Fairfield Farms Civic Association Newsletter

August Events

Fall F.F.C.A. Meeting August 20, 2025, at 6:30 PM Kent County Levy Court, 555 South Bay Road, Dover

Every Sunday, Sunset Stroll at 6:45 PM we meet on the corner of Oakcrest and Woodsdale weather permitting

Get involved with the Fairfield Farms Civic Association

The Fairfield Farms Civic Association (FFCA) plays a vital role in maintaining the safety, unity, and quality of life in our neighborhood. By joining the association, you become part of a collective voice that helps shape decisions affecting our community—from safety concerns and development updates to neighborhood events.

We hold two community-wide meetings each year, along with two board meetings, to stay informed and engaged with what matters most to our residents. Your ideas, feedback, and participation are always welcome and deeply valued.

Annual dues are just \$25 per household, and these funds directly support communication efforts, signage, and other community needs. These are collected in April.

Whether you're new to Fairfield Farms or a long-time resident, your involvement helps us stay strong, connected, and proactive. Together, we're more than just neighbors—we're a community.

Let's keep Fairfield Farms a great place to call home—get involved today!

Our Board Members

- Interim President Michele Buckler
- Interim Vice President Martin Nunlee
- Secretary Monica Harrison
- Treasurer Joe Hutter
- Safety Roger Hollopeter
- Facilitator Erik Warner
- Communications Michele Buckler and Monica Harrison



Fairfield Farms Newsletter - Oxford House at 111 North Fairfield

Dear Neighbors,

On Monday, July 28th, we learned that the home at 111 North Fairfield Drive was sold and will be converted into an Oxford House—a self-run, self-supported residence for individuals recovering from substance use disorders such as alcoholism and drug addiction.

This particular Oxford House is expected to house eight men. Renovations at the property have already begun, though it is not yet clear when the residents will officially move in.

For those unfamiliar with Oxford Houses, they are designed to provide a safe and supportive living environment for individuals transitioning out of rehabilitation.

Residents are required to:

- Maintain sobriety
- Attend 12 Step Programs regularly
- Works with a counselor
- Be employed or actively seeking work
- Contribute to the upkeep and expenses of the house and reports to a House Manager.
- Adhere to house rules and responsibilities
- Participate in weekly drug testing
- Anyone who fails a drug or alcohol test is immediately removed from the home..

Firsthand Stories & Community Research

Since learning of this development, I've been actively researching Oxford House and speaking with individuals who have personal experience with it:

Tuesday evening—a few long-time Fairfield
Farms residents gathered at Trrop 3 to
express some concerns. about the Oxford
House. While there, a gentleman in the
waiting area overheard our conversation and
approached us to share his own experience.

He had lived in an Oxford House years ago, describing it as a place that helped him rebuild his life after rehab. He credited the structure, support, and accountability of the Oxford House with helping him remain sober for over a decade. Today, he is married, has children, and owns a successful business.

- I also spoke to a woman whose two adult children are currently living in Oxford Houses.
 She reported that both are doing extremely well and have helped them proceed on a much better path.
- I've also watched several YouTube videos that provide insight into the Oxford House program. One especially informative episode aired on 60 Minutes, produced by CBS News. You can also you can visit their website.

www.OxfordHouse.org.

Community Concerns & Next Steps

I understand that this change may feel unsettling for some in our peaceful, family-oriented neighborhood. While the Oxford House model has existed for over 50 years and operates under the protections of the Federal Fair Housing Act, it's normal to have questions and concerns.

In response, we have rescheduled our Fairfield Farms Civic Association Fall Meeting to Wednesday, August 20th at 6:30 PM at Levi Court.

Invited Guests for the Meeting:

- A representative from Oxford House
- State Representative Lyndon Yearick
- Senator Eric Buckson
- Lt. Michael Dill, Delaware State Police

Our goal is to provide clear information, encourage open dialogue, and ensure all residents feel heard and informed. Thank you for your attention and for being a part of this strong and caring community.

With appreciation, The Board, Fairfield Farms Civic Association

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