

WOODLANDS OF NANSEMOND

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe we are approaching the first anniversary of homeowner control for our neighborhood association! It has been an active year as we have formed our association and grown the roots needed to ensure it matures into an excellent neighborhood to live and grow.

With the first anniversary date comes the need to elect five residents as members of the Board of Directors. Each of these Board members will serve a one-year term. I ask that everyone consider service on the Board, if not this time, then some time in the future. If you intend to run for this



office, please read the note from our UPA Management representative, Josh Martinez, included in this newsletter.

If you can not attend, please complete and sign a proxy form to ensure we have a legal quorum present so we can hold the elections

and conduct any other community business under consideration during the meeting.

The annual meeting will be held June 16th, 7 - 8 pm, at the Glebe Episcopal Church. We hope to see you there.

Steve McLamb

Next Homeowners Association Board Meeting:

May 19, 2008

7:00 pm

Glebe Episcopal Church

WON HOMEOWNER'S WEB SITE

WON HOA Web Site. A volunteer has responded to the request of homeowners and the BOD by building a prototype for a Woodlands of Nansemond Homeown-

ers Association web site. The Board is expected to review and approve the design at the next monthly meeting. It will then be posted where all members and interested

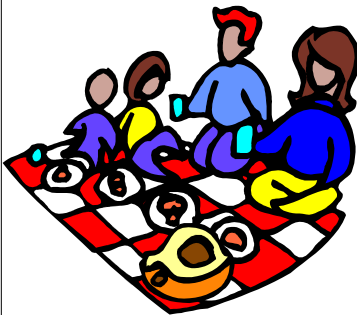
others can find it. If you have suggestions for content - including pictures! - please inform a member of the Board. We'll provide the URL as soon as it goes active.

COMMUNITY INTEREST NOTES

WON HOA BOD 2008 Meetings

- May 19
- June 16 (elections)
- July 21
- August 18
- Sept 15
- October 20
- Nov 17
- Dec (no mtg)

All mtgs begin 7:00 pm
Unless noted otherwise



Elections are coming soon. WON Homeowners will elect or re-elect members to the WON HOA Board of Directors (BOD) at the annual meeting June 16. All five seats are open according to WON By-laws. Three of the five members elected last year are up for re-election. If you want to make a difference in your neighborhood through your personal service, please consider standing for election to the BOD. All you need to do is notify Josh Marti-

nez at UPA and express a willingness to serve if elected.

Monthly payment of WON HOA fees can be done via direct debit from your checking or savings account. This avoids the cost of postage and the danger of forgetting a quarterly payment if using the printed coupons. Currently, approximately 10 percent of WON Homeowners pay their association fees via direct debit.

Attached is a form for starting the direct debit process if this is the way to go for you.

Trash and litter pick-up. If you see it, pick it up. This is especially important after the city trash truck has gone through the neighborhood on windy days. A little loose or wind-blown trash can be expected each time. Please take the time to pick it up when you see it.

ITEMS OF INTEREST, CONT.

Spring Social. The First Annual WON Spring Social in the park is Saturday, May 10, 3 – 6 PM. It is a Bring-Your-Own event, plus a little to share. Grills, tables, chairs, food and neighbors are needed. Come have a good time!

Wetlands Note!

WON children have created paths while playing in the wetlands and have started to remove vegetation. Multiple city and Army Corps of Engineers rules prohibit this type of activity and damage. Please ensure your children and their friends are

aware they should not be off the paved walking trail surrounding the wetlands.

Playground Mulch. The Board has approved the funds to replenish the playground equipment mulch in the park. The work will be done the first week in May.

LAWN & GARDENING NOTE

Growing Grass. It's spring and little time remains for seeding or sodding lawns before the hot June weather arrives. If your lawn has had no seed or sod since you moved in, IT IS NOT A LAWN, and your neighbors have noticed.

Local horticultural experts tell us it takes three years to get turf grass roots to grow deep and get an established turf lawn. Those who seeded and sodded their yards earlier are now enjoying the benefits of their earlier efforts.

