



# THE GOOD NEIGHBOR

October 2013



## Calendar of Events

- Oct 19th (Sat) - Bulk Trash
- Oct 26th (Sat) - Drug Take Back Day, Police Dept, 10-2pm
- Oct 26th (Sat) - Halloween Parade behind townhomes, 4pm
- Oct 31st (Thu) - Trick or Treating 6-8pm
- Nov 4th (Mon) - HOA Meeting - NC Senior Center 6:30pm
- Nov 25th (Mon) - Last day of yard waste pickup
- Dec 2nd (Mon) - HOA Meeting - NC Senior Center 6:30pm  
Voting on 2014 Budget
- Jan 6th (Mon) - HOA Meeting - NC Senior Center 6:30pm
- Feb 3rd (Mon) - HOA Meeting - NC Senior Center 6:30pm

*Help us keep you up to date on community news and events by sending us your updated email address!*



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## Please join us for the North Carroll Farms Halloween Parade

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm

**Starting at the south end of Upper Forde Lane, parading behind the townhomes ending at the pavilion. Treats and drinks provided.**

**Neighborhood Trick or Treating on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 – 8pm.**

**Volunteers needed. Please email [northcarrollfarmshoa@gmail.com](mailto:northcarrollfarmshoa@gmail.com).**

## Hampstead Drug Take Back Day

On Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 The Hampstead Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration will collaborate to help remove potentially dangerous controlled substances and other medications from our community. This is a great opportunity for those who missed the previous events, or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted, unused and expired prescription drugs, to safely dispose of those medications.

You may bring prescriptions and over-the-counter medications to the Hampstead Police Department on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Drop-offs may be made anonymously. Removal of all labeling is encouraged. Please take advantage of this opportunity to remove these substances from your drawers and medicine cabinets. Intravenous solutions, injectables and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.

Visit [www.northcarrollfarmshoa.org](http://www.northcarrollfarmshoa.org) or email [Northcarrollfarmshoa@gmail.com](mailto:Northcarrollfarmshoa@gmail.com) with questions !

## A Message from the HOA President

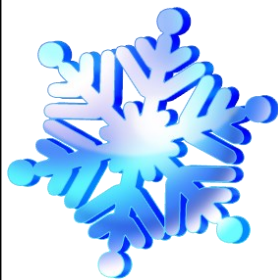
Greeting Neighbors,

Every fall the HOA begins planning for the upcoming year. I'd like to bring to your attention to two very important meetings. On Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> we will begin discussions on our budget as well as HOA sponsored events for 2014. At our December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting we will finalize and vote on our 2014 budget. As always we welcome your input and hope to see you in attendance at these meetings.

Our contracts for grass cutting and snow removal are up for bid. These new contracts will begin on April 2014 and run for two years. The HOA is currently seeking bids. If you know anyone who would be interested in bidding on these contracts please have them email our Land Use Committee Chair Ron Williams at [northcarrollfarmshoa@gmail.com](mailto:northcarrollfarmshoa@gmail.com). The final vote on these contracts will take place at our December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

I'd like to thank Ed Prince for his service on the HOA board. Ed resigned his position as Treasurer on the board to pursue other interest. I wish Ed well as he was a great asset to our community and he will be missed. With Ed's departure we now have a new board member. Kathy Hlubb was elected by the HOA board to fill the vacancy until our elections in May 2014. Kathy has assumed the position of Treasurer and I look forward to working with her.

Ray Baker  
HOA president



### SNOW REMINDER



- ◆ Any time the Emergency Snow Plan is in effect, cars may not be parked on the side of the street on which blue snowflake signs are placed.
- ◆ Shovel your driveway snow into your yard, not into the roadway.
- ◆ Clear sidewalks as soon as possible.
- ◆ Private drives are the responsibility of the homeowners who live there. Our snow removal contractor will plow your driveway for a small fee. Contact our Land Use Chair for additional information.

