

July 2009



# THE ACORN



## FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please VOTE! ‘Nuff said. New proxies will be out soon. While the “Declaration” amendment prompted the most discussion at the special meeting in May, if you compare the amendment to the current *ARB Guidelines*, there are not many differences. The “Articles” portion only addresses an increase in number of Board members and a requirement for staggered terms. We will be knocking on doors to get votes once the new proxies are ready.

You will read stories in this edition of accidents on Ox Hill Road. We are asking for another survey by VDOT, and you may have seen recently the patrol cars with radar in the neighborhood. The last survey two-plus years ago revealed that the speeders were primarily from our own community. Keep us safe, please, and slow down.

If you have looked at our FOEHA Web site lately, you’ll notice that **Art Treiber** has done a magnificent job keeping the information updated. However, we would like to update the look of the Web site. So, I issue this challenge to the high school folks among us—design a new one, win a prize, and add to your resume. Contact any Board member or **Art** if you are interested.

Any owner is welcome to attend the monthly Board meeting, held the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Sequoia Management office in Chantilly. And, heads up—this year’s Fair Oaks

Estates Annual Meeting will be held November 19th. Mark your calendars now.

**Architectural Review Board.** The Architectural Review Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on July 14th at 12549 Lt. Nichols Road to review all completed applications received at least *seven days* before the meeting. An agenda for the meeting will be posted on the FOEHA Web site ([www.foeha.org](http://www.foeha.org)) prior to the meeting.

**Important Note.** Please be sure to submit your applications 30 days in advance. It is important that you follow the instructions closely on the application, such as providing a site plan (plat) of your property showing the locations of new decks, removal of trees, and so forth. Incomplete applications will slow the approval process.

**ARB June 16th meeting results:** Ten applications were submitted for review, including replacement of siding; a new walkway; extension of driveway; landscaping; tree removal; new deck with screened-in porch; fence replacement; window replacements and additional window; kitchen extension; and deck relocation. Nine applications were approved; one was not approved, pending a permit from VDOT.

**Contact information.** Sequoia Management is your primary contact for submission of ARB applications, requests for re-sale packets, and reports of ARB violations. Contact Jan Fenton, Fair Oaks Estates

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**Open Space Committee.** This was a relatively light news month for the Open Space Committee. We worked on tree removal and stream bed and culvert cleaning. There were two trees removed; one had a root field that disrupted a homeowner's yard and another had fallen and was leaning against a homeowner's fence. There is a stream that goes under the path from the small tot lot to Ox Hill Road. It had become clogged and was overflowing with all the heavy rain. Thanks to **Bob Milne** who did the initial clean-up and to **Soo Ung Kim** who helped with the final work and also cleared overgrown bushes along the side of the path. We'd also like to thank the **Darrah** family who picked-up litter and debris at the West Ox Road entrance.

The sprinkler system installation at the two entrances has been delayed because of the rain, which obviated the need for sprinklers anyway! The installation is underway at this writing. The paving contractor also

faced rain delays so no work was done on finishing up the work along the path paving at the Washington Brice Road tot lot.

We've noticed that poison ivy is thriving this year. It must like rain! One area we'd like to ensure you are aware of is along the path from the tot lot to Ox Hill Road. We will be attacking this growth in the coming month. If you know of poison ivy near pedestrian traffic or play areas, let us know at [dboggs5@verizon.net](mailto:dboggs5@verizon.net). Please put "Fair Oaks" in the subject line.

**FOEHA Flashes.** Certain events arise where rapid communications are best handled electronically. Consider checking the Fair Oaks Web site for "What's New" postings. For those of you who find e-mails helpful, we would like to compile your addresses. They would be safeguarded and used only for time-sensitive notices from the Board, such as change of date for a homeowners meeting. Recipients would not see addresses for others on the e-mail. If you would like to participate, please send a note to **Rick Oborn** at [obornr@cox.net](mailto:obornr@cox.net).

## FROM THE PAGES OF THE ACORN

Let's continue on the nostalgia theme to celebrate the 25th anniversary of *The Acorn* by including some snippets from the past. These are from the July 1985 issue:

- The pool membership drive kicked into high gear, with telephone calling and door-to-door solicitations. The membership fee was set at \$1,200, which was refundable upon termination of membership.
- The Open Space Committee spent \$38 to repair vandalism damage at the tot lot between Ox Hill Road and Alexander Cornell Drive.
- Mr. Chip Paciulli—a Civil War buff—of Paciulli, Simmons, and Associates (the surveying company that laid out the lots for the developers of Fair Oaks Estates) was identified as the person who prepared a list of potential street names for the neighborhood that drew on local persons, landmarks, and events from the Civil War period.
- House sales included an Amberly model on Charles Stewart Drive on a corner lot with deck and walk-out basement that sold for \$159,500.

