

Spring, 2018

#### From the HOA President

Our Arnell Creek Homeowners Association annual meeting is Saturday, May 5th at 10:00 a.m. at The Landing Clubhouse. We hope you will make plans to attend, but if you are unable to do so, PLEASE be sure to submit a PROXY CERTIFICATE so that we will have a quorum and can conduct necessary HOA business. A proxy is enclosed with this newsletter. Please fill it out and give it to any board member, or a neighbor that is attending the annual meeting.

This year, we will be electing FOUR board members. Current members Jeanne Fox, Margaret Carson and Ralph McCutcheon will be running again; however, Tom Devaney has informed me that he will not be running. While I am sorry to see Tom leave us, I view his departure as an opportunity for a NEW owner to join the Board. The remaining members of the Board have all been involved in governing your community for a number of years, and, quite frankly, some – including myself - are ready to pursue other interests. In other words, WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER TO RUN FOR THE BOARD!!!! Remember, the Homeowners Association is responsible for operating the community, including maintaining the pool and tennis courts, lawn mowing of the common areas, snow removal, insurance, and conducting the other business of the community – it doesn't run itself. In recent years, many NEW OWNERS have joined our community. It's time for YOU to get involved.

If you are interested in placing your name on the ballot, you may do so by being nominated at the annual meeting. If you would like to, you may provide a short-written bio for distribution or can ask that you be recognized to speak at the meeting.

I hope you will consider this opportunity to serve your community.

Hope to see you at the meeting!!

Please send your e-mail address to <u>arnellcreek@gmail.com</u> so we can update our address list and contact you more easily. We are looking toward e-mailing our newsletters to owners!!!

### Community Happenings

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! The Annual Community Yard Sale is May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

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!! 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 when you are not here!

### **Pool Repairs**

Considering the age of the pool, we have been incredibly lucky that it has held out as long as it has, but we have determined it is in need of repair. Therefore, we are considering resurfacing the pool. This project will likely take place in phases, the first phase being after the pool closes in September and the second just before it opens again in the spring of 2019. This will not be inexpensive, but is necessary to maintain our property values. We will discuss this project at our annual meeting – Laurie Carter, from Carter Aquatics, will speak to us regarding the process and cost. We hope you will be there to hear her presentation. 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 may resolve any conflicts. Unless reserved, the pool is closed at dusk and no one may use it.

### Exercise Caution at the Community Entrance

A number of residents have contacted the Board about the line of cars parked at the community entrance every morning, waiting for the school bus. If you are coming in or out of the community, please use caution at the entrance. If you are a parent dropping off your children, please DO NOT allow them to exit your vehicle and play around the entrance or on the median strip while waiting for the bus. This is for their safety! Keep your children INSIDE your vehicle until the bus arrives and they can safely get on the bus

## Before you build or renovate -- call Ralph

Arnell Creek Rules and Regulations require that all construction/renovations that affect the outside appearance of your house, including fences, or new construction on empty lots, require approval of the board before the work is begun. There is a simple process involved, beginning with contacting Ralph McCutcheon. He will provide you with the necessary forms and information you will need to provide to the Board. Remember, the Rules and Regulations provide that the Board is allowed up to 30 days to approve such work, so don't think you can just show up at Ralph's door with the plans the day before construction begins. Ralph does have the authority to shut the work down if it has not been approved by the Board and he won't hesitate to do so! Also, if you plan to locate a dumpster for any length of time on your property, please let us know of your plans and how long you intend to leave it there. Remember, dumpsters and port-a-pots may not be parked on the street.

# Reminder - boats and trailers may NOT be parked on your property

According to our Rules and Regulations, no recreational vehicles, including boats, trailers, tool, or camper trailers may be parked anywhere (except in your garage) on any property in Arnell Creek, except for such time as is necessary to clear, load, or unload the vehicle to prepare it for Summer use or Fall storage.

If you are a new resident in the community, you may not be aware of these restrictions, although you should have been given a copy of our restrictions to review prior to settlement. These rules are strictly enforced in order to foster a healthful, safe, harmonious, attractive and valuable community.

## Is your house GREEN?

Go outside right now and take a good look at your house. Is the siding green with mold? Remember to have your house power washed every few years to avoid the appearance that you live in a "haunted house"!! You'll be glad you did and your neighbors will be happier as well!

## Yummy Grilling Recipe!

Spiced BBQ Pork Chops

Seasoned with ginger, cumin and paprika.

**Ingredients** 

Yields: 4 servings

4 (1/2" thick) pork chops 3 tbsp. olive oil 1 tbsp. paprika 1/2 tsp. ground cumin

1 tsp. ground coriander 1 tsp. ground ginger Directions

Total Time: 0:40 Prep Time: 0:10

1. Heat grill or grill pan on med.-high. Season pork chops all over with 3/4 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Combine oil, paprika, ginger, coriander and cumin; rub all over pork chops.

2. Grill chops, covered, 4 to 5 minutes per side or until cooked (145°F). Transfer to platter and let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Nutritional information (per serving): About 400 cals, 37 g protein, 2 g carbs, 26 g fat (7 g sat), 1 g fiber, 515 mg sodium.

### We welcome your comments:

The Board members are ALWAYS open to hearing your comments, both positive and negative, on ways to improve our community. Please email <a href="mailto:arnellcreek@gmail.com">arnellcreek@gmail.com</a> with your comments and suggestions.

### Your Board of Directors

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