

# Farmbrook Homeowners' Newsletter

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MANAGEMENT

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## SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIVITIES

The Board of Directors (BOD) meets the third Tuesday of each month at the office of Clagett Management, Inc.

During the month of January, the BOD discussed snow removal and drainage in the flood plain area. They also discussed feedback from the annual meeting that was held in November.

During the month of February, the BOD discussed snow removal and reviewed several contracts for paving courts within the community. Additionally, they discussed options for revamping the basketball area.

## DIRECT DEBIT

Direct debit is the easiest way to make sure your dues are paid on time each month. If you are interested in signing up for direct debit please contact Marcie at Clagett Management at (301) 695-6676 x206.

## THANK YOU

The Board of Directors would like to send a **BIG THANK YOU** to all those residents who helped shovel snow during the recent storms. It was wonderful to see so many residents out helping each other dig out vehicles and shovel walk ways. These were definitely storms for the record books!

## SNOW PROCEDURES

During a snow storm the contractor provides snow removal for the townhome courts only. They are advised to keep the roads cleared as a first priority. Once the snow has stopped, a final clean-up begins, then attention is placed on sidewalks, storm drains and fire hydrants.

ALL residents are reminded to NOT shovel snow back into the plowed roadways. This includes all roads in the community, including the roads Frederick County is responsible for cleaning.

One of the biggest problems the County has faced in clearing the streets in Farmbrook is the number of vehicles parked along the curb. Parked vehicles prevent the street from being cleaned curb-to-curb. Please be advised that when the forecast calls for any snow, park your vehicle(s) in your driveway.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Fire & Rescue: 911**  
**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**Non-emergency only: 301-600-1046**  
**Security: 301-695-2662**  
**Discount Towing: 301-663-8799**  
**Animal Control**  
**Not the Humane Society: 301-600-1546**  
**Tennis Court Lock: 301-695-6676 ext. 206**  
**Stop Receiving Gazette: 301-670-7350**



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### TRASH COLLECTION AND STORAGE



Residents are reminded that trash is **ONLY** picked up on **TUESDAY**. Trash should not be placed to the curb for collection prior to 5:00pm on **MONDAY** evening. Trash placed at any other time is subject to a \$25.00 per bag fine.

Townhome residents are asked to place their trash behind their vehicle in their numbered space or on the sidewalk in front of the numbered space. **NO TRASH IS TO BE PLACED IN THE COMMON AREAS.** Our trash company indicates that they prefer to pick-up trash from individual spaces, not the common areas. Placing trash in the numbered space eliminates the massive piles of trash in the common areas, people placing bulk trash out, and people coming from outside the neighborhood to dispose of their trash.

Additionally, all trash should be stored in an appropriate trash storage container behind your home. Trash not kept properly will attract unwanted animals into the neighborhood.

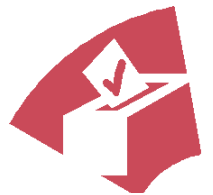
### RECYCLING

As promised, the association has reviewed the once-a-week trash pick-up schedule. We believe it is working well in Farmbrook. The weekly collection average is about 35 to 40 pounds of household trash. The goal is to reach 25 to 30 pounds of household trash per week, per home. To meet this goal we must all commit to recycle more! The more recycling that takes place, the lower our expense to remove household trash.

Recycling is a service provided by Frederick County and is paid for by your property taxes; so why not use it? The BOD will be asking Frederick County to increase the recycling service from any every-other-week pick-up to weekly pick-up. We will keep you informed of our progress.

### CHARSTONE COURT PARKING SURVEY

The BOD, at the request of the residents on Charstone Court, mailed a ballot in reference to parking. The proposal was to have a second numbered space assigned to each homeowner. The ballots were due back to Clagett Management on December 15, 2009. The court would need to attain 75% of the homeowners to agree to the second numbered parking space. The court has 53 homes, so approximately 40 homeowners would have to agree to the change. Management only received 15 votes for number the space and 0 votes against. Therefore, at this time, there are not enough votes to do the number in the Spring.



### DOG PARK

In our last newsletter we asked for feedback on installation of a dog park. Several residents provided feedback that they would not like to build a dog park in the community. The BOD discussed the option and decided not to move forward with this option at this time.

### NEWSLETTER

The BOD would like to hear from you regarding distribution of the newsletter. Many residents requested that the newsletter be sent via email and not by hard copy. The newsletter can currently be found on the website. Please send Marcie an email with your opinion: [mclagett@clagett.com](mailto:mclagett@clagett.com).

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

These dates are subject to change, so make sure to check out our Web site: [www.farmbrookhoa.com](http://www.farmbrookhoa.com) for updates.

<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>	
March 1, 2010	Recycling Pick-up
March 15, 2010	Recycling Pick-up
March 16, 2010	BOD Meeting at Clagett Management
March 29, 2010	Recycling Pick-up
April 7, 2010	Yard Waste Pick-up Resumes
April 12, 2010	Recycling Pick-up
April 20, 2010	BOD Meeting at Clagett Management
April 26, 2010	Recycling Pick-up

**Reminder: Call at least 2 days prior to the BOD meeting if you have an item you would like to add to the agenda.**

**CLASSIFIEDS**

**BABYSITTING**

Loving, responsible teenager seeks babysitting work in Farmbrook Community area. References available. Please contact Kayla at 301-662-3755

**BULK TRASH, LAWN MOWING, MOVING ASSISTANCE**

Local Farmbrook resident available to haul bulk trash, mow lawns, and/or move large items. FREE ESTIMATES! Call Larry at 301-682-5887

**PARTYLITE**

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