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Exclusive Country Living in North Crestview June 2013 Newsletter

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Thursday, June 13th at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the Davidson Middle School Library (unless otherwise advised). You are invited and encouraged to attend. Minutes to the meetings may be found on our website.

From the President. . .

Summer is here! Many of you have been busy working in your yards and some have been playing. It is great to see families working together and to see families out and about throughout the neighborhood.

We had a great HOA meeting in May. I was particularly pleased that we had a full board in attendance and we even had some homeowners who came. It was probably one of the best HOA meetings that we have had in a long while. I would like to encourage more homeowners to come to the meetings. The HOA is in place to help protect our homeowners real estate investment and it is important that we have more homeowners come to our meetings. When I became president, I asked Joe O'Neill to help me with the welcome committee. I felt it would be more personable if Joe and I welcomed our new residents into the neighborhood. Unfortunately, we were way behind on welcoming new residents. Joe and I purchased ten fruit baskets and one Sunday afternoon we delivered all ten fruit baskets to new homeowners and renters. We also handed them a copy of the covenants and restrictions and also invited them to attend our next homeowners meeting. Also another committee that has stalled is the neighborhood watch committee. We need volunteers to help start up our neighborhood watch committee. Ashley Bailey will be at the phase 2 HOA meeting this month. I will post the date if you are interested. We will also be discussing it at our next HOA meeting.

In reaching out to our neighbors in phase 2, I have attended several of their HOA meetings and have had a great time talking with our neighbors to the north. Even though we can never combine both HOA's, we feel like we need to work together to help both our neighborhoods. A community cook out was discussed. We both feel like this would be a great way to bridge our communities together. We are hoping that we can get this project off the ground; however we will need to get everyone on board. I am passionate about making this happen. Over the year I have really gotten to know both neighborhoods, since my running regiment takes me through both neighborhoods. I would like to see us work together to make both our neighborhoods the best places to live in all of Crestview.

We are also passionate about enforcing the covenants and restrictions, so that our property values stay high and our neighborhood keeps that eye appeal with potential buyers and builders. To make myself clear, we are not going to run this neighborhood like a dictatorship, however it is up to your board to help enforce the rules. If you are unsure about the covenants and restrictions please give me a call or go to our website <u>www.silveroaksfl.us</u> to download them. Joe O'Neill has been very busy working on our website. The information found on it is now current. We thank Jim Vance for all his work in updating our website in the past. You can also find us on Facebook. Look for the group Silver Oaks in Crestview, FL and we will make you part of our community forum.

To make our HOA meetings more interesting, I am planning on having guest speakers at our HOA meetings. I feel like that our meetings will attract more homeowners if we have people of interest speaking at our meetings.

In closing, I want to thank all the board members and the many volunteers in our neighborhood who make a difference! It has been an honor to serve with these great people. I hope to see many of you at our next homeowners meeting which is Thursday, June 13th at 6:30 pm at Davidson Middle school.

Burn Rules for Okaloosa County

Know the Law Before You Strike That Match

Please contact our fire dispatch center if you meet the burn rules and you wish to burn. Okaloosa County Fire Dispatch Center (850) 689-5766

Open burning of yard trash must comply with the following rules established by the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, Chapter 17-5.

Definition of Yard Trash

Yard Trash means vegetative matter resulting from landscaping and yard maintenance operations and includes materials such as tree and shrub trimmings, grass clippings, palm fronds, trees and tree stumps. It does not include household garbage.

Rules:

1. The burning must be at least 25 feet from any residence on the property where the burning is being conducted.

2. The open burning must be at least 150 feet from any occupied building other than the one owned or leased by the individual doing the burning.

3. The open burning must be at least 50 feet from any public road.

4. Burn barrels or pits are no longer required as long as the burn pile is no larger than an 8 ft. by 8 ft. square pile.

5. The open burning must be at least 25 feet from any forest, woodlands or brush or combustible structure.

6. The burning must be done between the hours of 8:00 am and one hour before sunset.

7. The open burning must be attended at all times by someone with adequate fire extinguishing equipment.

8. Green or wet materials cannot be burned and the individual is responsible for control of their fire and management of the smoke it produces.

9. The burning of the following is prohibited: tires, rubber materials, tar, railroad cross ties, other creosoted lumber, plastics, waste pesticide containers, garbage (food materials), or trash other than yard trash and household paper products.

10. The open burning must not produce smoke, soot, odors, etc. to such a degree as to create a nuisance or safety hazard.

11. **Recreational Open Burning.** Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit the legal open burning of vegetative debris and untreated wood in a campfire, outdoor fireplace, or other contained outdoor heating or cooking device as long as the fire is attended at all times and is completely extinguished with no visible emissions if the area is to be left unattended.

For more information contact the division of forestry at:

http://www.fl-dof.com/wildfire/wf pdfs/Nov2005 FIAdminCode51 2.pdf

or

http://www.fl-dof.com/wildfire/laws 62 256.html

Our Community Businesses

Need a service or a gift? Check out these businesses run by our homeowners!



WE ARE IN NEED OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

If you would like to help the Association in some way but are not able to serve on the Board this is your opportunity. We have several committees available to serve on such as, decorating, grounds and architectural. The decorating committee is in charge of neighborhood decorating for holidays. The grounds committee is in charge of making sure common area landscaping and maintenance issues are resolved and the architectural committee is in charge of approving building plans and exterior home improvements submitted by builders and homeowner's. As a committee member you are not required to attend the monthly HOA meetings. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees please contact one of the board members listed on the front of this newsletter.