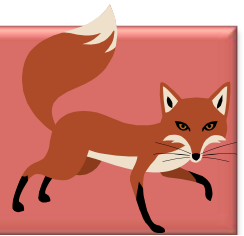


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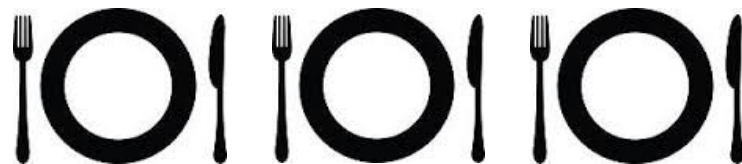
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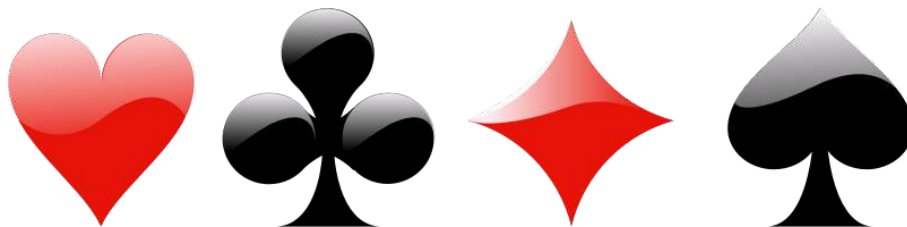
PROGRESSIVE DINNER



A Fun Evening to Visit with Longtime Friends and Meet New Neighbors

Saturday, February 27
(Sign up by February 7 – Don't Delay!)
Details in this month's Social Report

FOX POINT ANNUAL CARD PARTY



Saturday, April 2 at Biltmore Country Club
See the Social Report for more details – Sign up by February 29

CLASSIFIED KIDS

We're Building a New List!

Don't Forget to Update Your Kids' Information

ALSO IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE

- 2016 Board Assignments
- Fox Point Dolphins - Information & Schedule for the 2016 Season
 - Village of Barrington Expands Recycling Programs
 - Important Safety Reminders
 - Architecture Guidelines

THE FOX POINT CALENDAR

February 2016

February 7	Progressive Dinner Sign Up Deadline
February 15	FPHA Board Meeting, Village Church 7 PM
February 20	Classified Kids List Deadline
February 27	Progressive Dinner at various Fox Point homes
February 29	Annual Card Party Sign Up Deadline

March 2016

March 1 (approximately)	Dolphins Registration Opens
March 13	Dolphins Swim Suit Try On at the Village Church, 3 – 5 PM
March 21	FPHA Board Meeting, Village Church 7 PM



PRESIDENT'S LETTER



by Jeff Janssen (J3_Investments@yahoo.com, 309-846-0250)

Our Fox Point community is an outstanding place to grow families, to build relationships, and to simply experience the blessings of life. Within our community, there is a group of residents that have been willing to serve on our Fox Point Board and to strive to make our community the best it can be. In the new year, we welcome new members to the Board and wish our best to those concluding their terms.

We sincerely express our appreciation to three board members who concluded their terms. Margaret Graff served as our Social Chair and led a huge group of volunteers that made all of our amazing events throughout the year possible. Curt Moore was not only dedicated to his role as Civic Affairs Chair, but offered many insights during our meetings. Of course, we give special appreciation for all of the accomplishments and countless hours provided by outgoing President Tom Malia. Since I will not be able to do justice for the variety of contributions that Tom made, I will merely say "THANK YOU!" A big thank you to our entire Fox Point Board for all of their contributions during 2015.

If you missed the Annual Meeting, please allow me to give a very quick summary. Each Board member provided a recap of 2015 and thoughts for future years for their respective areas. In addition, we kept our election clerks Mary Malia and Steve Smith busy validating and counting votes. We had 106 ballots cast (over 25 percent of our homeowners)! Thank you to all who took time to vote. I'm sure the new Board will work hard to exceed your expectations in serving our community.

President: Jeff Janssen
Vice-President & Social: Chris Kitzman
Treasurer: Mike Uhran
Secretary: Bob Ben
Lake: Geoff Ommen
Pool: Tammy Kerr
Tennis: Therese Donoghue
Common Grounds: Mike Moran
Civic Affairs: Lynn Douglas
Architecture: Marc Muhs
Safety & Welfare: Erik Vandenberg

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as President. Please contact me or any of the Board members with questions or comments. We look forward to hearing from you!