There is still time to get caught up and join the fun of having a fine green lawn.



HOMEOWNERS ITEMS OF INTEREST

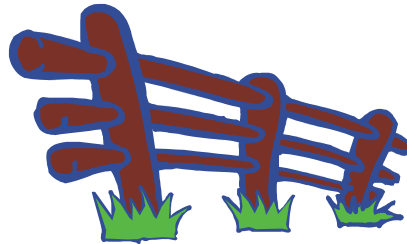
Dog poop dangers if not collected by pet owners.

For Families: Dog poop can house many bacteria, parasites, viruses, and diseases. One of the most devastating is Roundworm which can cause blindness in children and can be transmitted to adults as well. Roundworm, a small worm-like parasite, only takes a few weeks to develop from tiny eggs and can live for months or years in the ground. We can all step in it...

For pets: Dogs smell it, some roll in it, some eat it, and many pets can pick up serious diseases from it. Most common are: Parvo Virus, Whipworms, Hookworms, Giardia, and Roundworms.

Please pick up after your dog, for all of us.

Walking Trail Fence Building now Complete. The developer has finished installation of white fences along the walking trails where earlier corrections to the trail had created potential falling hazards. These fences serve as both functional and decorative barriers to mark the limits of safety for anyone approaching one of these sections of the paths. Parents should instruct children to remain on the trail-side of the fences for safety. Additional fence construction may be done in the future, although it will be the responsibility of the WON Homeowners Association since the developer has said he has completed his portion of the fence building.



HOLIDAY FIREWORKS

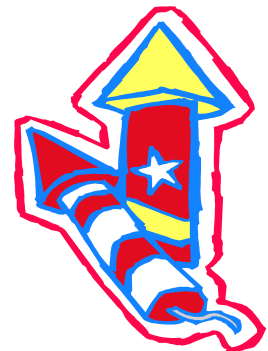
Fireworks are NO! in WON. Looking ahead to summer months and holiday activities, Please remember the following: Suffolk City regulations prohibit lighting or launching fireworks from within suburban yards. Such activities pose potential fire and safety hazards to neighboring homes.

ITEMS OF INTEREST, CONT.

Dues and Fees. The Board is pleased to note that delinquencies for monthly WON HOA dues have declined significantly, partly due to the aggressive action of the contracted collection agent. The on-time payment of dues is vitally important to the fiscal health of our association. If you should choose to pay via direct bank draft deducted automatically each quarter, please complete the attached form and return it to Josh Martinez at United Property.



“Our apologies for the incorrect date posted on the sign board for the April Meeting. That was our error. Homeowner attendance is always welcome at the monthly meetings.”



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UPA Manager's Corner

Running for the Board – Do I have what it takes?

If you're considering running for the Board of Directors, we ask that you take a few moments to consider the following three questions:

Do I have the time? As a Board member, you will need to devote at least several hours of your time each month to Association business. In addition to regular monthly Board meetings, you will need to be active in email discussions and occasional special meetings. During special projects, you may need to spend a little extra time on Association business. Some Board members may also spend a little more time than others if they work with a committee.

Can I make tough decisions when it's required? The primary role of the Board is to conduct the business of the Association. This doesn't just mean approving the budget, but also developing and enforcing policies. Board members are required to step outside their immediate circle of family and neighbors and make decisions based on the greater good of the community.

Can I do all this and have fun, too? It isn't all about policies and tough decisions. Our community is only as good as we make it, and establishing and maintaining a sense of community is a part of a Board member's responsibility. Planning and attending functions such as picnics and being a presence in the community are as important as any policy decisions you may make.

Being a Board member can sometimes be frustrating, but it may also be one of the most rewarding things you can do as a community service volunteer. If you're interested in running for the Board or would like more details about Board member's responsibilities, please contact your UPA manager or a current Board member.

Josh Martinez, UPA Management Rep.



