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SNNA Newsletter

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THANK YOU...

A special thank you to Sheri Colquitt for many years of service as Block Captain for Area 3. We'd also like to thank Sue Truxal who has agreed to be the Block Captain for this area.

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Thank you to
Liz Gallagher and
Peg Guild for
coordinating and
hosting the
Annual Holiday
Ornament
Exchange.
Everyone had a
great time!

— Beautification —
Eric Ledford & Brian Mondschein

Congratulations to our Holiday House Winners!

- The Leblanc's at 8333 Apple Orchard Way
- The Kazmierczak's at 8201 Mourning Dove
- The Robertson's at 8113 Mourning Dove
- The Hong's at 8108 Old Deer Trail



— Social Committee —
Beth Pishko

2008 Social Committee Events

Spring Fling March 15, 1:30-3pm raindate: March 16

Spring Yard Sale April 26, 8am-12noon

Memorial Day Parade: May 26, 10:15 am

—Games @ Pool 12-2pm

Adult Social June TBA

Back to School—Ice Cream Social

August 30, 6-7pm raindate: August 31

Labor Day BBQ Potluck Sept. 1, 4-6pm

Fall Yard Sale September 20, 8 am-12noon

Fall Festival October 18, 3-4:30pm raindate October 19

Hayride/Caroling December TBA

Volunteers:

The Social Committee is looking for volunteer organizations/persons to assist with SNNA Community events. If you are interested in helping in anyway (planning, setup, cleanup, event activities) please contact the SNNA Social Committee Chair at social@summerfieldnorth.com or Beth

— From the President —
Tami Hollingsworth

Dear Neighbors,
With the start of the new year, this winter has seen mild temperatures as well as some very cold days with a little nasty weather thrown in. With Spring around the corner, we can start looking to warmer, longer days. Although the neighborhood activities typically hit a lull this time of year, we can look forward to up coming events such as the Spring Fling/Egg Hunt in mid-March and the Memorial Day Parade in late May. We need volunteers for each of these wonderful events that help make Summerfield North such a wonderful place to live.

If you are interested in volunteering,
please send an email to
social@summerfieldnorth.com.

We look forward to seeing everyone emerge from hibernating this winter and join us in these fun Spring activities!

Tami Hollingsworth
president@summerfieldnorth.com

— Summerfield North Wycombe Manor
"Pool" Board —

The Pool Board wants to thank everyone for another great pool season. We would love to see new members join our pool. Therefore, the Board has voted that for a limited time, the initiation fee is waived. New member families will only be responsible for the annual dues during this limited sign up period.

If you have been thinking about joining the pool or have let your membership lapse and are interested in re-joining, please contact Beth Robertson OR Stephen Toumey to take advantage of this offer.

The Board is limiting this to the first 30 new membership received and paid in full by April 1, 2008. So don't wait to take advantage of this opportunity. Join today!

Membership includes: Pool & Tennis Membership; access to neighborhood swim team (separate swim team dues); clubhouse rental; access to pool for after hours lap swim.

—Beth Robertson, President
Summerfield North Wycombe Pool Board

— Scrapbooking Club —
Rebecca Camplejohn

Our Neighborhood Scrapbooking Club will
meet on the following dates:

Feb.22, 7-11 pm
hosted by Donna Stewart

Mar.28, 7-11 pm
hosted by Carol Woodyard

April 25, 7-11 pm
hosted by Joanna Perry

May 23, 7-11 pm
hosted by Carol Woodyard

— Community Watch — Jim Gallagher & Rod Simpkins

Here are some tips on how to keep your property safe from theft or damage:

After the holidays, many people have gifts for the car. Any type of mount that is visible from the outside of the car is an invitation for crooks & vandals. They typically smash the window and grab everything they find.

Preventive measures for your car:

1. Remove your garage door opener each night.
2. Remove all of the car mounts for accessories that are visible in the car and bring in the house.
3. Remove the head unit face plate and bring it in the house.
4. Park in your driveway with the doors locked and alarm system engaged.

