

Creek Speak Newsletter

Edition Number Ten, June 2013

Annual Summer Party

Hello neighbors!

One of the biggest, and most popular, social events on the Arbor Creek calendar is our annual Summer Party. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, August 24th from 1-4 PM. If you've been to the party before, you know that there are a lot of fun activities for families, adults and kids alike! Past events have included a rock climbing wall, bounce houses, carnival games, ice cream treats and drinks. We really want to keep this annual tradition alive, but we cannot do it without your help. We've created an online signup form in an attempt to secure the volunteers necessary to make this event possible. <http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/904044AA5A72DA02-summer>

We are giving neighbors until July 5th to sign up for these fun and easy shifts. At that point, if there is enough interest and support, party planning will commence in full force. It is our sincere hope that you (and perhaps your high school aged kids who need volunteer hours) can find the time to help out the day of the event. The Board really values these opportunities to bring the neighborhood together and it is our hope that we will see enough support to keep the party alive! Thanks in advance for your time and consideration.



Announcing New Website Feature!!

You can now go to our website and review and/or post a vendor recommendation! It is like "Angie's List" except it is just for our neighborhood and there is no cost! Just log in to our website and click on classified ads then vendor recommendations. Post or review a recommendation...it is that easy!

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President's Corner - Second Quarter 2013

Dear Neighbors:

As I write this newsletter, the sun is shining and summer is finally upon us! We just finished our 3rd annual landscaping contest and walking around the neighborhood judging the contestants I saw a lot of homeowners who really do a great job taking care of their yard. I want to thank those that take the time to ensure their yard is well maintained as the Board appreciates it! We strongly encourage all homeowners to take good care of their yard. It is important to do so for a few reasons: 1-It makes the neighborhood a nice place to live; 2-It truly does add value to your property which is good whether you are thinking of selling or not; 3-It is a minimum requirement of the by laws. The Board decided that a landscaping contest would help bring awareness on this topic. In addition, we are trying to educate our homeowners about lawn care and the article in this newsletter is a good start. Also, Yardmaster is the company that we contract with to do the Association yard maintenance and they are available to assist you as well. In fact, I used them to do some work in my yard and was very pleased with the result! They are very reasonably priced and if you don't want to do the yard work yourself, they may be a good alternative. We are also demonstrating the importance of this area by ensuring that Yardmaster does a good job. As well, you'll notice shortly that we are adding additional landscaping in the neighborhood around all of the bench areas. So, let's all take pride in our neighborhood and take care of our yards!

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Julie

ACHA President

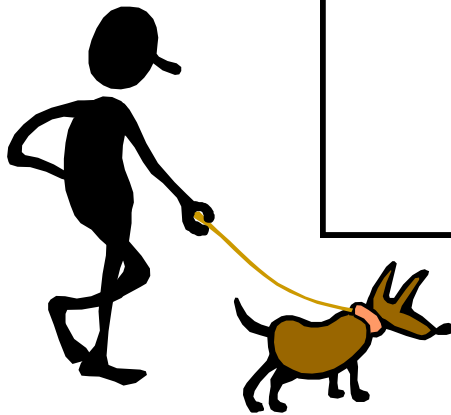


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Attention Dog Owners!!!

If you have a furry friend that you like to take on walks, please be considerate of your neighbors and take along a bag and place any dog doo doo in the bag. Please do not leave it in homeowners yards or on the sidewalk. Not only is this a potential health hazard, but it does not make for a nice neighborhood. So, please take responsibility and clean up after your pet! Your cooperation is appreciated!



Annual Garage Sale

We will once again hold our annual garage sale. This year it will be on Saturday June 29th from 9am to 3pm. We will advertise in a variety of methods so please clean out your closets and join the sale! Due to homeowner feedback, we will also hold a second garage sale on Saturday September 28th. If the feedback is positive then we might continue with a twice a year event.



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ACHA Landscaping Corner

Dear Homeowners:

Maintaining your yard not only makes the neighborhood nice for all to enjoy, but it adds value to your property. Also, part of the Association By-Laws require homeowners to maintain their yard. Following are a few tips to help make it easier to keep your yard nice:

Easy Lawn Care Tips

Get a greener, healthier lawn with less work!
From the Family HandyMan Magazine

Tip 1: Apply a preemergence herbicide to stop crabgrass and Dandelions

Stop crabgrass by spreading a preemergence herbicide after your second or third mowing.

Tip 2: Water less often – but for longer periods of time

Deep, infrequent watering during hot, dry weather is important to maintain a healthy lawn. Deep watering encourages the turf to develop a deeper, more extensive root system. Conversely, frequent, shallow watering encourages a shallow root system. A shallow root system means a lawn is under drought stress when the top inch of soil dries out.

Tip 3: Set your mower blade at the right height to control weeds and look healthy

Measure the cutting height to match the ideal length for the type of grass in your yard – usually 2.5 – 3.0 inches. A dull blade will push/pull grass rather than cut it. Make sure your blade is sharp (call a local hardware store).

Tip 4: Fertilize!!

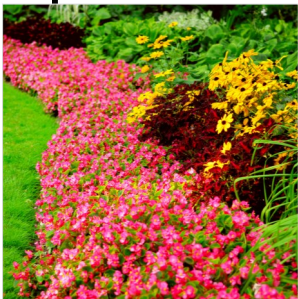
If you want the best [lawn](#) in town, fertilize four times a year. Spread out evenly during the growing season – and make sure you don't miss the fall fertilizing – it is the most important one! Ask an expert for which products to use during each time of the season.

Tip 5: Mulch planting beds for less weeding and watering

A 4-in. layer of mulch will eliminate most weeds (and the need for backbreaking pulling!)

Thanks!

Maher Salah and Shervin Emadi
Landscaping Committee



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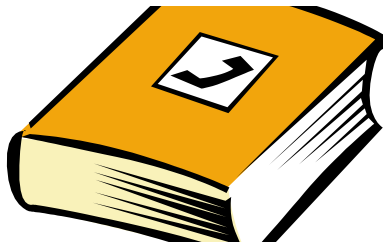
Landscape Contest Winners!

A big thank you to all the homeowners who entered their homes in our 3rd annual landscaping contest! We had many great contestants and it was a tough decision, but the winners are as follows:

1st place -The Van Hoogstraats at 2362 Rockport Court

2nd place – The Andersens at 2330 Spring Ridge Court

3rd place – The Hraboskys at 2252 Gemstone Court



Now Available!! Arbor Creek Directory

The 2013 Arbor Creek directory is **NOW AVAILABLE**. You should have received an email with the attachment. As a reminder, we do not print them in order to save the association the cost and to be “green”. If you chose to save it on your computer for easy access, please ensure that it is done so in a secure environment and do not distribute the list to anyone as it is private and for residents/homeowners use only. If you did not receive the email, please let us know at messages@arbor-creek.org and we will send it to you.

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**Mark Your Calendar for
these
Upcoming Events:**

- Annual summer garage sale, June 29th 9-3pm
- Annual summer party, August 24th, 1-4pm
- First annual fall garage sale, Sept 28th

View the website for more details
(www.arbor-creek.org)

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**Please don't forget to
volunteer for the annual
summer party! We need
your help to make it
successful!**

