

# Newsletter January 1 - June 30, 2021

Board@foxmoorhoa.org

## **Tot Lot Improvements:**

So far, we've extended the play area, removed the old steps, removed the "L" by the fence gate, and added a concrete walkway for strollers. We've installed a new piece of playground equipment and added 2 long metal picnic tables. We added grass to the right side of the walkway. Our next goal is to add grass to the left side of the walkway and do general maintenance on the play equipment. We've delayed adding sod to the left side of the walkway due to concerns of the tree toward the street and whether or not the sod would grow roots with all the shade there.

# **Rec Lot Improvements:**

Now that the Tot Lot Improvements have been completed for the younger kids, the board was asked privately by a few homeowners to look into improving the Rec Lot for the tweens, teens and maybe some adults. After 5 months of discussion and input from community members, we have decided to add-on to the current basketball court and create a full length basketball court. This will still leave green space for kids to play but add an additional amenity to the neighborhood. The first phase is to have the current asphalt touched up and new asphalt added for a seamless court. Then we'll add the hoops, and possibly a picnic table like we have at the rec lot. Some neighbors have volunteered to help dig out the old hoop to save on costs. If you'd like to be apart of the project, please let any of us know informally or via email to the board at board@foxmoorhoa.org.

# **Events Upcoming:**

Unfortunately, Covid-19 was the reason why we haven't had too many community activities in 2020. We had some wonderful volunteers who spearheaded the inflatable animal searches, Food Truck Fridays and various other socially distanced neighborhood activities. With the government starting to lift restrictions, we're hoping to get to do some more in person events with precautions taken.

General meetings will generally be held on a quarterly basis as required unless a pressing matter is brought to our attention. Please keep an eye on the Foxmoor website at <a href="https://www.foxmoorhoa.org">www.foxmoorhoa.org</a> for updates on when the next meeting will be.

## **Annual Meeting Upcoming:**

Our Annual Meeting will be coming up in June for board elections. 3 board members will be elected. Please submit your nominations for the positions via email at <a href="mailto:board@foxmoorhoa.org">board@foxmoorhoa.org</a> or via letter/note/memo (anything really) to Foxmoor Association Inc, PO Box 826, Arnold, MD 21012. Please make recommendations before May 15. Official Ballots will be mailed out toward the end of May.

## **Brand New Website:**

Thanks to Adam, we have a new website at <a href="www.foxmoorhoa.org">www.foxmoorhoa.org</a>! This new website brings a modern design with more functionality. Please add your email to the mailing list at the bottom of the home page. We plan on using it more to announce HOA meetings and send out newsletters. We'll still use other methods of communication, but we're going to try and use electronic communications more as a way to enhance our outreach.

## **Committees:**

As of right now, we only have 2 committees. The entertainment committee and the architectural committee.

The entertainment committee helps put on the social events (movie night, easter egg hunt, halloween parade, annual party, holiday party, holiday lights competition, food trucks, etc). Members of the entertainment committee not only make decisions on which events to hold but also volunteer their time to make sure the events go off without a hitch for everyone's enjoyment. There is a time commitment, but it's a worthy endeavor.

The architectural committee makes approval/denial decisions on home improvement/change requests. We currently have 4 gentlemen and 1 lady on the committee. Thank you gentlemen and lady for your continued participation.

If **you'd** like to help out and serve on the committee, please let us know!

If you have any ideas for additional committees or are willing to help out with other items for the community, please let us know via email or personal message. The community is only as good as its volunteers and we need more people to be involved. Please consider donating a little bit of time this year.

### **Home Maintenance:**

With Spring upon us, please be sure to maintain the exterior of your homes. We have sent a few notices out for houses that have been in disrepair. It has also been brought to our attention that certain homeowners aren't storing their garbage/recycling receptacles out of sight from the road. Please be sure to keep all garbage/recycling receptacles out of sight from the road. Your assistance is appreciated. If you put the bins on the side of your house, please put up an "L" shaped fence or barrier to hide the receptacles. We will be sending individual notices to homes which are not adhering to the bylaws regarding keeping bins out of view from the street.

# DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS FOXMOOR ASSOCIATION, INC.

#### **Article 7 Use Restrictions**

**Section 8.** All rubbish, trash and garbage shall be regularly removed from the Property, and shall not be allowed to accumulate thereon. All clotheslines, refuse containers, wood piles, storage areas and machinery and equipment shall be prohibited upon any Lot, unless obscured from view of adjoining Lots and streets by a fence or appropriate screen approved by the Architectural Committee. Nothing herein shall be deemed to apply to the storage on the Property by Declarant of building materials during, and for use in, the construction of the improvements on the Properties.

# **Lawn Signage:**

We thank every member of the community that saw our last newsletter and stored their lawn signs off their lawns and we continue to thank you for adhering to the HOA covenants. Per the HOA Covenants:

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<u>Section 3.</u> No sign or billboard of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any portion of the Property or any Lot, except for one (1) sign for each building site, of not more than eighteen inches (18") by twenty-four inches (24"), advertising the property for sale or rent, or except signs used by Declarant, its successors or assigns, to advertise the property during the construction and sales period.

Per Maryland state law, political signs (In support of a candidate or ballot measure) *are* permitted on personal property 30 days before a primary or general election, but must be removed 7 days after said election.

American flags are also protected by state/federal law.

We will be sending individual notices to homes which are not adhering to these covenants (and Maryland state law) after this newsletter has been sent out.

## **Other Items:**

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please email the board, come to a board meeting, or feel free to get in touch with us individually. We're also going to try and make better use of the neighborhood email roster. Please go to <a href="https://www.foxmoorhoa.org">www.foxmoorhoa.org</a> and click on the link to provide your email.

We had the aeration and overseeding done at the front entrance, tot lot and rec lot in the fall. Here's to hoping that seed took root and we get some nice grass this spring.

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