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*Fall 2022*

**Come celebrate the Fall with your neighbors. See you at the pond, October 8**

A flyer with all particulars is already in hand or should be arriving shortly. Saturday afternoon, October 8, come join your neighbors at the pond dam, starting around 3:30 for food, fun and community spirit. There will be music, activities for the kids. Even a raffle. Please RSVP (for planning purposes) not later than October 1 to [dmtolentino64@gmail.com](mailto:dmtolentino64@gmail.com).



**ATVs being operated illegally**



The management at Whitley Corners believes that the temporary measures for closing the gate at the end of North Fort Drive are being defeated after the construction workers have left. They also advise that residents of North Fort have been observed making a path around the gate as well as riding ATVs in the construction zone. Whitley Corners' management has formally notified our management that this is private property, that their managers and contractors have been instructed to be on the alert and that they will call the authorities and prosecute for trespass. They are also concerned about hazards to safety due to ongoing construction. Obviously, unlicensed and unregistered ATVs are also violating state motor vehicle law and our own covenants to get there in the first place.

## **AT&T fiber coming**

You may already have seen the “Coming” signs scattered around. As this newsletter was being written we asked our contact person when they would begin installing in North Fort and anticipated being operational. We got back a nebulous (and sadly common these days), “We are experiencing some material delays....” But they are expecting to be up and running by the “end of the year,” with a final disclaimer that basically meant “then again, stuff happens” tacked on at the end. Short answer, it’ll be here when it’s here.

## **The next annual membership meeting will take place January 14, 2023**



Wait a minute, you say... didn't we just have one of those? Well, yes, we did. Unfortunately, the ad hoc dates have drifted over the years. It was always the original plan to send out annual meeting notices in December, for the general meeting in January, which

establishes the dues (and policies) for that year with the billing to issue shortly thereafter. Billing early in the year the dues cover is simpler for accounting and planning purposes, including any subsequent change in ownership.

With all the turnover in ownership, we're renewing the plea for all HOA members in good standing to consider joining us in making things work better for everyone. And this includes “new” residents who don't think they know enough yet to be helpful. Not so.

The five board members decide policy and make operational decisions. Officers (president, VP, secretary, treasurer) do most of the day-to-day greasing of the wheels. Maybe you'd like to serve on the Architectural Committee? How about web master?

Please think about helping out. However invisible it seems sometimes, the Association doesn't run itself. It takes the talent and participation of neighbors helping neighbors to make it work.

## Did you know that....?

There's an online local news product called the "The Johnston County Report," accessible at [jocoreport.com](http://jocoreport.com). It reports local politics, awards, crime and the like. Not to mention the occasional juicy scandal. These are often items not "big" enough to make the major local outlets but are nonetheless things of potential interest to the people who live or work here.



## Neighbor request corner

This section will be reserved for things one or more residents have asked to be included for everyone to see. These will generally be requests for attention to something that could improve neighborhood safety, appearance or quality of life.

The most frequent request of this type recently has involved reminding the folks who aren't quite as diligent about picking up after Fido that this omission is both unneighborly and unsanitary. Particularly when it is your foot at the mailbox or the lawnmower that encounters the "deposit" first!

Also, *please* be careful about staying to the right in the curve at the bottom of the hill on North Fort. It's a narrow road. When the leaves are out, it's impossible to see any oncoming driver cutting off the curve by driving in the middle. Even when the leaves are down, look ahead. Yeah, we know that it's work trucks a lot of time. But a lot of the time it isn't, so heads up, please.



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 concern or interest and perhaps even upcoming events you know about.



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Current Board: Beth Smith, John Kronz, Ken Jones, Tracy Williams-Pender, Jane Garvey. President: John Sickler, VP: Daria Tolentino, Sec: Trish Perna

**Signature Management:** Bruce Allen, 919-333-3567  
BruceAllen@Signaturemgt.com, <http://signaturemgt.com/>

**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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