Install motion detector lights on the driveway and back yard.

Preventive measures for your home:

1. One way to prevent someone from breaking into your house is to barricade the windows. Windows on the first floor and some second story windows are vulnerable where a roof provides easy access. One method would be to insert ½ inch wooden dowels cut to the length of the window track. You can install dowels on both sides of the window in the tracks which make it nearly impossible to get in the window without making a lot of noise. More details with Jim Gallagher: jgallagher2@nc.rr.com

2. Take your cell phone into the bedroom each night. This is a good time for you to charge it, but it is also good to have handy in case you need to call the police. It's good to have a good strong chair in each room that can be wedged up against the doorknob as a barricade if there is an intruder in your home. More details with Jim Gallagher: jgallagher2@nc.rr.com

3. Keep your garage door closed. Make sure that your garage door is closed when you're not home. When you close your garage door, make sure that it closes. If something is in the path of the door, the safety mechanism will cause the door to reverse back to open. It's good to keep your garage door closed even when you are home to prevent displaying the contents of your garage. If people see that a car can not fit, they will know when you are not home by counting the cars in the driveway. Always have your garage door closed during a garage sale.

4. If you return home and find your house door unlocked and you know or think you locked it, call the police and go to a neighbor's house. There could be an intruder in the house. This was suspected once before in SNNA and the police are very happy to get called to help ensure our safety.

5. Alert your neighbors when you are traveling for an extended period. Ask them to collect your newspapers and your mail. You can also have your mail and newspaper stopped for the duration of your trip if necessary.

Alert your neighbors when you're having contractors at your home and the duration of the job so that you and the neighbors will be able to identify unusual activity.

If you have any other good ideas to share, send them to Community Watch and or President of SNNA using our website, <http://www.summerfieldnorth.com/>.

Jim Gallagher and Rod Simpkins

communitywatch@summerfieldnorth.com

— How much water am I using? —

You've probably heard that Mayor Meeker has suggested that we all try to reduce our water usage to 25 gallons per person per day. So you are probably wondering how much you are using now.

Your water bill will show a value, but does not show the unit. That value is per 100 cubic feet of water, which is equal to 748 gallons of water usage.

To calculate your usage:

Look at your most recent water bill.

$$\begin{aligned} &(\text{number of units listed under "Consumption"}) \times 748 = \text{number of gallons} \\ &(\text{number of gallons}) / (\text{number of days in cycle}) = \\ &\quad \text{number of gallons per day} \\ &(\text{number of gallons per day}) / (\text{number of people in} \\ &\text{your house}) = \text{number of gallons per person per day} \end{aligned}$$

For example, if your bill shows 27 units consumed:

$$\begin{aligned} &27 \times 748 = 20,196 \text{ gallons} \\ &20,196 \text{ gallons} / 67 \text{ days} = 301 \text{ gallons per day} \\ &301 / 5 \text{ people in household} = 60 \text{ gal/day/person} \end{aligned}$$

It will take a concerted effort to reduce from 60 gallons per person per day to 25. Here are some tips from WRAL on how to reduce your household water usage:

<http://www.wral.com/news/local/page/1948511/>

— Volunteers — Help Wanted—

Are you interested in becoming involved in your Neighborhood? We need a Section Leader and a couple of Block Captains. The Section Leader is responsible for passing out newsletters to six block captains once a month. The Block Captain's responsibilities mainly include delivery of the newsletter once a month to the houses in your area, and greeting new neighbors and collecting their directory information so they can be included in the next update. Also once per year the Block Captains collect the dues from those neighbors who want to join SNNA. That's it, probably less than a half hour per month to help your community. Isn't it worth it?

If you are interested in being a Section Leader or Block Captain, please contact Allan Frelich at vicepresident@summerfieldnorth.com.