



**Summer, 2014**

## **From the HOA President**

Summer is finally here! I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather. Can you believe the 4<sup>th</sup> of July has already passed us by?



At our annual meeting in May, the Home Owners' Association re-elected Jeanne Fox, Margaret Carson, Tom Devaney and Ralph McCutcheon to the Board. We thank them for their continued willingness to serve. The officers are: President: Wayne Wenzel; Vice President: Tom Devaney; Treasurer: Margaret Carson; and Secretary: Jeanne Fox. Other members of the Board are Ralph McCutcheon (Architectural Review), Joan McKenna (Welcome Committee), and Janet Koch.

We had a good turnout at the annual Homeowners meeting this year and consequently made a quorum. I encourage you to attend the annual meeting next year -- it's always the first Saturday of May -- or at least complete your proxy form and send it in. If we fail to reach a quorum, we must postpone the meeting and reschedule it in order to conduct any Association business. It's important that you participate in the governing of YOUR community. Many important issues are discussed and voted on at the annual meetings and although we welcome your opinions at any time of the year, the annual meeting is a great time for the Board to get the sense of the community on various issues.

We are happy to report that the resurfacing of the tennis courts and relining them to include pickle ball courts has been completed. Everyone reports that the tennis courts are getting more use than ever before, and it's great to see everyone out there playing. The Board decided to put off installation of the backboard (for single tennis players) until we can do more research about the boards currently on the market, cost and placement. It's a significant expense, and after the resurfacing this year, we'd like to incur that expense next year instead. We plan on asking the community how YOU feel about the backboard and will have a more complete presentation at our 2015 annual meeting. By that time, we'll have some more funds saved up for it as well.

On the plus side, we continue to be in good financial shape and most residents are happy to live in our beautiful community.

I look forward to continuing to work with each one of you to make Arnell Creek a place we can all be proud to call home!

## Community Happenings

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! The **Annual Community Pool Party and Picnic** is scheduled for **Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM** at the pool. As always, the Association will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, condiments and sodas. Please bring a side dish or dessert for all to enjoy and join us for the fun.



That same day, **Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**, will also be our **Fall Community Yard Sale**, so start cleaning that garage!

**Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** will be the **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Go Red For Women Luncheon and Fashion Show** at the Baywood Greens Clubhouse in Long Neck. It's always a popular event which sells out early. For tickets contact Pat Sandy, at 302-226-7732.

**Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>** starts with the 36<sup>th</sup> annual **Sand Castle Contest** at the north end of the boardwalk and finishes with the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Taste of Rehoboth**, which will include live cooking demonstrations and food samplings from Rehoboth's best restaurants, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Rehoboth Beach Convention Center. Tickets for Taste of Rehoboth are \$50 (in advance) and \$60 (at the door) and proceeds benefit the Rehoboth Food Bank.

And don't forget the **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Sea Witch Festival, Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>!**

*If you would like us to publish information about a community event, please feel free to e-mail it to the Arnell Creek e-mail address, and we'll put it in an upcoming newsletter.*

## Everybody in the Pool!

It's time for a reminder of the pool rules so that **everyone** can enjoy the experience.

Please remember that the pool is for the use of Arnell Creek residents and their guests only. If you see someone who you do not recognize as a neighbor, don't hesitate to ask them politely to identify themselves as residents or guests. Because of the relatively easy access to the pool, we continue to have problems with use by non-residents. In the meantime, please bring your pool key with you to the pool, and remember, if you are the last one out of the pool area, *please lock the gate when you leave, no matter what the time of day.*

Please be courteous to others around you when playing games, throwing balls or frisbies, etc.-- remember there may be others in the pool area who prefer not to be hit with a ball or splashed.

**Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.** There is no lifeguard at the pool. Other adults who may be at the pool are not responsible for your children or guests!

There is no running allowed on the pool deck and **absolutely no diving.** The pool isn't deep enough for diving and this can result in serious injury.

No alcohol, smoking or drug use is allowed at the pool and no glass containers may be brought into the pool area.

If you use a chair cushion, please return it to the picnic table area when you leave.

Please watch your language around the pool area. We've had some complaints of foul language! Please tell your children to keep their voices down when in the pool – yelling disturbs the adults!

Turn the lights off in the bathrooms after each use.

If you wish to reserve the pool for a special occasion, please contact Traci Humphries at 302-227-4158 so that we can resolve any conflicts. Unless reserved, the pool is closed at dusk and no one may use it.

Please be sure to inform your guests of these rules and make sure they abide by them.

Remember, it's your pool to enjoy, but please be considerate of others so that everyone else can enjoy it too!

### **Friendly Reminders:**

- For everyone's safety, please follow posted speed limit signs and make a full stop at all stop signs.
- When tying balloons or signs to stop signs or the entrance or pool area – please come back after your event and take them down.
- Please don't let your dogs and/or cats run loose in the neighborhood. We encourage residents to report any strays to Animal Control at 1-888-352-7722.
- Don't forget those Trash Cans! Please don't forget to bring your trash cans back into your garage after pick up on trash day. We've noticed a number of trash cans at the end of driveways for several days after pick up. Thanks!
- Please be considerate when cutting your grass and clean up any cuttings that end up in the street.
- *Remember our properties are PRIVATE. We've had several complaints of individuals entering properties to take photographs for various reasons. You may call 911 to report trespassers.*

### **We Give Thanks to:**

- Board Members Jeanne Fox, Margaret Carson, Janet Koch and Joan McKenna for getting out all the lounge chairs and setting up the pool for its summer opening Memorial Day Weekend.
- Board Members Jeanne Fox and Margaret Carson for cleaning the rest rooms at the pool EVERY week!
- Don Coager and other neighbors for mowing the lawn at the abandoned house on Fox Creek Drive.
- Jerry Talley and Scott Nathan for helping to maintain our community entrance on Pleasant Drive

## Your Board of Directors

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