

## Foxberry Communities August 2023 Newsletter

***Communities Board of Managers: Cathy Onions, Sarah Waterrose, Tyler Mulone, Romy Stefano, Patti Murphy, Michelle Stephenson, Elizabeth Delity, Carol Smith, Mark Schubuer, Veronika Walczak.***

It's the end of Foxberry's fiscal year. The Foxberry Boards have worked very hard over the last year to catch up on repairs, make improvements and even added a new amenity, a community garden. It takes all of us to work together to get things done. We couldn't have done it without a strong board but most importantly without your support. Thanks again for a great year! Here are some highlights of the year's accomplishments:

- Pool house-vent added to improve heater efficiency. Repairs made to the gate, railing, ladder, concrete by the stairs & a bathroom faucet replaced. Pool is open 8am-9pm from mid May to mid Sept.
- Dead bushes removed, 75 bushes planted by the Board (saved \$1000s on landscaper costs). Bushes damaged in blizzard staked and downed ones removed. Trees being trimmed by the board saving thousands.
- Community Vegetable Garden built for owners to plant veggies. Raised beds built by Cathy Onions at no cost for labor. We will be taking names over the winter for gardens next year. Names will be chosen in the spring.
- Gardens mulched (saved \$8,000 over landscaper's bid). Gardens along Campbell cleaned and flowers planted. Daffodil bulbs planted in the courtyards.
- Concrete repaired/replaced addressing safety issues and drainage.
- Meetings moved to the Library saving \$1325 a yr. on meeting room rentals.
- Taxes filed and going forward a year-end compilation can be completed on time.
- Past due bills (yes, they are still coming in from years ago) being paid.
- Entered agreement with Verizon for advertising receiving a fee of \$14,880.
- Garbage issues, trash piled on the sidewalk near the back dumpster eliminated.
- Fire hydrants inspected, painted and markers posted. Fire extinguishers inspected and charged.
- Successful yard sale in the spring and another this Sept. 8&9. 8am-1pm.
- Community events including Christmas party, summer party, bonfire held.
- Monthly Newsletters, town hall meeting and Facebook used for announcements.
- Delinquencies collected except for condos in foreclosure or probate.
- All large jobs put out to bid.
- HOA PAYMENT REMAINS THE SAME FOR NEXT YEAR!

We look forward to working with you this coming year. Your input and suggestions are essential to determining the direction the Boards should go in. They represent you and your interests. Please continue to support your Boards and participate in the upcoming events. Also, please VOTE! The Annual Meeting is Tuesday, Sept 26 7pm at the Audubon Library. Hope to see you there!

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### **Community News:**

**Driveway Sealing** will be done in the spring. We need consistently warm nights for the seal to dry.

**Pool Closing** around Sept. 18th. Pool will be heated and open until then.

**Bonfire** moved to Friday, Sept. 28th at dusk.

**Facebook** temporarily paused until after the elections.

**Yard Sale:** Friday, Sept 8th and Saturday, Sept 9th, 8am-1pm. Set up on your patio or at the sidewalk.

**Snow Removal:** Bob Goody won the bid for snow removal. It's a 3-year contract.

**Annual Meeting:** Tuesday, Sept. 26th at 7pm at the Audubon Library. The meeting will start with Communities and voting followed by the Fox 1 & 2 meeting. We hope to see you there!