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Annual Fun & Fireworks

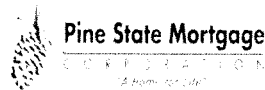
The Social Committee will be hosting the annual Fourth of July Celebration "FUN & FIREWORKS" on Saturday July 2nd (rain date July 3rd).

First at 10:00am we have the CURTIS POND PARADE...yes, the one you've heard about, you just can't miss it! The Mooresville Fire and Police Departments will be here to lead the way. Everyone is welcome to decorate bikes, strollers, wagons, pets, tractors, trailers, or even create your own float. So put your patriotic thinking caps on and join us. There will be a prize for the most patriotic participant. Meet at the pool by 9:30, parade begins at 10:00. The route is from the pool, right on Elrosa, right on Scanlon, right on Madelia, right on Bluffton, right on Elrosa and back to the pool. Make sure Grandma and Aunt Sue are on the parade route with cameras at the ready, this will be one for the scrapbooks. Following the parade will be CAR SEAT SAFETY checks in the pool parking lot.

In the afternoon, beginning at 4:00pm we will have GAMES and ACTIVITIES for all ages: Ducks on the Pond, Bean Bag Toss and Ring Toss for the little ones; Sack Race, Three-Legged Race and Water Balloon Toss, for the young and young at heart. For the teens and adults we will have activities such as a Free Throw Contest and Horseshoes. And don't worry pet lovers; we have even included a PET PAGEANT for you to show off your pet at his most patriotic. Anyone for the Limbo or Electric Slide? We will have a DJ to keep the party going. Don't forget to purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win prizes.

At 7:00pm we will slow it down a bit for DINNER ON THE GREEN. You may decide to pack a picnic, or maybe you would like to skip the kitchen and purchase a hot dog, hamburger, or Bloomin' Onion from one of the vendors we will have on hand. And for dessert... how about some home-made ice cream! That's right. What is more "Fourth of July" than an old fashioned ice cream vendor? Enjoy the pre-dusk hour with your family and your Curtis Pond friends and neighbors, while we wait for the fireworks to begin. The Social Committee will be selling red, white and blue glow necklaces so you can show your spirit.

Of course what would a Fourth of July celebration be without FIREWORKS!!! The grand finale of our day is a Fireworks display, sponsored by Pine State Mortgage. You can watch the display from the greenway, common area, or even your own front porch. And the best part is not having to fight traffic after the show is over!



We look forward to seeing you and your family at our community celebration that is not to be missed. If you have any questions please contact: Holly Ryan- hcr129@yahoo.com, 517-749-1196 or Lisa Newell- lisa.newell@adelphia.net, 704-578-6130



Distribution of Newsletter

We would like to thank Absolute Clean Carpet Cleaning for sponsoring our monthly newsletter. Mr. Jim Clark and his family reside in Curtis Pond, and would appreciate your business of cleaning your carpets. Please give them a call at 1-800-331-9516 or visit their website at www.absoluteclean.net.



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Now that school is out, it is more important than EVER to go the speed limit. If you see someone exceeding a safe speed, please report them to the local police.

Thanks for your cooperation!

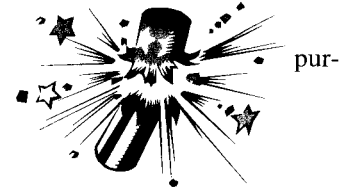
Keep Kids
Alive
Go 25!

There is a concern regarding motorized scooters and road safety. Please discuss this with your children.

-The Safety
Committee

From the Safety Committee

We all enjoy a good fireworks show, but we need to be reminded of some things to keep in mind. Please check with your local law enforcement before chasing or using and fireworks, especially since we live inside city limits.



- * Don't ever let your children play with fireworks of any kind.
- * Fireworks were responsible for 19 deaths in the first 10 months of 1999.
- * Fireworks sent 6,300 people to the emergency room during the 1999 Fourth July holiday period (June 23 to July 23).
- * All fireworks are dangerous. Firecrackers, bottle rockets, sparklers and Roman candles account for most firework injuries.
- * Protect children. Don't entertain the family with fireworks. Forty percent of those injured last year were under the age of 14, and many of them were bystanders.
- * 30% of the injuries that occurred last year involved burns to hands, wrists and arms, and 20% of injuries were to the eyes.
- * 10% of children injured by fireworks suffer permanent damage, such as the loss of an eye, a finger or a hand.
- * Sparklers burn as hot as 2,000 degrees, hot enough to melt gold. For children under the age of five, sparklers account for three-quarters of all fireworks injuries.
- * Legal fireworks carry the name of the manufacturer, the words "Class C Common Fireworks," and a warning label. If these are missing, you should consider them illegal and extremely unsafe.
- * If you find unexploded fireworks, don't touch them. Contact your local fire or police department immediately.
- * Have a safe and responsible Fourth of July!

