

Farmwood East HOA

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Greetings from your Farmwood East Homeowners Association.

We'd like to say a big Thank You! to everyone who paid their dues recently, especially those that paid by the cutoff date. We almost had 100% by our due date and we currently are only missing dues from 3 homeowners. We're still in the process of collecting these dues after several attempts and our next step will unfortunately be a personal visit to ask for payment.

We have many things going on around our neighborhood. Publix and Cheval are in full swing with construction on both sides of us and you'll also see the pipes on the side of Lawyers road that will hopefully get our neighborhood away from Aqua once and for all.

-With regards to the connectivity of Farmwood East and Cheval at the end of Hollow Oak drive, per Brian Welch at the Town of Mint Hill there will be no connectivity of the two roads until the Town has agreed to take over the maintenance of the streets and right of ways in Cheval. They normally don't do this until the neighborhood reaches completion, or a really high percentage of completion. The developers in Cheval can actually pave up to the barricade, but the town won't remove the barricade until the agreement is in place.

-With regards to Aqua, Barry Shearin (Our contact that spoke at our HOA meeting from the Charlotte/Mecklenburg Utilities Department) is still providing updates for us and the latest is that Aqua/CMUD are still exchanging documentation and that they are proceeding as planned, albeit slower than he would have liked and that the slowness is in CMUD responding back to Aqua. He's promised another update in early May.

-Security Systems for Homeowners-reminder. A new Mint Hill Ordinance was recently passed that requires residents to update their Alarm Permit each year to ensure all information is accurate and up to date. For more information you can go to the Mint Hill Website (www.MintHill.Com) and select Town Government, Police Department, Alarm Permit Application; or call 704-545-1085)

-We've also updated our Farmwood East Website (<http://www.FarmwoodEast.Com>) to be more user friendly, removed the password so that anyone can view our site (Don't worry, no confidential information about any of our residents will be on this site).

A few key updates are below:

1. Bylaws & Covenants have been posted on the Organization page. Please familiarize yourself with these.
2. Community News page includes FEHOA Welcome Letter with useful information for new home owners. It also has the Events Calendar, Board Meeting Minutes and Newsletters.
3. General Info. page includes Mint Hill City Government, Waste Disposal Information & our Lot Map. It also includes Home Owner Service Providers that has information about volunteer or other services offered by individual home owners for all other Farmwood East home owners.
4. Contact Us page is a way to contact the FEHOA Board and ask a pertinent question.

We encourage you to visit the site, encourage your friends & neighbors to do the same and respond with your comments & suggestions for any changes.

We have one matter that we would like everyone to take the time to read and consider, our Neighborhood Watch Program. (We don't have one now, we just have a sign on Hollow Oak). This program requires not only your vote but your time and participation. We would recommend reading below carefully and before you vote YES, understand that a YES vote will require a commitment of your time and effort. Don't vote YES if you don't want to commit time and responsibility to the program. (Reply With YES-Neighborhood Watch or NO-Neighborhood watch to this email).

Sincerely,
Your Farmwood East Homeowners Association Board

Howard Pence-President
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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

We've had a lot of feedback on this topic recently and your homeowners association would like your vote on starting a neighborhood watch program. The purpose of the program is to make our neighborhood safe with the help of all of our residents. Listed below is an outline of the program. Please reply back with either a YES or NO if you are interested.

In order to qualify for a neighborhood watch program we would need 70% of the homeowners to reply with a YES vote (1 vote per property).

We have no timetable on this, but we'd like everyone to vote back by the end of April so that we can begin the process if we have enough votes.

We will email the results of the vote the first week in May.

INTENT OF A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

- Build partnership with the community to reduce crime and improve livability
- Reduce the risk of being a victim to a crime
- Being better prepared to respond to suspicious activity
- Getting to know your neighbors

- Open the lines of communication between your residents and the Mint Hill Police Department

The program consists of one Chairperson who would organize neighborhood meetings regularly, arrange for residential inspections, handle calls and e-mails from the block captains, and work with the community to increase their awareness of the watch program.

There would be 7 block captains (7 to 10 houses per captain) who each report to the Chairperson. The block captains create a block map with current information of their neighbors (name, address, telephone and email address). Keep track of any medical problems or unique circumstances their neighbors and coordinate all activities for their block and neighbors they are responsible for.

Listed above are a few things that the chairperson and block captains are responsible for. In order to continue with the Neighborhood Watch Program each resident needs to be actively involved in the program. A few examples are watching your neighbor's house and property. Calling the police if you see anything suspicious, learn your neighbor's vehicles and attend regular meetings.