

The Good Neighbor

Seasonal community news and announcements

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Springtime Home Checklist

After cold temps, shorter days, and less sunshine, the increased sunshine and milder temps offer homeowners an opportunity to provide some seasonal TLC to homes. Courtesy of the **Family Handyman**, we're sharing a seasonal checklist of maintenance for your home as well as tips to prep it for warmer weather.

- **Clean Gutters and Downspouts** - Having your gutters and downspouts cleaned can protect the eaves of your home and help prevent damage from spring rains.
- **Reseal Exterior Woodwork** - Whether a wood deck, fence, pergola or trellis, these will stay in better condition and last longer when sealed or re-stained every one to two years.
- **Check for Termites** - Termites swarm in the spring. So be on alert from March to June for these winged insects. A licensed professional pest control company is recommended for remediation.

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Springtime Home Checklist Cont'd.

- **Inspect the Roof** - Winter and early spring storms can take a toll on the roof. Start with a visual inspection whether with binoculars, a camera or smartphone and telescopic features. Look for missing shingles, damaged or exposed metal pipes, or anything looks awry. If something needs attention, call a professional roofer.
- **Paint the Exterior** - Spring offers a great time to refresh exterior paints to avoid a faded appearance.
- **Check Driveways and Paths** - Freezing and thawing is harsh on concrete, asphalt and hardscaping materials. Asphalt can be sealed or patched, but concrete may need to be replaced.
- **Check Screens and Doors** - Screens are designed to let the breeze flow in and keep bugs out — but they can only do their job if they're free from holes and tears. Carefully check each one and repair any holes or tears.
- **Schedule Air Conditioning Service** - To get the longest life out of your cooling system and keep it running as efficiently as possible, change the filters at least once each season, and hire a licensed professional to service the equipment before the start of summer.

2023 Annual Meeting

Save the date! On May 16, 2023 from 7 - 8 p.m. at the North Carroll Senior Center, reconnect with friends, meet new members of our community, learn what is happening in the neighborhood, and cast your vote for the new election cycle.

Interested in serving on the Board or volunteering in the neighborhood? This is a great opportunity to learn more!



Calling All Volunteers

Many hands make light work. With several vacant positions on the Board and a number of members from the Board rotating off, our neighborhood needs your help.

Whether you're interested in a formal role on the Board, chairing a committee, or simply want to volunteer as needs arise throughout the year, there is a role awaiting you. To learn more, please email the Board at NorthCarrollFarmsHOA@gmail.com



Neighborhood News

Pawsitively Clean: Please Dispose of Dog Waste Properly

As we enjoy the beautiful spring weather and take our furry friends for walks, please remember to be responsible pet owners by picking up after Fido and disposing of waste properly.

Not only is it unpleasant to step in, but it also poses health risks to both people and other pets. Let's keep our neighborhood clean and safe for everyone by using a dog waste bag or scoop, and disposing of it in personal trash receptacles. Thank you for doing your part to make our community a better place.

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Spring Inspections Ahead - Get Ready Now

Spring has sprung! It's time to roll up your sleeves and tackle those home and lawn projects to give your abode the refresh it deserves. And as you work towards creating a consistent, clean and neighborly vibe in our community, don't forget to plan ahead!

The North Carroll Farms Management Company will be conducting spring inspections between April and May, so make sure your property is in tip-top shape. For your convenience, included below is a reference of lawn, garden and home exterior checklist.

Let's show off our pride in our community by making it look its best this season!

Home Exterior

- **Inspect Home Exteriors for Algae Growth and Dirt** - Hose down or power wash exterior siding, doors and shutters. Check exterior light fixtures and conduct any necessary repairs.
- **Touch-Up Paint** - As needed, give a fresh coat of paint to faded shutters, exterior trim, doors and windows.
- **Necessary Repairs** - Conduct a visual inspection and begin any exterior repairs.
- **Children's Toys & Miscellaneous Items** - Gardening tools, kiddie toys, and other items should be organized, cleaned and stored on a routine basis. These should not be stored in front of homes or on porches.
- **Remove Newspapers** - Recycle old newspapers left on the curb or road.
- **Properly Store Trash Receptacles** - Trash should not be stored in exterior visible areas, and should remain curbside only within 24 hours of trash service.
- **Front, Side and Rear Yards** - Yards should be clean and maintained.

Lawn and Garden

- **Weeds, Debris and Leaves** - Clear away from gardens, driveways, parking areas and walkways.
- **Trim and Prune Trees and Shrubs** - Not only does this avoid an unkept appearance, it encourages healthy growth, which benefits our local ecosystem. Please also ensure all shrubs, trees and grass are trimmed away from sidewalks.
- **Refresh Mulch** - Refresh mulch to landscaping areas, as needed.
- **Routine Mowing** - Maintain a freshly cut lawn, edge and trim regularly, paying specific attention to gardens, fences, trees, signs, sidewalks and any additional areas in which a lawnmower may not reach.



Calendar of Events

- March 18 Bulk Trash Pickup
- May 20 Hampstead Day
- April 6-11 CCPS Spring Break
- May 16 HOA Annual Meeting
- May 29 Memorial Day
- June 14 CCPS Last Day of School for Half-Day Pre-K
- June 15 CCPS Last Day of School