*Growth in wisdom may be exactly measured by
decrease in bitterness.*

Friedrich Nietzsche

From the Landscape Committee

- * To keep container plants healthy while you're away on vacation, try this trick. Pull back the mulch in a shady garden spot. Then place the potted plants on bare ground in a tight grouping, and tuck the mulch around the base of each pot. Water the plants and the surrounding soil thoroughly, and your prized potted plants should be fine for up to a week.
- * Don't fertilize landscape plants during the summer months. During excessive heat, plants would just as soon slow their growth rates, and fertilizer does just the opposite, which also means you'd have to water even more.
- * Raise the cutting height on your lawn mower. Doing so will result in a much healthier turf, and chances are you won't have to water it as often because the taller blades of grass will shade the soil and prevent it from drying out as fast.
- * Established landscape trees probably don't need to be watered during the summer, assuming you water the lawn on a regular basis. Moisture-loving trees such as the river birch, however, may need a dousing if drought continues.
- * Young trees, as well as shrubs and perennials, especially those planted during the preceding spring, will likely need water as often as every three days. Make sure you soak them well and often.
- * Mulch your landscape plants heavily. Mulch is probably the surest way to ensure the health of all your plants during the heat of summer. If you applied mulch a few months ago, fluff it. Mulch tends to compact over time; water tends to run off rather than soak in. So use a rake to gently ruffle the surface.

What's Going on Around The Pool

Please remember that ONLY residents of Curtis Pond are allowed in the pool unless they are a guest of a resident who is with them at the pool. Do not for any reason open the gate for anyone simply because they are at the gate...they will need to use their keys and if their key doesn't work they need to speak to Faith Mgmt about the problem. We need everyone to use their key to get an accurate accounting of the individuals using the pool throughout the day. Under no circumstances is anyone to allow individuals into the pool. Again, they need to use their own key.

Also please remember to sign in when you arrive this is the only way we are able to accommodate the busiest times of the pool with guards and keep track of residents hourly.

The teens will be selling snacks on the weekends so keep your change handy. Any profits made will go back into the pool and the teen committees.

Interested in the Swim Team?

Plans are being made for the Curtis Pond swim team, for children ages 6 to 17. The following is tentative, more information will be posted at the pool. Sign-ups begin June 7th.

Sr. Swim Team

Hours 8-9 PM Monday - Thurs (Work outs Mon, Tues, Wed.- Thursday is the intersquad meet)

Cost: Donations are gratefully accepted to cover costs.

All strokes will be coached.

Advanced swimmers- ages 11 up



Jr. Swim Team

Hours 10-11 am Monday - Thursday (Work outs Mon, Tues, Wed.- Thursday is the intersquad meet)

Cost: Donations are gratefully accepted to cover costs.

All strokes will be coached.

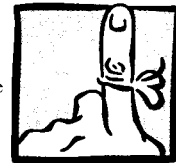
Intermediate swimmers- ages 6 up (must be able to swim the width of the pool)

Additional coaches welcome.

If you need additional information, please email Denise Clark at memberatlarge@adelphia.net.

Friendly Reminders

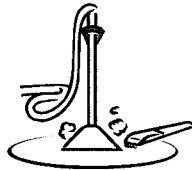
- Due to numerous vehicle break-ins and vandalisms, please remember to LOCK YOUR DOORS on your vehicles at night. If you were a victim of the recent break-ins and had property stolen from your vehicle (money, keys, personal items, electronics), please call Detective Gerald Childress with the Mooresville Police Department. He has some items that were believed to have come from this neighborhood, and will need identifying.
- Please be considerate of your neighbors... the appearance of your home and lawn REALLY makes a difference to the neighborhood. Keep your lawn mowed and weeds trimmed weekly. Don't keep vehicles that don't run in sight. Don't park on the street in front of another's house or mailbox.
- 1.3 Use for Mail Except under 2.11, the receptacles described in 1.1 may be used only for matter bearing postage. Other than as permitted by 2.10 or 2.11, no part of a mail receptacle may be used to deliver any matter not bearing postage, including items or matter placed upon, supported by, attached to, hung from, or inserted into a mail receptacle. Any mailable matter not bearing postage and found as described above is subject to the same postage as would be paid if it were carried by mail.





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