

Attention: Please Read – Neighborhood Dues at an All-time Low!

Dear neighbor:

If you are receiving an envelope with this newsletter, it is because we have not yet received your neighborhood association dues for 2010-2011, which were originally collected in October. **To date, we've collected dues from just one-third of the houses in our neighborhood.** This is the lowest amount we have received in years, and unfortunately it means, that unless we receive more payments of dues, we will have to make drastic changes to the budget, including the frequency of the directory, and the scope of neighborhood events we hold.



To make it easier for you, we have provided an envelope with the name and address of your street rep. Please put your **\$10 dues** in the form of cash or check (made out to EFNA) in the envelope and drop it off at your street rep's house as soon as possible.

Of course, the Evans Farm Neighborhood Association is a volunteer civic association, however we encourage you to show your support because everyone benefits. **The purpose of EFNA is to foster and maintain a sense of community and bring attractive living conditions to our neighborhood through the development of a single community spirit, to hold social events and activities, and to represent the interests of the residents to the Town Boards and the community, all of which add value to your home and living experience.**

Unfortunately, there are a few expenses that are necessary and therefore indispensable, including:

- Approximately \$180/year for the cost of landscaping the entrance at Evans Lane (which will be left unattended if we don't take care of it), and around the flower urns on Southwood and Dartford.
- Estimated \$125/year to decorate the flower urns at the Southwood and Dartford entrances
- \$60/year for the cost of web hosting for the Evans Farm website. (That equals just \$5/month.)
- At times, we've had to use dues to pay for neighborhood signs that were damaged or disappeared.

As you can see, much of your dues are used for the beautification of our neighborhood. Although we do host a number of events that bring neighbors together and create a greater sense of community - such as the Memorial Day Bike Parade, Visit with Santa, and the Annual Picnic - the association also does a number of things that benefit those who don't attend the events, such as:

- Creating and printing a neighborhood directory that provides neighbors a way to contact each other.
- Maintaining an email group that also allows neighbors to share important information.
- Hosting information sessions on relevant topics, such as the recent meeting with Gallina Development Corp. regarding their proposal to build two office buildings on property behind Hunters Lane.
- Researching information on important topics, such as becoming a garbage district.
- Organizing and promoting a neighborhood garage sale that benefits every person hosting a sale.

We're doing our best to maintain and even grow the benefits that EFNA provides to you, and remember, we are doing this as volunteers – freely giving our time to support Evans Farm, however, we need everyone to do their part. So please show support for our neighborhood association and sustain its good work.

Sincerely,

Lauri Bonnell

EFNA President

Congratulations to all of the graduates from EFNA!

Save the Date for these Upcoming Events!

Memorial Day Bike (and pet) Parade – Monday, May 30th (Memorial Day)



Get out your bikes, wagons, scooters, and strollers and pets for the annual Memorial Day Bike Parade. Due to the fact that we have collected a low amount of dues this year, we will not be able to offer pizza, but this year's parade will still feature decorations like flags, streamers and balloons; emergency vehicles; and an ice cream party to follow.

Participants will meet at Brookside School at 3:30pm to decorate bikes and wagons. The parade will begin at 4pm and will go from Brookside School, south on Idlewood Road to Hunters Lane, left on Danforth Crescent, right on Glenhill Drive, left on Poplar Way and back to the school for ice cream sandwiches. Please bring your own drinks.

If the weather cooperates this year, we'll also host an adult race in which moms and dads are encouraged to race their child's bicycle or tricycle a short distance to win bragging rights. It should be a lot of fun to watch! Come and cheer on your neighbors!

Neighborhood Garage Sale – Saturday, June 4th



All homes are invited to participate in the annual neighborhood garage sale on June 4th from 9am-2pm. If it's raining hard, the sale will be postponed to June 5th. You are in charge of setting up your own sale, but EFNA will post ads in local newspapers, on Craig's List, and on our neighborhood signs. We will also provide a map showing the locations of the sales. To cover the cost of printing and advertising, each person holding a sale is asked to pay \$3. In order to guarantee your inclusion on the map, please drop off your payment to Lauri Bonnell at 44 Hunters Lane by May 27th.

For those who don't have enough items to hold your own sale, consider donating them to the EFNA house, which will be located at 50 Idlewood Road. Please drop off your already tagged items to Roz Blakeslee at 50 Idlewood Road by Wednesday, June 1st. All proceeds from this sale will benefit EFNA.

Annual Picnic – Saturday, August 27th (details TBD)

Details for this event will be determined based on dues received and announced at a later date.

Welcome New Neighbors

The following families have moved into Evans Farm since October 2010:

- 5 Birmingham – Maya Pridgen & Glenn Schneider
- 11 Birmingham – Alexis and Darren Vogt
- 29 Carverdale – Aster Tsadik & Solomon Wondim
- 45 Carverdale – Robert DiMarco
- 93 Carverdale - Tom & Vicki Tiber
- 100 Danforth – Maryann Hinz & her daughter Kim Schickler
- 134 Danforth – John & Margery Schwartz with their children Jordan '90 and Sierra '97, 244-5178
- 67 Fairmeadow – Vira Pokrovska
- 115 Fairmeadow – Carl & Sarah Vogt
- 105 Greenvale – Daniel Corbitt
- 120 Greenvale – Amy & Jared Smith

If you know of someone we missed please email president@evansfarm.org.

Join our E-Group

Want to get a message or question out to more than 100 of your neighbors at once? Join the Evans Farm email group. It's the best way to receive neighborhood news and event reminders, and get recommendations for babysitters, remodeling contractors, and other services. Don't worry that you will be flooded with junk mail. To sign up, go to www.groups.yahoo.com and search for "EvansFarm" (one word).