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### **RECREATION ASSOCIATION NEWS**

The Fair Oaks Swim Club has a new Web site—<http://www.fairoaksrec.com/>. Log on to get the latest on social events, pool closures, hours of operation, ways to contact the Board, or any other information that will help make your summer at the pool more enjoyable. A “Big Thanks” to **Patricia Kruep** for volunteering her time to develop the Web site. It is still a work in progress, and we are open to your suggestions.

Please Remember to Check In and Out when visiting the pool and speak with the pool management on duty about any health or safety concerns.

**Fourth of July Festivities.** The traditions continue with the annual event in Fair Oaks Estates. The day will kick off with the neighborhood parade down Charles Stewart Drive at 9:30 a.m. Come out and join in the fun or enter the parade with your floats, bikes, and costumes. Prizes will be awarded. Gather at the corner of Charles Stewart Drive and Washington Brice Road about 9:00 a.m. The festivities will continue throughout the day at the Fair Oaks Swim Club Members Pool Party from noon until 5:00 p.m. The FORA Board will host a BBQ from 12:30 till 2:00 p.m. Come join in the fun and games and good EATS! Volunteers are needed, so please reach out to any Board member if you can help. Log on to our Web site for more details.

The FORA Board is still in need of a few good men and women volunteers. Currently, we need to fill the Treasurer and Secretary positions. Please consider volunteering your time in support of the pool and its members. Call or e-mail any of the current Board members if you are interested in learning how you can contribute.

### **FAIR OAKS SHARKS SWIM TEAM**

The Sharks swim season is off to a great start! We tied in our first meet against Sleepy Hollow on June 20th. We will host two more Saturday morning NVSL meets—July 11th and July 18th. In addition, we will host two Monday evening developmental meets—June 29th and July 6th. We hope everyone will come out to watch some great swimming, cheer on the team, and visit our concession stand—The Shark Shack!

Please visit our Web site—<http://www.vikaza.com/fairoakssharks/> for the complete calendar, practice hours, and other information on the team.

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### JULY AND HEAT AND FIREFLIES

**Graduation Update.** Ben Perkins graduated in May from the University of Mississippi (“Ole Miss”) with a degree in Managerial Finance.

**Three White Squirrel Sightings.** Tuesday morning, June 2nd—**Joan McRorie** on her White Bird Harley rolling up Ox Hill Road—“We Could be Heroes” by David Bowie playing on the iPod—White Squirrel sitting under a tree, enjoying a tasty tidbit of some kind—they spot each other and both react—**Joan** with a smile and he/she with a flick of the tail. One of them is a hero—every day. **Joan** says it was a great sight on a sunny morning that made her entire day. **Joan** also caught sight of our furry friend on the afternoon of June 19th and again on June 24th at the same spot. Maybe it’s **Joan’s** White Bird Harley that draws the critter out.

**For Rising Kindergartners.** Let’s get all of the public, private, and homeschool kindergartners together so that they (and their parents) can get to know each other. E-mail **Kim Nelson** at [kimberly.nelson@gmail.com](mailto:kimberly.nelson@gmail.com) or call her at 703-391-6841 to plan a get-together in August.

**The First Annual Firefly Festival.** On Sunday, July 12th from 7:00 till 9:30 p.m. All ages. No registration needed. Celebrate summer’s natural night lights with us at Fort C.F. Smith. Enjoy tons of activities all about the critters that light up the night. Events include bug hunts, games, crafts, walks, contests, talks about fireflies, and much more. Bring your picnic blanket and dinner to enjoy as we wait for the sun to go down and the lights to come out. Canceled if raining. For information call 703-228-6535. Meet at Fort C.F. Smith Park, 2411 N. 24th Street, Arlington, VA 22207. There is a \$5 fee per person, \$20 max per family.

### IT’S YOUR TURN (Jennifer Tabb McNulty)

Fair Oaks Estates Neighbors,

On Saturday afternoon May 23rd, Ox Hill Road was closed due to an overturned car in front of our home. It was traveling a high rate of speed, hit a parked car, and overturned blocking the road. But that was not an isolated case. Last fall, we were awakened at 3:00 a.m. by police who informed us that a young woman had hit (and totaled) our car when she swerved to answer a cell phone.

We have three young children who ride bikes, help wash the car, and play tag in the front yard. Two cases of reckless driving right in front on our home in six months is not safe and not acceptable. I (and a lot of other concerned neighbors) want speed humps installed on our street to discourage this excessive speeding, cut-through traffic to the hospital, and reckless driving. I heard that traffic calming measures were discussed a number of years ago, but I feel that these severe accidents warrant another review.

