

It is time for our FP280 Annual HOA Meeting. The meeting will be at the Chelsea Community Center, June 27th at 7:00 p.m. During the last annual meeting, we decided it was time to replace the entrance sign. We have been searching for a company to do the work and have located a vendor. Alabama Metal Arts, in Florence, is the company who will make our new sign. Their website has some great information and photos of the work they do.

While discussing the sign at last year's meeting, we talked about the look of our sign and if we would keep the exact design or update it. We have come up with several options and posted them on the FP280 website (www.forestparks280.com). Go to the HOA News tab of the site to see the images. There are several images to scroll through with ideas. We welcome your design ideas and will post any designs on the website for everyone to see. If you have a design you want to send in, send it to hoa@forestparks280.com and we will add it to the samples. On the same page as the images, there is a form for you to fill out letting us know which one you like or if you want it to look exactly the same. The form sends an email to the board and we have been printing the responses and will take them to the annual meeting. At the meeting, we will review all the images, resident emails and vote on what design everyone wants. We seem to have several favorites from the residents and option 11 is ahead so far. Once a design has been determined, Alabama Metal Arts will send back a professional rendering of the design. The final image will be posted on the website. It will take them approximately 4-6 weeks to complete the project once we send a design.

One of the planting beds by 280 is having some problems. The knockout roses have picked up a disease called Rose Rosette. Our landscape company said the disease is not curable and will kill the rest of the roses. I had them remove the ones that have already died but he will have to remove them all. We are working with them to come up with new options and will not put roses back out there. We will also relocate the limelight hydrangeas there to a better area vs next to the Little Gem Magnolias and Orangeola Japanese Mapel. Work on the bed will probably be later in the year to avoid the scorching summer heat on new plants.

We are fortunate enough to live in a beautiful neighborhood. Please be mindful of the appearance of your home. Your home is a large investment, we all rely on the entire community to maintain their property to keep our home values up. There are several areas we need to improve. The areas we have the most complaints are people leaving grass clippings in the roadway, roadway gutters not being sprayed with weed killer and growing grass, not weed eating the curbs and grass growing over the curb, flower beds with weeds, vines growing up houses, people not mowing their grass, cars parked on the roadway that don't move and mailboxes that need a little spray paint or repair. The HOA has mentioned in the past, if you need help, please contact the HOA. We have many residents who are willing to volunteer to help. We want to keep our neighborhood looking great and our property values up.

Shelby County contacted the HOA and worked on installing Pickle Ball courts in the park. The large basketball court now shares the area with the new Pickle Ball courts. Residents have been out in force enjoying it since Memorial Day weekend!

Each year we look forward to our community events. This coming year we are going to have another movie in the park this summer. We will have our annual fall events in October. We have the Treasure Hunt in the park and follow that up with our Chili Cook off before Halloween. This year when we decorate the entrance for the holidays, we will set up an area for families to display a wreath. The idea is you would make a wreath and place it on the display for everyone to see. This would be a great project for kids and wouldn't they love seeing something they made displayed at the entrance each time they go by? We are also looking at the possibility of having a pickle ball tournament and a couple more events we are still working out the details on. We will update our events page on the website as we get these items scheduled along with our neighborhood facebook page.

Saturday June 28th Chelsea hosts the Big Kaboom for the July 4th celebration. It is a great event for families to get out and have fun. For anyone looking to stay out of all the excitement, we will have an outdoor movie. It will be on Conroy Rd., next to the library. This year's movie will be "The Burbs" with Tom Hanks. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars (weather permitting). While I can't guarantee you will be able to see the fireworks, we usually do see them from the library while watching our movie.

We hope to see you there!

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