

**"THE SCOUT" - The Newsletter of the Fort West Owners' Association
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GREETINGS to all!

SPEED CONTROL/TRAFFIC BUMPS.

Three months or so ago, and again a week ago, there was an outcry about speed in the neighborhood and a question about what to do about it. We spoke with the Farragut Town engineer about the feasibility of speed bumps or humps and other calming devices. The Town has rules about where and when the bumps can be placed.

Here's how it would work for us: We would file an application; the town would then do a speed study at selected locations to find whether a speeding problem exists. The problem of speeding might not be as broad as we think; it might be mainly a small number of speeders. There's a formula for deciding whether there is enough speeding to warrant a solution.

The engineer says there are some other points: most drivers will slow down for a bump, then race again to the next one. He says the bumps make noise which is a negative for home owners nearby. He adds that some people are adamantly opposed to speed bumps, and so the town **REQUIRES 65% APPROVAL OF THE AFFECTED RESIDENTS.**

We saw recently that Village Green now has speed bumps on at least one street. The bumps are severe enough to bring a driver almost to a stop, which is a considerable nuisance.

For the Board of FWOA, the petition is the biggest hurdle. It would probably require door to door canvassing. Would a Fort West resident like to undertake it for the neighborhood? It would require the canvasser to convince people the problem is severe enough for them to suffer the inconvenience of the traffic impediments. What ideas do our residents have about speed control? Mail your thoughts to singleta@utk.edu.

DRIVE SLOWLY; SPEED LIMIT IS 25 mph.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SUCCESSFUL.

Our residents can be proud that about 175 homes are supporting the HOA again this year. About 49 home owners declined. In a voluntary HOA, 175 is a good number, but we do wish others would contribute; the work of the HOA is in EVERYONE's interest and everyone should participate. Thanks to all who make the system work.

FORT WEST continues to have turnover in homeowners. Our Debbie Pinchok tries to keep up with who comes and goes. Here is Debbie's report:

Howdy neighbors! That's a big old Tennessee greeting and a welcome to our beautiful Fort West Neighborhood from your HOA. Please say hello and welcome to some new residents: Anthony and Erica Pellegrino at 12622 Red Canyon, The Hoyts at 12417 Fort West Dr., and Elizabeth Hamblen at 12401 Fort West Dr. Make sure to make them feel welcome and wanted in our beautiful neighborhood.

Again, a safety reminder. Remember to stop your mail and newspapers for any extended absences from your home. It is an inviting sign for those who may be cruising our neighborhood searching for easy targets for robberies or vandalism. If you are unable to do that at least ask a neighbor to hold them for you. It would even be neighborly if you are out walking and see a paper lying in the curb or close to the street to place it in the paper box for that homeowner. I'm sure they would appreciate the kindness. Such a small gesture helps keep our neighborhood safer for all of us.

RESTRICTIONS

Home owners, please take note of some of our restrictions; it is imperative for the benefit of us all that the restrictions be observed. The following are restrictions copied verbatim from our by-laws:

a) Boats/water-craft, ATVs, go-carts, motorcycles/motorbikes, small trailers, etc. need to be parked/staged in the garage or a completely screened area, on a driveway, or on a driveway pad connected to the driveway.

b) Motor homes, campers, and RVs may be parked in the driveway on the property for a time not to exceed seven days. Any time longer than the seven days must be approved by the board in advance.

c) Buses, 5th wheel trailers, CONTAINERS, tractor-trailers, horse/livestock trailers, power trailer rigs, industrial/earth-moving equipment, aircraft, ABANDONED CARS, etc. are not permissible.

Fort West has a lot of restrictions, and you can read them in the by-laws at fortwest.net.

THE POOL is managed this year by volunteer Dee Litrakis and treasurer Mark Holder. Pool cleaning is being handled commercially. The pool officers are looking into whether a major repair (resurfacing) can be done this fall. The repair is very expensive and plans have been underway for several years.

LANDSCAPING this year is by a company called Natural Roots, with connections to Fort West. We think they are doing well at this time; if you have concerns or general observations please pass them to us at singleta@utk.edu

MEMBER OF THE BOARD NEEDED. Our George Nennstiel is selling his home in Fort West and moving to Nashville to be near his daughter and grandchildren. Best wishes to George, and we offer our sincere thanks for his years of service to Fort West and the FWOA. He will be missed.

In his absence it is imperative we gain the service of a replacement, someone who can monitor the sprinklers at the entrances, put out the seasonal flags and wreaths and bring customary good judgment to our Board meetings. Can you help? This position has to be filled.

TRUCK AND CAMPER FOR SALE: Home owner Jim Caldwell wants to sell his pickup truck and RV, and he asked that we put his ad in the newsletter.

FOR SALE:

2006 F-250 Super Duty Diesel
W/5th Wheel hitch
Excellent Condition
148500 miles

2012 Montana 5th wheel RV
4 slides - Fully loaded

If interested or know anyone who is: CALL Jim Caldwell, 865-675-2135 or
EMAIL - jim4cc5@tds.net

AND THANKS... to other members of our board: Melissa North, who has served as treasurer for 4 years or more; Debbie Sturm, who keeps up the entrance sign board; Debbie Pinchok, our Welcome Wagon leader, Michelle Leuciuc, Secretary; Teresa Ward Keenan, Neighborhood Directory, and Mark Holder, Pool Treasurer.