

Pioneer Heights Property Owners Section II Association Newsletter

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Annual Meeting Planned for Wednesday, March 12th at 7PM at Red Bud Elementary School

The Pioneer Heights Property Owners Association Section II will be holding its annual meeting on March 12th at 7PM in the Red Bud Run Elementary School Cafeteria. On the agenda are first and foremost the approval of the budget for 2008 as well as discussion of the covenant revisions based on the survey sent out to all homeowners last spring. The revised covenants will make them more consistent with those of section I and better define

many of the ambiguities of the current covenants. Covenants are used by the Home Owners Association to preserve the high standards of maintenance which protect property values. The attendance of homeowners from each house in the section is requested. Your attendance is crucial in order for your voice to be heard



Pioneer Heights sign welcoming all to our neighborhood

Neighborhood Yard Sale Planned for Spring

A neighborhood yard sale is planned for Saturday April 19th for Section II homeowners. The last one we tried with Section I insured that most of the shopping traffic never made it past Section I and left Section II in the dust. The homeowners Association will be sponsoring the event with an ad in the Winchester Star and we will provide balloons for the mailbox of each house in-

involved to identify your house for the potential shoppers. This annual event is always a great opportunity to get rid of the clutter we all have in our houses not to mention making a few extra bucks. For more information check the HOA website or call any of the board of directors.

Section II Home sale prices for 2007

200 Cavalry Dr	\$348,000
111 Artillery Rd	\$338,500
305 Asbury Rd	\$330,000
132 Old Wagon Rd	\$319,000
315 Asbury Rd	\$309,000
215 Cavalry Dr	\$280,000

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Good Property Values Require “Grass” Growth!



The consistent and manicured look of Artillery Road increases its property values over other streets in the neighborhood.

As the real estate market has tightened over the last year or so the competition among neighborhoods for prospective buyers has become more fierce. The house as well as the street on which a house resides is a consideration for most buyers. One complaint voiced by realtors when showing homes in Pioneer Heights is the gravel between the grass and the road in front of many homes. This is a turn off to buyers and can be easily remedied by growing grass up to the road. The consistency of Artillery road always gets compliments and makes it one of the

most desirable streets in the neighborhood. There has been much interest and support to do a street by street collective effort to dig up the gravel, lay down topsoil and plant grass. The more volunteers we have the faster it will get done. This would involve the renting of a backhoe to break up the tough packed ground along the road and the purchase of lots of soil. If you are interested in beautifying your street this will be a topic of discussion at the annual meeting.

Auto Break-Ins Reported In Neighborhood

In the early morning hours of Sunday February 3rd as many as 15 autos were broken into in the neighborhood. Items were stolen out of the vehicles and some windows were smashed. Frederick County Sheriffs were going door to door on the streets that were hit to have residents check to see if they heard or saw anything unusual.

Unfortunately, there is no sure way to prevent your car from being broken into, but there are ways to decrease your risk significantly. There are many precautions you can take, some more expensive than others. Of course, the more money you spend to protect

your vehicle, the safer it will be. However, you can keep your car relatively safe without spending any extra money.

Basic, Low-Cost Methods

1. The best option is parking in the garage. A well lit driveway is the next best option.
2. Before leaving your car, make sure there is nothing valuable sitting in plain sight. It is best to just not keep expensive items in your car, but for some things (like a stereo), there is no alternative.
3. Roll all of the windows up all the way and lock all the doors. This should be obvious.

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I want you to
“get involved”

Pioneer Heights Board of Directors Positions Available

Getting involved doesn't mean long hours and lots of work like you think it does. Becoming a board member with the HOA is fun and not a lot of work or time. You get to stay informed on the goings on in your neighborhood and be a part of keep-

ing sure your property values stay competitive. Come meet other people and satisfy that longing to “get involved”. Come to the annual meeting on Wednesday, March 12th at 7PM and talk to Ed Stone for more info.

Complaints About Drivers Passing School Buses Reported

School bus drivers as well as residents have been troubled with the growing trend of drivers passing stopped school buses unloading children within the neighborhood. Not only is this illegal but it is placing our children at serious risk. The drivers have been described as both teenagers as well as adults and they seem to ignore the stop sign that extends out the side of the bus as it stops. School bus drivers have taken license plate numbers and given them to the sheriff's office for further investigation. If you see a driver passing a stopped school bus contact the Frederick County Sheriff's department at 540-662-6168

Reasons to stop for a stopped school bus

- Children may dart out, such as to chase paper blown by wind, so traffic must stop and wait as a precautionary measure.
- Children expect traffic to stop. The stopping requirement reduces exposure of motorists to risk of liability for negligence in striking a child who cannot be held as negligent under civil law.



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Future Sections!

Advertising in the Pioneer Heights Newsletter

If you are interested in advertising your business or services please call Ed Stone at 703-798-5885.

Classified Section of the Pioneer Heights Newsletter

Placing classified ads connects your items and services with many households and provides an opportunity to connect with and build a stronger neighborhood. Call Ed Stone at 703-798-5885 to place an ad.