

Meet your AECC . . .

As you know, our Covenants and By-laws provide for the creation of an Architectural and Environmental Control Committee (AECC). The AECC's primary duty is to assist the Board in discharging its responsibilities under the Covenants, By-laws and Architectural Control Guidelines.

The AECC helps preserve the aesthetic quality of our community in order to maintain our neighborhood's sales-appeal and thereby maintain our home and property values! The Guidelines require us to:

- ◆ review all architectural change applications and make recommendations to the Board as to whether or not it should approve the application; and
- ◆ investigate and make determinations of instances of covenant violations.

In doing these jobs, we do not rely on our own personal tastes – we do our best follow the rules and criteria set forth in the Guidelines.

If you have questions, or would like to be appointed to the AECC, please call Kurt Janssen.

Special Thanks to Good Neighbors!

To Mike Donner for fixing the fence along Wiehle Avenue and to John Ramsey for fixing the fence on Fairfax County Parkway.

Save the Date!

Our fourth annual adult party to meet our new neighbors and greet "old" ones will be on Saturday, April 29th at 7 pm at 1216 Rowland Drive.

The theme this year is "Island Party." Come have some fun in the sun!



Spring Walk-through Saturday April 29th

In the Spring Walk-through, members of the AECC walk the streets of our neighborhood observing the fronts and sides of each house and yard. We are checking for compliance with our Covenants, By-Laws and Guidelines governing maintenance, appearance, and any changes that may require AECC approval. We send a letter to each homeowner noting any issues we might observe. In most cases, the letter will be no more than a "thank you" for doing your part in making Shaker Woods such a great neighborhood!

Got Pressure?

Some of our homeowners have recently had flooded basements due to a worn out pressure regulator valve (PRV). The PRV controls the main water pressure coming into your house - reducing the high incoming water pressure from the county water mains to a lower, more functional pressure for distribution in the home. If the PRV bursts or just starts to leak, you have a problem!

If you have recently noticed an increase in your water pressure, or your water pipes are banging a lot, you should call a plumber to have the PRV checked out or replaced.



HOA of Shaker Woods Board Members

Laura Hamilton, President 703-948-7565
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Open, Administrative Support; please call Laura Hamilton if you are interested!

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Schedule of Events: Mark Your Calendars!

April 29th Saturday	New Neighbor Party	7pm
May 6 Saturday	Neighborhood Yard Sale	8am to 1pm
June 23 rd Friday	Movie Night	7/8pm
July 4 th Tuesday	Parade	10am to 11:30am
July 4 th	Pot-Luck Dinner	7:30 pm
September 10 th Sunday	Picnic	2pm to 6pm
September 29 th Friday	Movie Night	7:30 pm-9:30 pm
October 15 th Sunday	Chili Cook Off	2:00 pm-6pm
October 29 th Sunday	Halloween Parade	3Pm-4:30
November 15 th Tuesday	Annual HOASW Meeting	7pm-9pm
Week of December 10th	House Decorating Contest	Judging Sunday Dec 18 th

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for some valuable new listings!

Where does the money go?

Some of you have asked how the dues money you pay is spent! Our homeowners vote on our annual budget (copy attached) at our annual meeting in November. Here is a brief summary of our HOASW finances.

For 2006, we are budgeted to take in \$22,763 in operating dues from homeowners. The bulk of that income (\$10,000) is spent on common area maintenance. As you know, HOASW owns the basketball court area at the end of Section 8, and we are responsible for maintaining the grass and shrubberies in that area, as well as the Heather Way entrance, and the Meadowville Court entrance and other common areas. While our Board is strictly a volunteer Board, we do hire an administrative assistant to be a liaison for homeowner inquiries and issues with Fairfax County and VDOT, solicit proposals for services, handle insurance issues and coordinate the annual meeting. We also have a bookkeeper that is responsible for the annual dues mailing and collection (\$650/yr). These 3 items make up ~\$15,000 of our budget.

The remainder of the operating budget is spent on insurance (\$2,711), legal fees (\$1,950), printing and postage (\$860) and neighborhood activities such as the movie nights, new neighbor welcome party, holiday decorating contest, July 4th parade, and annual picnic in September (\$2,600).

If you have any questions about our budget or finances, please give me a call. As always, *we are always looking for new board members* and fresh ideas for our neighborhood, so please join us!

Linda Maslar, CPA
Treasurer

Trash Talk! With at least two trash services in the neighborhood, we have found that we have trash - and the noise and wear and tear of garbage trucks - on our streets nearly every day! ☹ We are investigating consolidation of the services, by having the HOASW contract with a single company – the one that would give us the best service and the best price. The cost per household per year would be added to our HOASW dues. Not only would this ensure lower costs for each homeowner, it would save our streets a lot of wear and tear, and leave unsightly trash out less often. AND it will save you the time from writing one more check each month. More later – in the meantime, give us your thoughts. Visit the website to post your comments.

**Open Position:
Administrative Support**
We need about 2 to 5 hours per week and the position pays \$15.00 per hour. Computer and organization skills a must. Please contact:
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