

Dear Neighbor:

We were pleased to see so many of you at our first FAIRFIELD FARMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION meeting. If you were unable to attend attached is a copy of the minutes.

We are compiling an Association Booklet. Two items which will be included are a street directory and a list of those who have paid their dues and are active members in good standing. Street captains have been soliciting your membership. If we have been unable to contact you please remit your check for \$20 (payable to FAIRFIELD FARMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION) to your street captain or direct to Jim Canalicchio, our treasurer.

A preliminary street directory is attached. If your information is incorrect, if your name has been misspelled or omitted, please correct in the space provided on the attached questionnaire.

CONGRATULATIONS! to Beloit Ave. for being the first street to return their listing with all property owners active members!! Captains have also volunteered to distribute our newsletters.

<u>STREET</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>
BELOIT AVENUE	45 Priestley
DALWIN DRIVE	111 Denny
NORTH FAIRFIELD DRIVE & OLD MILL ROAD	110 MacNeill (temporary)
OAKCREST DRIVE	29 Kinnamon
SOUTH FAIRFIELD DRIVE (20-94) & BEAUMONT DRIVE	44 Cusick
SOUTH FAIRFIELD DRIVE (103-204)	103 Christensen
WEST FAIRFIELD DRIVE	36 Evans
WOODSDALE AVENUE	177 Stone

We are trying to form committees so our Association can operate smoothly and efficiently with as many of you as possible contributing your ideas. The following are a few committees that have been suggested.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE - Review the Association's by-laws for amendment of articles.
LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE - "Watch Dog" for legislation that may concern our neighborhood. Responsible for drafting our concerns to our legislators and Levy Court.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/SAFETY COMMITTEE - CHAIRPERSON - Roger Hollopeter
Formation of crime watch program.

SPECIAL EVENTS/INTERESTS COMMITTEE - Arrange neighborhood events, guest speakers for membership meetings etc.

WELCOME/HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE - Approach new neighbors, notify membership of deaths, births and marriages in the neighborhood.

UTILITIES/SERVICES COMMITTEE - Coordinate with utilities to air neighborhood grievances.

Please take a moment to complete the attached questionnaire. We would like a minimum of 5 to 10 people for each committee. We need your support to keep our neighborhood one of the finest residential areas in Kent County. BECOME INVOLVED!!

Board of Directors

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DATE : June 7, 1988
PLACE : Allen Frear Elementary School
TIME : 7:30 p.m.
ATTENDANCE: 57 persons

The first annual meeting of the FAIRFIELD FARMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION was called to order by President Allen MacNeill.

Sgt. Lee Smutz, Troop 7, Delaware State Police, responsible for community relations, spoke 40 minutes giving a general overview for forming a neighborhood watch program, ways to secure your home, displayed several kwikset lock systems, made available operation identification warning stickers and briefly answered questions concerning rights of the individual during attempted break-ins.

A street directory was circulated for corrections and omissions of prospective members.

The President cited various neighborhood concerns on which a civic association could focus e.g. vandalism, speeding, offensive neighbors, trash, the gas line restoration of properties to their original condition etc. He stressed the purpose of the Civic Association was not to form a vigilante group but to open lines of communication to discuss problems and as a group we could be more effective than as a single homeowner.

The President explained that the present Board of Directors of the Civic Association were chosen from those who had responded to the questionnaire distributed in October 1987. The officers and board members were introduced.

Allen MacNeill	President, Director	Philip Cabaud	Director
Gerald Cusick	Vice President, Director	Wallace Taylor	Director
Joyce Lockhart	Secretary, Director	Jim VonStetten	Director
Jim Canalicchio	Treasurer, Director		

He also explained the dues of the Association for the first year had been arbitrarily set at \$20 per property owner without knowing what the actual costs would be. To date our attorney and agent, John B. Hindman, has charged \$78 - State & County filing fees, \$250 - preparation of certificate of incorporation & by-laws and \$75 - annual registered agent fee.

The President opened the meeting for discussion.

Questions concerning the powers of the Directors to change the by-laws and the liquidation of assets by the Directors without general membership consent were raised by Bob Fean. He also suggested the membership dues be increased by not more than 10% per year rather than \$10 as stated in the by-laws.

Ellis Jones pointed out that the Civic Association is a corporation and is managed by the Board of Directors for simplicity sake.

Tom Whalen questioned restricted covenants of deeds and enforcement of conditions.

"Wogle" Woglemuth asked if the Association intended to enforce zoning restrictions. Al MacNeill responded yes and that it needed to be looked into.

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Jim VonStetten reported State legislation has allocated funds for road paving in the neighborhood and all streets should be completed by 1990.

Jim also informed us of the 4 townhouses that are being moved from Generals Greene to South State St. Ext./corner of Old Mill Rd. Mr. Woodie, who is from Maryland, bought the townhouses directly from the State. They will have basements and garages will be attached to each unit to make a single family dwelling. The selling price is \$90,000 each. Jim had contacted Joseph McDonough, Levy Court Commissioner representing our area and Gerald Buckworth (Representative 34th district) who in turn spoke with William Torbert (Senator 16th district). They concluded that Mr. Woodie has abided by all legal requirements. Jim gave an example of another development in Dover, The Meadows, where a house had been dismantled because it did not conform to its surroundings.

Gail Buckler suggested that we watch closely the remaining vacant lots in Fairfield Farms i.e. across from Hamilton's, to be sure they are in compliance with zoning regulations when sold.

Sue Evans proposed we recess for 5 minutes in order to allow those present to join the Association by paying their dues so we could officially take action on the townhouse issue.

Dues was collected from 40 property owners.

A motion was made by Frank Kinnamon and seconded by Tom Whalen that the Board of Directors write a letter to our Representative concerning our dissatisfaction of the townhouses.

The vote by the membership was unanimous.**

Each street in the development was designated a captain to canvas their neighbors for membership and to obtain an accurate listing for the directory.

Roger Hollopeter who was an active participant in a crime watch program in New Jersey before moving to Dover, volunteered to be the chairperson for our own neighborhood crime watch. He spoke briefly about the initial formation of the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Joyce Lockhart, Secretary

**On June 10th Allen MacNeill, President, sent letters to Gerald Buckworth and to Levy Court.

