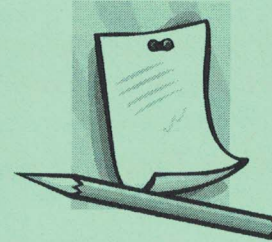




Summer, 2016

Welcome to Summer at Arnell Creek!

Summer will soon be here and we're hoping for warm weather! Our pool should be opening on Memorial Day Weekend, and the tennis courts are already in full swing!



To those of you who attended our annual meeting – thank you!! Your participation is important to us. The community re-elected Margaret Carson, Jeanne Fox, Tom Devaney and Ralph McCutcheon to the Board. We thank you for your continued confidence in the members. I encourage you to attend the annual meeting next year or at least complete your proxy form and send it in. 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.

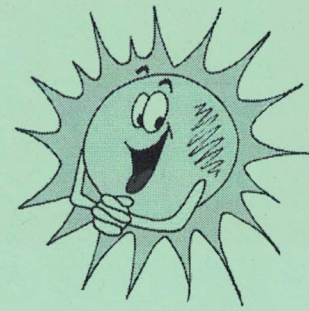
Speaking of opinions, as you may have heard, there was some discussion at the annual meeting about our new entrance sign. Comments, pro and con, were received. As you know, shortly after it was put up, the sign was removed at the direction of the Board to be restrained and the letters repainted in a brighter color. Unfortunately, because of the weather, the new sign didn't make it up before the annual meeting. As a result of the discussion at the meeting, a committee was formed to explore possible alterations to the sign or replacement to make it more to the community's liking. That Committee is being headed by Jerry Talley and includes Joe Biliski, Phyllis Stone, Bayard Holleger, Carol Fehrenbach, and Ken Gray. Now that the sign is up, I encourage you to give your comments (both positive and negative) to any one of these committee members. You may also e-mail comments to the Arnell Creek e-mail address, arnellcreek@gmail.com and I will forward them to Jerry. The committee will make recommendations to the Board as to what steps, if any, to take at this point. In the meantime, I would like to express the community's gratitude to Bruce and Giancarla Churchman for volunteering their time and considerable talents in proposing the designs considered for the new sign and arranging all of the logistics. The donation of their time saved us a great deal of money and limited the total cost of the sign to \$4000.

Recently, the Board met to elect new officers. They are: President – Tom Devaney, Vice President – Wayne Wenzel, Treasurer – Margaret Carson and Secretary – Jeanne Fox. We look forward to working with each one of you to make Arnell Creek a place we can all be proud to call home!

Please send your e-mail address to Arnellcreek@gmail.com so we can update our address list and contact you more easily. If you don't currently receive e-mails from us, you're not on our list!!!

Community Happenings

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! The **Annual Community Pool Party and Picnic** is scheduled for **Saturday, August 27, 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.



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.

Attention Empty Lot Owners!!

This is a reminder to our empty lot owners to properly maintain their lots. Our Arnell Creek Rules and Regulations specify that empty lots must be maintained to have a “reasonably neat and cared-for appearance” and that no grass shall be permitted to grow in excess of six inches in height. Especially in the spring, this requires mowing *at least every 7 to 10 days*. Remember, *you may not live here, but we do!!* If you fail to properly maintain your property, the residents have to look at it and it detracts from the appearance of the entire neighborhood. These same rules provide that the HOA has the right to mow your lot and charge you if you fail to do so on a regular basis. *And we will!!* You can also be fined by the County. So please be considerate of your “neighbors” and take care of those obligations. This applies also to our “weekenders” – don’t let your yard get out of control and arrange for someone to mow it when you are not here!

Everybody's in the Pool!

It's time for a few reminders so that **everyone** can enjoy our pool:

- 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.
- 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 remember to put your lounge chair cushions away in the picnic table area when you leave the pool.
- Please remember to turn out the lights in the rest rooms after using them. (Yes, we have found the lights on in the restrooms!)
- While you are welcome to have guests use the pool, please remind them of the pool rules and ask them to abide by them.
- If you need a pool key or 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 abide by the Pool Rules which are posted at the pool.

Friendly Neighborhood 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 DO NOT ATTACH ANYTHING TO THE NEW ENTRANCE SIGN, AS TAPE, ETC. WILL DAMAGE THE SURFACE!! You will have to pay for any necessary repairs.
- 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.
- Please don't leave your dogs outside in your yard all day or when you are not at home – it's not safe for the dogs and their barking bothers the neighbors.
- Please remember to clean up after your pets!
- 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.
- Please be considerate when cutting your grass and clean up any cuttings that end up in the street.

Tennis Court Repairs

Great news – our annual maintenance inspection revealed only 70 linear feet of cracks in need of repair (as compared to 700 feet last year). The courts will be closed for only one day in June to effect the repairs. The date will be announced when we know it.

Basketball Hoop to be installed

Based on popular demand, a basketball hoop will soon be installed at the pool parking lot! Many thanks to Janet Koch for donating it to the community

We Give Thanks to:

- Our Board Members for all the hard work they do to get the pool ready, arrange contracts with our lawn and pool maintenance, street repairs and many other activities around the community. It's a lot of work, people!!
- Jeanne Fox and Margaret Carson for cleaning the rest rooms at the pool EVERY week!
- Joe Biliski for his wonderful holiday decorations at the entrance and in front of the pool.
- Jerry and Judy Talley for helping to maintain our community entrance on Pleasant Drive.

We welcome your comments, but:

The Board members are ALWAYS open to hearing your comments, both positive and negative, on ways to improve our community. Several Board members and one other resident recently received anonymous letters about the community. As I am sure you can understand, the Board can't take action based upon an anonymous letter. We sincerely hope that every resident in the community feels free to approach any Board member with their comments and suggestions.

Your Board of Directors

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