



NEIGHBORLY CHAT

FOUR SEASONS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

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Snow and ice removal 101

The snow and ice came early this winter season and will undoubtedly show up again in the weeks to come. So planning ahead with the right equipment and de-icers will save you time and keep you and your family safe. Stick to these removal methods and you'll have more time for snowman making and sledding.

Before the ground freezes, drive tall stakes around plant beds near paths and driveways so that you know where to stop shoveling.

Before a storm hits, you could apply a liquid magnesium chloride blend with a garden sprayer. It can melt snow accumulations of less than 2 inches and keep ice from bonding to hard surfaces. Use 1 gallon for every 1,000 square feet.

Rock salt is a cheap solution that works at temperatures above 12 degrees, however, it can cause damage to shrubs and grass and can erode concrete. Two other salts, magnesium chloride and calcium chloride, cost more but are less harsh,

although it can still damage your plants. These salts can work from 20 to 25 degrees below zero. Another alternative is a non salt option called urea. It is usually used as a fertilizer and can be hard to find. Always use gloves when spreading de-icer by hand.

Sand or kitty litter can be used to add traction to slippery surfaces. Choose a course sandbox sand instead of fine mason's sand. Another option is alfalfa meal, a slow-acting fertilizer that not only helps with traction, but helps melt snow and is good for your yard.

Snow shoveling tips

Winters can be brutal and can take a toll on our bodies whether we are playing or shoveling snow. Follow these simple tips before you bundle up and brave the weather. One chiropractor's tips include:

1. Drink water and stay hydrated.
2. Warm up. Especially if you are going out in the early morning. Do some jumping jacks or run in place to get the blood flowing to your extremities.
3. Shovel early and often. Don't let it pile up.
4. Use your legs, not your back when picking up your shovel. You will feel a lot better the next morning.
5. Stretch!!! Your body is not used to doing snow-shoveling motions so cool down when the driveway is clear.



Save the date! FSNA 2011 general meetings

- January 20
- March 17
- May 19
- July 21
- September 15
- November 17

Welcome to the Neighborhood

William D. Landrum, Brightside Ct.
Helena K. Perry, Brightside Ct.

Four Seasons Neighborhood Meeting
Thursday, January 20, 2011 • 7 – 8 p.m.
Hunsinger Lane Baptist Church • 3400 Summerfield Drive

The winner of FSNA Christmas house-decorating contest is...

Donald & Harriet Bowling
2918 Summerfield Drive

They will be awarded a \$25 gift certificate.

Four Seasons Finances

FSNA finances are allowing us to maintain the 33 street lights currently covered in the neighborhood.

The average LG&E bill was approximate \$496 per month for 2010. FSNA was able to collect \$7,500 in dues for 2010 leaving us with \$1,549 for newsletter printing, office supplies and postage for the year. Any balance left over remains in the bank for future undertakings.

Unfortunately, LG&E rates are increasing. In 2011 FSNA will need approximately \$6,120 to maintain the street lights as they currently are. The board has been notified by LG&E that the mercury vapor fixtures on the street lights in FSNA Section II, will be changed to sodium vapor lamps as they malfunction. This is an added cost of \$5 per street light. This will increase FSNA LG&E bill. At this rate, we will run our reserves down.

The Board is discussing different options. Please let your voice be heard at our next general meeting, January 20 at Hunsinger Lane Baptist Church at 7:00pm.

Did You Know!

- During the past few years, **FSNA membership** has increased from about 260 to more than 300. We wish to welcome our new members to the association and encourage you to become involved.

- The **FS Board** received the following requests from our neighbors. In 2011, we will be working on:

1. Additional **street lights**
2. **Speed humps** on Summerfield Drive to slow down traffic
3. Neighborhood events to **bring neighbors together**

Jalapeño Popper Dip

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| (2) 8 oz. cream cheese | 1 c. mayonnaise |
| 2 oz. can diced jalapeños | 1/2 c. Panko Bread Crumbs |
| 4 oz. can diced green chilies | 1/2 c. Parmesan Cheese |

Mix together first four ingredients and spoon into an oven-proof dish sprayed with Pam.

Mix together the bread crumbs and cheese and sprinkle on top.

Bake at 350° for 20 to 30 minutes.

Tastes great with tortilla chips or crackers.

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