For more information email [northcarrollfarmshoa@gmail.com](mailto:northcarrollfarmshoa@gmail.com)

## Parking Bay Line Re-Striping Pro-

## Social Committee Report

*Dear Townhouse Residents,*

*On behalf of the Homeowner's Association, I thank all of you for your cooperation during the recent parking bay line re-striping project. All vehicles were removed from the area prior to the start, and the contractor's completed all of the work by noon that same day. In fact, the foreman on the job commented to me "how great it was that the entire area was vacant!" No doubt that makes their job that much easier.*

*Because of the ease of completing the line re-striping project, we are able to hold to the previously quoted and published dollar figure of less than \$11.00 per townhouse homeowner. In fact, the exact amount calculates to \$10.10. This amount will be included with the 2014 dues statement for the 68 townhouse owners affected.*

*I had the opportunity to walk the entire length of townhouses with all of your vehicles absent. As I reported at the most recent HOA meeting, our entire townhouse community looks great. You all should be commended for the work you do in keeping your homes looking super!*

*If you are a non-townhouse resident and haven't been to the tot lot or pavilion lately, take a walk or a bike ride over and check it all out!*

*We hope that you are happy with the results.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ron Williams  
NCFHOA Land Use Committee*



National Night Out was once again a successful event despite the rainy weather. Over 75

adults and children enjoyed hot dogs, subs and cake, an inflatable obstacle course and a visit from McGruff the Crime Dog and the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Department. Thank you's go out to the Hampstead Police Department, Carroll County Sheriff's Department and many others that volunteered their time.



Our last event for 2013 will be the Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm behind the townhomes.

Bring your ghosts and goblins and enjoy juice and snacks at the Pavilion after the parade.

Unfortunately due to lack of participation over the past few years the HOA has had to cancel several events. We are looking for ideas, volunteers and participation from the community to plan a fun-filled 2014. Please email us at [north-carrollfarmshoa@gmail.com](mailto:north-carrollfarmshoa@gmail.com) with your ideas!!!!!!

Thank you,  
Lisa Baker  
Social Committee



Ah, fall—there's nothing like crisp, cool air, the first months of school and luscious foliage to get you excited for the changing seasons. Your pet, too, is probably welcoming the break from hot, sticky weather. But pet parents, beware—fall is also a time of lurking dangers for our furry friends. From household poisons to cold weather hazards, the season is a minefield! Here are some tips to keep your pet snug and healthy during the autumn months.



- The use of rodenticides increases in the fall as rodents seek shelter from the cooler temperatures by attempting to move indoors. Rodenticides are highly toxic to pets—if ingested, the results could be fatal. If you must use these products, do so with extreme caution and put them in places inaccessible to your pets.
- It's back-to-school time, and those of you with young children know that means stocking up on fun items like glue sticks, pencils and magic markers. These items are considered “low toxicity” to pets, which means they're unlikely to cause serious problems unless large amounts are ingested. However, since gastrointestinal upset and blockages certainly are possible, be sure your children keep their school supplies out of paw's reach.
- Training tip: If you and your pooch haven't been active outdoors in a while because of the summer heat, do some remedial recall training. Dogs, like people, get rusty on their skills if they aren't using them.
- Halloween Safety: That bowl of candy is for trick-or-treaters, not for Scruffy and Fluffy. Chocolate—especially dark or baking chocolate—can be very dangerous for dogs and cats. Candies containing the artificial sweetener xylitol can also cause problems. If you do suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, please call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.
- Fall and spring are mushroom seasons. While 99% of mushrooms have little or no toxicity, [the 1% that are highly toxic](#) (PDF) can cause life-threatening problems in pets. Unfortunately, most of the highly toxic mushrooms are difficult to distinguish from the nontoxic ones, so the best way to keep pets from ingesting poisonous mushrooms is to keep them away from areas where any mushrooms are growing. Contact your veterinarian or the [ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center](#) immediately if you witness your pet eating a wild mushroom.
- In order to generate body heat, pets who exercise heavily outdoors, or who live outdoors, should be given more food during colder seasons. Make sure horses and other outdoor animals have access to clean, fresh water that is not frozen.
- As the sun sets earlier, you may find yourself walking your dog(s) after dark. For those of you who don't have robot dogs with glowing eyes, LED collars or tags are available online and in pet stores & will increase visibility for both you and your pooch.
- Autumn is the season when snakes who are preparing for hibernation may be particularly “grumpy,” increasing the possibility of severe bites to those unlucky pups who find themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time. Pet owners should know what kinds of venomous snakes may be in their environment—and where these snakes are most likely to be found—so they can keep pets out of those areas.

## Friendly Reminder:

**Please be courteous and clean up after your dogs both in the common areas and while walking.**