



*northfortcommunity.com*

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## **New website**

With any luck, shortly after this hits your mailbox, our completely revamped website will



be up and running, with correct information and links that function correctly. The address (on the last page) will be the same when it's ready to go. Give it a try in a few weeks and let us know what you think. Some shakedown issues are likely, of course. Just send us an email (again, on the last

page) if you spot something that doesn't work or doesn't seem quite right.

## **Other cyber stuff**

A couple of items that might be of interest involve two social media platforms. First off, a resident has taken the initiative to start a private group for North Fort on Facebook. If you're interested, search for "North Fort Neighbors" and submit a request to join. The HOA has absolutely nothing to do with this site and can't respond officially to comments or questions posted there but it could be a nice resource for sharing information and coordinating social activities among neighbors.



Another possibility might be using it to establish a “Neighborhood Exchange.” What can you do that you’d be willing to share with neighbors? Small jobs or assistance for a senior or other neighbor needing a little help with the ceiling lightbulb and the like? Do you have a craft you’d like to share or trade? Dog or house sitting for a few days? Tutoring? Who knows, you might make a new friend in addition to the warm fuzzy of helping a neighbor.

Second item: A significant number of North Fort residents are already on NextDoor and the folks active there have undoubtedly already noticed this, but new users need to be alert to the fact that the “North Fort” section...well, just isn’t. North Fort, that is. Originally it was just the streets in this community but several months back that really started to change and folks signing on from many miles away are being assigned to and posting in the North Fort subgroup. All posts to “North Fort” wind up in the general section anyway. As a result, users need to be aware that inquiries posted in the North Fort section about needing a pet sitter for a specific week in October or “Hey, wanna get together?” aren’t showing up just to actual neighbors. A resident is working on getting the geographic boundaries of the North Fort subgroup where they belong but for the time being, just be aware of this glitch.

### **Construction runoff**

Please keep an eye out for problems with surface runoff, particularly coming our direction from the extensive construction north of us. Our area is under the direct jurisdiction of the Johnston County erosion control program but NC DENHR Environmental Specialist Lauren Garcia (Lauren.Garcia@ncdenr.gov, 919-791-4213) has already dealt with one early complaint concerning inadequate management of runoff by scheduling a joint inspection with the local group, which produced results. Just please be aware that, as she stated, “Unfortunately, due to the soil types in our area, seeing suspended clay fines [very small soil particles] in skimmer and stormwater is inevitable. Turbid water leaving the site is expected.” It’s a question of degree.



## Fire Fact

The Thanksgiving Fire and Archer Lodge Fire Service Districts are in the process of consolidating. The new entity will show up on your 2021 property tax bill under “North Side Fire Tax.” Details are still being hammered out but should be finished by the end of the year. Local area names will remain the same and, more importantly, response time “out-the-door” will be 90 seconds or less with a ready, 4-person crew. Better service for the same cost to the taxpayer!



## Johnston County Heritage Center...

...is looking for contributions to its first ever “Literary and Historical Journal,” scheduled for publication later this year. If you have tales, short stories, essays or poems about JoCo history or people, they want to hear from you. But also, in their words, “We would especially encourage recent immigrants and other newcomers to submit entries that reflect impressions of their life before and after coming to Johnston County,” says Executive Director Todd Johnson.

There are adult and high school divisions. Submissions will be accepted electronically until **October 10**. For more information or to receive submission guidelines, prospective writers should contact Johnson at 919-934-2836 or at [todd.johnson@johnstonnc.com](mailto:todd.johnson@johnstonnc.com).

## Gentle reminder

Multiple residents have asked the Association to remind folks to slow down, particularly approaching the dip on North Fort near the creek. Line of sight is all but non-existent when the leaves are out, making that a blind curve that too many vehicles – resident or otherwise – take too fast and too near - or even over - the center line.



Please send any suggestions for future issues of the newsletter to the HOA Gmail account below. This is a community newsletter, not just for HOA members, so let us help you pass the word on things of general interest or perhaps even 2022 spring or summer events you know about.



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**Other useful contact info:**

Johnston County **Animal Services:** 919-934-8474

**Sheriff's Office non-emergency** number and general information: (919) 989-5010

An interactive map to report malfunctioning **streetlights:** a Bing or Google search on "duke energy streetlight repair" should get you to the main page for this service.

**Pothole** or crumbling pavement (for the main state-maintained roads) at 1-877-368-4968, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A search engine query on "potholes NCDOT" will get you to the online reporting site.

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