BOARD REPORT: COMMON GROUNDS

by Mike Moran (mdmoran@morandist.com, 847.344.9365)

Common Grounds has been relatively quiet this winter.

Our snow plow vendor has been doing a great job with the limited snowfall we've had so far. As I write this, we are way under budget for snow removal. Let's hope we finish the remainder of the winter with very little snow. We have started to plow the boat dock areas, so folks who want to access that area have the ability to do so during the core snow season. Enjoy and use caution!

This year our big Common Grounds project will be landscaping at the North and South Valley entrances. When the weather allows, our landscape team will rebuild the garden beds and plantings. It should be a dramatic change from our current entrance landscaping. By the time this project is finished we will have invested quite a bit of money in the Common Grounds area, specifically in the landscaping of two of Fox Point's larger areas. I think we will start to see the benefit of our investments as these new trees and plantings grow in the next year or two.

I am still waiting for two large entrance lights to be delivered and installed at each of the Valley Road islands. I hope that they are shining brightly by the time you read this newsletter. (Ed. Note: They are installed and shining brightly!) These two light fixtures were custom built for Fox Point so they have taken longer to get to us than originally anticipated. The upgrades in the lighting and ultimately the landscaping at the Valley entrances will really make a difference in the look and feel of the community.

Please let me know if you see anything that needs to be addressed within the neighborhood.

CLASSIFIED KIDS

It's time for an updated Classified Kids list. We purged the legacy list in anticipation of publishing the new list in the March newsletter. To reinstate or add names, please email the following information to Lynn Douglas at lyndouglas@sbcglobal.net by **February 20**:

Category

(babysitting, pet care, snow removal, vacation care (pets/plants/mail), Mother's Helper, lawn care, etc.)

Name

Age

Phone Number

Please indicate if your child is able/willing to do overnight child care and/ or change diapers.

Classified Kids is published in the March, June, September, and December newsletters.



By Margaret Graff (mgraff1126@msn.com)

I strongly believe that social events are an important part of the fabric of the Fox Point community. Thus, I wanted to take a moment to thank those involved. In 2015 the Fox Point Social Committee planned and hosted 14+ events serving adults, families and kids.

This would not be possible without a vibrant, active social committee. THANK YOU to the people that made this possible: Amber Bostock, Doreen Muhs, Julie Gwiasda, Liz Cocoma, Stephanie Paine, Melissa Paris, Bob Gwiasda, Margo Cidulka, Gwen Cieslak, Kim Richmond, Blake Seeds, Therese Keenan, Beth Adler, Beth Sherman, Margie Malia, Allison Meier, Susan Stoga, Jennifer Ryder, Joanna Carl, Jennifer Frighetto, Jessica Young, Lindsey Keenan, Heidi Kepler, Stacy Boyum, Krista Roberts, Jennifer Livingston and Elena Anastasiou.

It has been a pleasure serving as both a Board Member and the Social Chair for Fox Point these past 2 ½ years! Fox Point Social is always looking for volunteers to help chair or be a part of the planning committee for specific events. It's a great way to get involved!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Progressive Dinner - Saturday, February 27

Chair: Allison Meier

Don't miss Fox Point's annual Progressive Dinner on Saturday, February 27. The event includes appetizers, a catered dinner, dessert and drinks. The evening begins with appetizers at one Fox Point home, followed by dinner and dessert at various homes in smaller groups. The event concludes with an after party.

The cost is \$34 per person and each couple brings an appetizer or desert. See the event sign up sheet attached to this newsletter. RSVP deadline is Sunday, February 7.

Annual Card Party - Saturday, April 2

Chair: Doreen Coletti-Muhs

Fox Point's longest-running event turns 40 this year! What started as a little event to raise some sailing funds has become a Fox Point favorite.

This event WILL sell out. We have limited seating so we ask that you do not sign up unless you know you can attend. As you might imagine the logistics of the event take some time to prepare and while we know emergencies can happen, holding spots in case "you can maybe make it" is discouraged. We will have a wait list but to be on the wait list we must have your RSVP/payment.

Biltmore Country Club has a wonderful buffet dinner lined up for us. There will be a cash bar; Biltmore members can put drinks on your house accounts with your member number.

Deadline to sign up is February 29; the sign up form is attached to this newsletter. Please contact Doreen Colletti-Muhs with questions at mdmuhs@hotmail.com.