Thank you for your concern for our neighborhood’s safety.

### IT’S YOUR TURN (Dana Wozny)

Dear Neighbors,

Now that summer is in full swing, I wanted to bring an issue to your attention—beware of children crossing to the pool. We have lived across the street from the pool for four years now, and I witness many close calls every week (not just children). Charles Stewart Drive is a very fast-paced road, with people far exceeding the speed limit. As summer approaches, I get worried that eventually the speeding could bring an injury or worse, a fatality. Please slow down and have a watchful eye.

Thank you!

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### CHANTILLY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

Chantilly High School had a great spring sports season, and a couple of Fair Oaks Estates students played major roles.

- The Girls Varsity Soccer Team won the 2009 Virginia State Championship for the first time in school history! The Chantilly girls won the championship game 2-1 against Mills Godwin High School from Richmond after having won the District and Regional titles. Senior **Kaitlyn Manley** on Charles Stewart Drive was one of the the captains of the 2009 team, which finished the season with a record of 20 wins, 2 losses, and 1 tie. The Chargers should be strong next year as well, with a number of returning starters.
- The Girls Varsity Lacrosse Team also won the 2009 Virginia State Championship, beating Robinson High School 13-4 in the finals. This was the first time in the four-year history of the official Virginia High School League State Championship that a team besides Oakton High School won. The Chantilly girls ended the season with a record of 21 wins and 2 losses.
- In Boys Varsity Lacrosse, Chantilly was the runner-up in the State Championship this year after having captured the title in 2008. Fair Oaks Estates senior **Derek Kegerreis** on Washington Brice Road was the goalie on the team, which compiled a record of 16 wins and 3 losses this season. In the championship game, Chantilly narrowly lost to Langley High School by a score of 4-3.
- In Chantilly track, **Genevieve Manley** competed in the 100m dash, 200m dash, and 4x100m relay at the District and Regional track meets. Her relay team won the District meet, and a personal-best time of 12.6 seconds in the 100m dash earned her a berth at the Virginia State Track Meet.

Congratulations to all these student-athletes!

### YOUTHFUL DRIVER PROGRAM

Is someone you love learning to drive? The Fairfax County Police Department Youthful Driver Program can help. Police instructors will help your “young driver”:

- Learn what it means to be an “inexperienced” driver.
- Identify the risks and realities of being teen driver.
- How to ignore peer pressure behind the wheel.

Spend a Saturday learning the rules and risks of the road. Dangers of the road aren’t confined to teenagers; everyone on the road will be safer once they learn:

- How to recover from skidding on a wet roadway.
- How to adjust your driving when road surfaces vary, from hard surface to soft shoulders.
- How to judge distance while driving at highway speeds.

The Youthful Driver Program is a one-day, hands-on course, running Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy, 3725 Stonecroft Blvd. Chantilly. The cost is \$200. Fairfax teens aged 16-18 with a valid driver’s license are eligible to participate. For more information call 703-818-1924.

**FROM THE EDITORS**

Apologies are in order this month. Mr. Editor tries hard to get thing right, but occasionally he doesn't. Last month's "From the Editors" column mused about how Mr. and Mrs. Editor and **Marc** and **Jeanne Diehl** were the only parents still living in the neighborhood who had children graduate from high school in June 1986. Further investigation, however, showed that the parents of the other 1986 graduate—**Stephanie Diel** (without the "h")—were **Al** and **Gloria Diel**, who used to live on Ox Hill Road.

The thing Mr. Editor regrets most about this mix-up is the totally incorrect implication that **Marc** and **Jeanne** are old enough to have had a child graduate from high school in 1986. We're sure their friends were shocked to hear the "news," and we suspect it provoked some witty comments and laughter about how good they both look these days in their "old age." Neighbors probably were wondering where the grandchildren were.

In fact, **Jeanne** graduated from high school on Long Island in 1984, and **Marc** graduated from high school in Pennsylvania in 1985—not even close to Fairfax! They have two children, ages 10 and 8, who are future high school graduates, but with the change in school boundaries, they'll be graduating from Oakton High School rather than Chantilly. And grandparenthood? Well, maybe later.

To make matters even more confusing for poor Mr. Editor, **Marc** and **Jeanne** bought their house on Charles Stewart Drive about seven years ago from **Marc's** brother, **Scott Diehl**, who with his wife **Debbie** had lived in Fair Oaks Estates for a number of years.

Anyway, now that we've put this sorry episode to rest, let's try to get on with celebrating the Fourth of July!

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