

**SHAKER WOODS**

APRIL 2008

**Make A Note!**

Make your spring cleaning profitable by participating in the Shaker Woods Yard Sale on Saturday, April 19th from 8 AM until 1 PM.

This community yard sale will be advertised in local newspapers.

SW 2008 Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 19th—Yard Sale  
 Friday, June 7th—Movie Night  
 Friday, July 4th—Parade  
 Sunday, September 7th—Picnic  
 Saturday, October 12th—Chili Cookoff  
 November—Date TBA—Annual Meeting  
 December—Holiday Decorating Contest

**AMENDMENT COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED**

Early this year, a committee of several homeowners was formed to review the items in the proposed Third Amendment to the Covenant, Conditions and Restrictions of our By-Laws. This committee was formed as a result of input from the homeowners at the annual meeting in November 2007. An email was sent to the homeowners from the board asking individuals who were interested in being a part of the committee to contact the board.

Once the list was compiled the volunteers were provided with each other's names so that they could begin the process of the review. Two of the committee members met with the board in January. They requested information from the board that they felt was necessary to perform their review. Board member, Paula Goldman, was designated as the board representative and she will act as the liaison between the board and amendment committee.

The committee has since met and is in the process of reviewing the various changes that were proposed. They will be communicating with the homeowners in the near future.

**AECC CORNER****AECC ARCHITECTURAL CHANGES**

When submitting AECC requests please plan ahead. Requests are reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors as a whole. In these instances, requests will not be reviewed until the monthly Board meeting (second Tuesday of each month). Submitting requests in a timely manner with this provision in mind will hopefully prevent delays in starting your improvements.

Any changes must be approved by the AECC committee prior to any work being done. This includes all exterior changes, repairs and landscaping improvements. The AECC Guidelines and Application Form can be found on our

website at [www.shakerwoods.net](http://www.shakerwoods.net).

Also note that if you have received approval from the AECC committee and are unable to complete the work in a timely manner, please contact the committee chair to discuss plans for work completion. The repainting of exterior areas or replacement of siding with the same color paint or siding materials does not require an AECC approval request.

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

Our homes are getting older and with age comes additional maintenance that must be done to keep them looking good. Over the past two years the number of violations sent out after the

annual AECC walk-through of the subdivision has increased. Deferred maintenance not only detracts from the aesthetic of the neighborhood, but also negatively impacts neighborhood home values.

Please take some time in the next couple of days to walk or drive by your house and see it as your neighbors do every time they walk or drive by. Look at the house, driveway and landscape. If you see something that needs to be addressed make plans to address it. Talk to your neighbors, they may have already had similar work done and could provide a company referral/reference.

## TRASH TALK

In an ongoing effort to make our neighborhood safer and to reduce the number of trucks in our neighborhood, we are asking those of you who do not currently use American Disposal to consider changing from your current provider. We currently have trash trucks in our neighborhood 5-6 days per week with trash/recycling at the roadside virtually every day. If we all use American, there will be less wear and tear on our roads. Trucks will only be in our neighborhood 3 days/week.

You can contact American Disposal Services at 703-368-0500 to arrange for services.

**MOVING?** If you plan on selling your house, you need to contact the HOA immediately via email at [hoa\\_shakerwoods@yahoo.com](mailto:hoa_shakerwoods@yahoo.com) so that we can begin to process the necessary paperwork/disclosure packet. An AECC inspection is done on your home to make sure it is in compliance and we also confirm you have no monetary obligations to the HOA. These steps do take a few weeks, so contact us early!

Visit us ONLINE! [www.shakerwoods.net](http://www.shakerwoods.net) has a listing of all upcoming events, recommended service providers, local utility information and minutes from the Board meetings. Posting the minutes online is our way of keeping the neighborhood informed of the business at hand and any outstanding issues it is working to address. If you ever have any questions about the minutes, please feel free to contact us at [hoa\\_shakerwoods@yahoo.com](mailto:hoa_shakerwoods@yahoo.com).

## PLEASE SCOOP AND TAKE YOUR DOGS' POOP!

The Board has been repeatedly contacted regarding dog waste soiling the neighborhood. Please be diligent about cleaning up after your pet in conjunction with the Animal Control Ordinance Code section 41-2-6 which states: "The owner or custodian of any dog shall be responsible for the removal of excreta deposited on the property of another, including common areas."

Should you observe a repeated offense to this law, please help us enforce the ordinance by reporting the offender to the Animal Control Ordinance at 703-830-3310.

Please help our neighborhood by being proactive regarding vehicle safety. If you observe a vehicle speeding or driving aggressively in the neighborhood, we urge you to contact the Fairfax County Police by either calling 703-478-0904 or going to their website ([www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/trafficwatch.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/trafficwatch.htm)) to report the offense. The police will send a warning letter to the owner of the vehicle. Reporting can be done anonymously and the following information is needed:

License Plate Number and State

Vehicle Color/Style

Date, Time and Location

Driver Gender

## Position Open on Board:

The HOA Board is currently seeking a volunteer to serve as **Secretary** of the board. Responsibilities include taking minutes at the monthly board meetings (second Tuesday of each month) and distributing them to the board members.

If interested, please contact us at [hoa\\_shakerwoods@yahoo.com](mailto:hoa_shakerwoods@yahoo.com).



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