SAFETY & WELFARE



by **Jeff Janssen** (J3_Investments@yahoo.com, 309-846-0250)

Thank you to those of you who have read my safety notes in the newsletter and an even bigger thank you to those who put these words of safety into action. Our biggest challenge is creating awareness and keeping these items in everyone's forethoughts. Just in case you missed any or all of my previous notes, here are a few consistent highlights:

- Drive safely and watch your speed
- Be very cautious as you cross at the Lake Cook crosswalk
- Be courteous and safe with street parking
- Please remove the hazards of dead trees in your yard
- Light up your yard light

Please join me in welcoming the new Safety & Welfare Chair Erik Vandenberg. He will be an outstanding addition to the Fox Point Board. In our next newsletter, Erik will provide a little information about himself and his thoughts on Safety & Welfare.

Be safe and have a great year!

CIVIC AFFAIRS



by **Lynn Douglas** (lyndouglas@sbcglobal.net)

[The Village of Barrington](#) has announced the expansion of recycling programs.

Groot will now pick up all electronic waste at your curbside provided you call Groot at 1-800-244-1977 at least 24 hours before the desired pick up.

Landscape waste pick-up will resume on March 18 and will continue until December 16. This year we will be able to include approved food scrap materials with our yard waste in the approved waste bin. The Village intends to mail a list of approved food scraps before the expanded program begins.



by **Marc Muhs** (marcdmuhs@yahoo.com)

I'm happy to announce I will be serving as the new Architecture Chairperson. For those in the neighborhood I have not had the pleasure to meet, I have called Fox Point home for 20 years and enjoy living here with my wife and two sons, ages 15 and 9, with a daughter on the way. I have volunteered over the years in many areas and am excited to serve the neighborhood on the Board for the next three years.

I want to thank my predecessor Bob Ben for all his hard work over the past year; I know I can count on Bob for guidance. He will be an outstanding Secretary for the Board and I wish him good luck.

This is a good time to start thinking about spring projects so I am including the architecture guidelines to have your property reviewed and approved. It's a simple process that I've been through many times over the years.

1. Contact me (marcdmuhs@yahoo.com) well in advance of your project.
2. Fill out the provided forms and gather your neighbors' signatures. All neighbors with a line-of-sight must sign the application. Remind neighbors that their signature is not an approval of the project, but rather an acknowledgement that they have been notified that an alteration is being requested. If they express any concerns with the project, please refer them to me.
3. Submit the completed application along with detailed architectural plans by the first of the month. This will allow sufficient review time.
4. The appropriate parties will review the application.
5. Expect to have one or more Board members to visit the site.
6. The Board will review the application at our monthly meeting. You are welcome to attend the Board meeting and submit your plan.
7. The Board will send you written notice within one week of the meeting regarding your application. This notice should be submitted to the Village of Barrington for any required building permits.
8. If the Village of Barrington requires revisions to the drawings, new drawings must be submitted to the Fox Point Board of Directors.

In the March issue I will include a link to the 2016 Architecture form. Have a great month!

FOX POINT DOLPHINS

It's hard to believe that we are thinking of swim season while it's so cold out but we are setting up for a wonderful 2016 season! Here is some important info to note as we head into our registration period:

Registration

On or around March 1 we will open up our registration link for swim team. The link will be noted in the March newsletter and it also be posted on Nextdoor.com and the Fox Point Facebook page.

The cost of the 2016 swim team is \$185 for the first swimmer and \$135 for every swimmer in your family after that.

Volunteer Hours

As in past years, we require all team families commit volunteer hours. Without parent support we cannot run the meets and parties so it's important that you sign up to help. Volunteer opportunities will be posted online with a first-come, first-serve sign up closer to the start of our season. All families turn in a \$250 volunteer check *but the check will only be cashed if you do not fulfill your volunteer obligation.*

Swim Suit Try Ons

Join us on March 13 for our official suit try on event at the Village Church, 3 – 5 p.m. It's possible that we will have swim caps and sample suits to sell as practice suits. The hard deadline to order suits is March 31. We ask that all families planning to order suits come to this event. Please bring a checkbook for suits and registration.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Do you own/work at a business that would like to sponsor a kids' team? Look no further than your own Fox Point Dolphins for 2016! We have several different sponsorships to showcase your business. All sponsorships come with exposure to the team families and the Fox Point community. We have family sponsorships available too. Please contact Dolphins Co-Chair Doreen Colletti-Muhs at [847-910-8391](tel:847-910-8391) or mdmuhs@hotmail.com to discuss options and pricing.

