionally cold and many of the Crepe Myrtles in our community fell victim. If you have a Crepe Myrtle that did not come back in the spring, you probably noticed that the roots have survived and you have new shoots coming up at the base of the dead plant. A quick Google search will show you many articles on how to select which shoots to keep and how to trim away the part of the plant that didn't survive the winter.

Neighborhood Entrance Flower Beds - For many years we have had a neighborhood volunteer who has kindly tended the flowerbeds at the entrances to the

neighborhood. We have always truly appreciated her hard work and care and thank her for many years of volunteer service to our neighborhood. If you have a green thumb and would like to pick up where she left off, please contact Michelle Weisbrod with Landmarc Real Estate via email at mweisbrod@e-landmarc.com or via phone at (540)-371-3406 ext. 212

Painting - Summer is an excellent to spruce up the painted surfaces of your homes exterior. Porch railings, front doors, foundations and mailbox posts are all typically painted surfaces. Take advantage of the coming dry weather to give them a fresh coat of protective paint. Remember though, if you are considering changing the color of any exterior surfaces, first contact Michelle Weisbrod to submit an application to our neighborhoods Architectural Review Committee.

Trees and Shrubs - With so much rain this spring, we've had a lot of new growth on our trees and shrubs. Take time to prune and trim this time of year. Make sure your shrubs and trees branches don't impede pedestrian traffic on the sidewalks. If they do, they will need to be trimmed. Consider that the branches hang lower over the sidewalks when they are wet. Also, remember that our neighborhood homes are required to have two trees in the front yard. If you have lost trees to wind or other damage, or if you moved into a home where damaged trees had not been replaced, summer is a good time to get new trees in the ground but remember to water them well for the first several weeks. If you're not sure what type of trees do best in this soil and climate, try asking on the Pelhams Crossing Community Facebook page. While the Facebook page is not an official source of information, it is an excellent place for information on these sorts of things.

Other Items

Stop Signs - As mentioned in the last newsletter, the steel post stop signs at Blakely/Napoleon and Schumann/Napoleon have now been restored to the original wood post style. They really look sharp!

Website - Our HOA website has been updated by our community volunteer and we are very thankful! He has handled this task for many years and is ready to pass the torch. If you are savvy at website design and management and would like to help your community by volunteering, please contact Michelle Weisbrod at mweisbrod@e-landmarc.com

Trash and Recycling Containers - Please remember that trash and recycling containers should be put out the night before pick up and should be put away as soon as possible after pick up. When containers are not out for pick up, it is required that they are stored out of sight from the street. This usually means in the garage or back yard. They must not be visible from the roadway.

Speeding - Speeding through our neighborhood streets is a constant concern. Please be courteous to those who live on the more heavily travelled streets by being mindful of your speed. If you have guests or contractors coming to your home, please remind them to be respectful of the residents and obey the speed limits.

Theft and Vandalism - The summer is when theft and vandalism are most likely to occur in our neighborhood. While it can't be completely avoided, there are many things we can do to help deter this type of behavior. Remember to lock your vehicles and secure your belongings. Unlocked vehicles or property left out unattended at night are easy targets for thieves. Use your outdoor lights at night. Thieves don't want to be seen so leave those lights on nice and bright all night. Trim your trees. If your trees are blocking the light from the street lamps or other outdoor lights, thieves will be more comfortable exploring your property. Vandalism seems to be more common at our neighborhood entrances. If you see anyone loitering at the entrances, please call the Spotsylvania County non-emergency phone number (540)-582-7115 and report the behavior as suspicious.

Meetings - Don't forget to pencil in October 3rd on your calendars to attend our Community's annual meeting. Watch your mailbox for official meeting date and time notification.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors

Pelham's Crossing Community Association Inc.

