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**Mark your calendar:**

- **October 4** ~ Four Seasons Park, Octoberfest, 4-7:30PM
- **October 16** ~ Board Meeting, 7PM
- **October 25** ~ Four Seasons Park, Trunk or Treat, 6PM
- **October 31** ~ Halloween
- **December 13** ~ Horsemen's Run Christmas Party



## A Word From the Board: Our Lawns



Fall is on the way and it is important that you use this time to prepare your lawn for the winter months as well as next Spring.

In addition, the Board has recently received some

complaints from your fellow homeowners regarding unsightly lawns. Perhaps now would be a good time to refresh pine straw, remove weeds, and trim overgrown foliage.

Please remember to keep your lawn mowed periodically and to remove all waste clippings. Remember, clippings should not be blown into the gutters and sewers. Grass clippings and

debris will clog our drainage system and pollute our streams.

According to our covenants, it is the homeowner's responsibility to "maintain such Lot in a manner consistent with the Community-wide standard" and the covenants call for the "prompt removal of all litter, trash, refuse and waste; lawn mowing on a regular basis; tree and shrub pruning; watering landscaped areas; keeping improvements and exterior lighting in good repair and working order; keeping lawn and garden areas alive, free of weeds, and attractive" (Article 5.2).

Please help insure the quality of our community by keeping your yard looking neat and clean. Thank you for your cooperation and for keeping Horsemen's Run a great place to live.

### Parks Update

Keep your eyes open for drastic changes to Fitzgerald Park and Denton Circle. The Board is pleased to announce that sod will be installed at both of these parks in the near future. Our Board has worked very hard to keep our parks from becoming an eye soar and the sod will be a much needed improvement to our community.

Also, please help us protect our investment by staying off of the sodded areas until the grass becomes established. Our community will have a beautiful new look next Spring that we can all enjoy.

### News Splash!



Bill Fountain and the Pool Committee have worked very hard this summer keeping the pool clean and inviting for the community to enjoy.

The pool closed on September 21st and Bill will be overseeing repairs to the pool house during the off season. We cannot thank Bill enough for his efforts and dedication. We are lucky to have him.

### LAWN TIPS FOR FALL

The worst of the summer heat will have subsided soon. Refreshed by the thought of breathing cooler air, you're poised to roll up your sleeves and do some fall lawn maintenance -- in between carving pumpkins, of course! Here are some things to keep in mind when doing Fall lawn maintenance.

- Apply herbicides to broadleaf weeds
- Correct soil PH: if your lawn is not performing well, have your soil tested. If the soil test should show a need to reduce acidity, apply lime now. If alkalinity needs to be reduced, apply sulphur.
- Thatch removal: dethatch your lawn, by raking; for bad cases of soil compaction, you may have to employ the technique known as core aeration, for which lawn equipment known as "aerators" can be bought or rented
- Rake leaves, or use a leaf vacuum, lest the leaves smother your grass over the winter
- Lawn equipment care: make sure to drain old gas out of lawn mowers after the last mowing

## The Social Scene: Come out and Celebrate Fall

On **October 4th** we will be celebrating Fall with Octoberfest at the Four Seasons Park from 4-7:30 PM. Bring a picnic, chairs, drinks, and games to the park for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Bring frisbees, crouquet, Corn Hole etc. Meet your neighbors and enjoy the Fall weather while listening to live music at the Gazebo. This is a great event for the entire family!



On **October 25th** Horsemen's Run will be celebrating Halloween with our annual Trunk-Or-Treat event at Four Seasons Park. The festivities will

begin at 6PM and will be followed by a spooky Screen on the Green. For those who are new to the neighborhood or who have not been able to attend Trunk-Or-Treat in the past,

Bring goodies to the park to give to the kids as they show off their Halloween costumes.

Please do not park on the grass. Simply park your car or cart around the park and set up a table or some lawn chairs with your treats for the kids inside the walking trail. After the kids finish trunk-or-treating we will have a movie showing at the Gazebo. You may need to bring blankets because it gets quite chilly.

**October 31st** is Halloween! If you would like to receive guests please leave your porch light on. We hope you have a spooktacular evening of treats!

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming Horsemen's Run Christmas Party, **December 13**. We have already gotten volunteers to host the event, but we will need everyone to help with food and drinks. You will be receiving more information from Elizabeth as the date approaches, so keep your eyes open.

Please check the Horsemen's Run website for more information on upcoming events and to stay up-to-date on neighborhood happenings. Make sure you register on the site so that you have access to all of the community information listed there.

Your Social Chairman is Elizabeth McCullough and she is always looking for a few good ideas and lots of volunteers. Keep in mind that she will be needing lots of volunteers for our Christmas celebration.

### Garage Sale Success

We had lots of traffic for the Community Garage Sale this year. Our organizers did a great job keeping everyone informed. Thank you Karen and Maggie for all of your hard work. And a big thanks to the community for making it such a success!

## Keeping our community connected ~ Horsemen's Run Home Owner's Association

### Meet Your Neighbor: Candidate for Magistrate Judge



Jason and his wife Alisha live on Compton Drive with their son Baine.

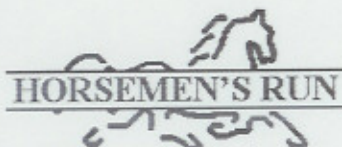
Your neighbor Jason Thompson will be running for the office of Magistrate Judge, Post 4, this November 4th. He is a fifth generation native of Fayette County and has served the community in various capacities.

Magistrate Judge is a non-partisan position. A Magistrate Judge presides over small-claims and the issuing of police warrants. Jason would like to "update and improve the Magistrate Court system" and would like to use his skills as an attorney, a prosecutor and a judge to revitalize the current system.

You can find out more about Jason, his ideas and his campaign by going to [www.ElectThompson.com](http://www.ElectThompson.com).

### LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

Please do not forget to turn in your ballot to your Block Captain or mail it directly to the Board. This is an important vote, so read your ballot carefully and turn it in before the September 30 deadline.



Check us out on the web!  
[www.horsemensrun.org](http://www.horsemensrun.org)

### The Neighborhood Watch and Our Community

Nancy Holland, the chair of the Neighborhood Watch committee, is planning a meeting in October. She will notify residents of the date and time as soon as possible.

Neighborhood Watch meetings are taking place on a monthly to bi-monthly basis. Topics include: Internet Safety, Dating, Being Home Alone, Drugs,

Stranger Safety, Domestic Violence, Alcohol, Peer Pressure, Gun Safety, Bicycle Safety and many more. Meetings usually run 1 hour. We had 27 residents attend the last meeting. The Neighborhood Watch is a great tool for all of us to use in order to keep our community safe.

Nancy would also like to let

you know about a wonderful video produced by John Walsh of *American's Most Wanted* and Julie Clark of the *Baby Einstein* series. It teaches stranger safety without making children paranoid. The title of the video is *The Safe Side: Stranger Safety*. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Nancy for more information.



If you would like to make contributions to the newsletter, please e-mail them to Maggie Walls at [wallsjm@bellsouth.net](mailto:wallsjm@bellsouth.net). We are always looking for fresh ideas, articles and volunteers to help keep us all connected and informed. Thank you.