Dolphins Water Polo

Look for details about Dolphins Water Polo (ages 9 – 15) in the March newsletter.

In the coming months we will have more details on practice start dates and a bunch of other much needed info! If you have any questions please e-mail Doreen at mdmuhs@Hotmail.com

FOX POINT DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM SCHEDULE (As of 1/25/16)

DATE	LOCATION
Thursday, June 11	HOME
Thursday, June 16	HOME
Thursday, June 23	Lincolnshire
Tuesday, June 30	Tennaqua (Deerfield)
Tuesday, July 5	HOME
Saturday, July 9	Age Group Swim Championship Lincolnshire, 10a
Tuesday, July 12	North Shore Club Swim Championships at Fox Point, 5p
Thursday, July 14	Dolphins Awards Night & Pool Party, 5p

FOX POINT NEWS INFORMATION

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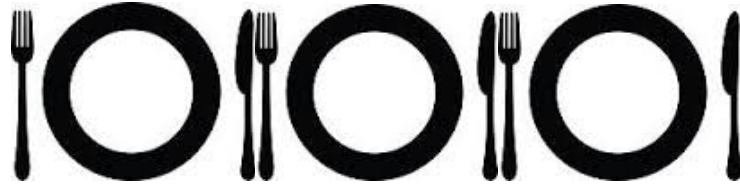
Residents who want to submit reports and notices for the newsletter should first review the “*Fox Point News* Policies and Guidelines” for style, content, length, and deadline requirements. This document is posted at www.foxpoint.org (click on “FP News Policy” in the right-hand column).

Newsletter Distribution

Residents can receive a copy of the newsletter by e-mail. To sign up, go to www.foxpoint.org, click on “E-newsletter Registration,” and complete the form. The newsletter can also be viewed on the website. Residents (without email access) who would like a printed copy delivered to their home must request this service by contacting Dinnie Dickenson at 847-382-1092.

Architectural Change Applications

Plans and proposals, along with applications for architectural changes and home additions, are due the first Monday of the month to Marc Muhs, Architecture Chair.



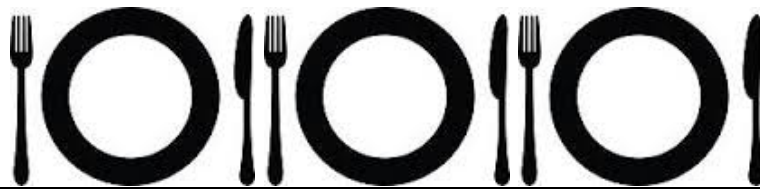
Progressive Dinner

JOIN US FOR A WONDERFUL EVENING WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

Saturday, February 27, 2016

EVENING SCHEDULE

<u>Cocktails & Appetizers</u>	<u>Dinner & Dessert</u>	<u>After Party</u>
6 pm - 7pm	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	10 pm - 12:00 am
Home 1	Multiple Homes	Home 3



\$34 per person includes a catered dinner and beverages
(Each couple prepares an appetizer or dessert to share)

We need several host houses to make this event work!! Please consider hosting the appetizers, dinner for 6 - 8 people or the After Party. Please contact Allison Meier at the phone number or email listed below if you are willing to host.

Mail/drop off your check (payable to FP Social) & registration form by Sunday, Feb. 7 to 300 Fox Hunt Trail - Contact Allison Meier at 773-230-6459 or allison.meier@comcast.net. You will be notified via email with final details the week before the dinner.

Please list each person attending

Names _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

We would like to bring (1st choice/2nd choice) _____ an appetizer or _____ a dessert

FOX POINT'S CARD PARTY is turning the BIG.....



Saturday April 2nd at 6:30 PM

Biltmore Country Club

Join us for Fox Point's longest running and most loved event-

The Card Party!

This annual event is turning 40 this year so please join us to celebrate this huge milestone.

For those that have NOT played this is a fun and easy mix and mingle event.

Price is \$45 per person

(includes a full dinner buffet, candy "buffet", prizes for the winners

and a few surprises!)

We will be having a cash bar (no credit cards accepted at Biltmore)

Questions please contact Doreen Colletti Muhs @ 847-910-8391

Or at mdmuhs@hotmail.com

RSVP no later than 2/29 or before it sells out.

Please RSVP with a check payable to Fox Point Social to Doreen Colletti Muhs @

100 Old Mill Road

Name _____ E-mail _____ Phone _____

Partner me with (name another couple) _____

Please pair us randomly _____ (check here)
