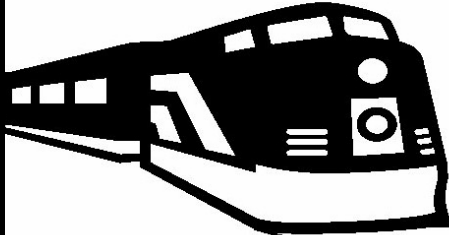


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It's Almost Pool Time!

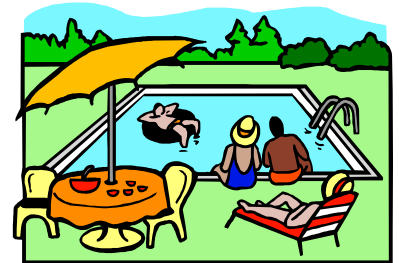
The pool opens **May 1st** and many are anxiously awaiting! There will be a pool party in May, tentatively May 16th, that always attracts a big crowd. We will distribute a flyer closer to the date with the details. Please remember these few important pool rules, so we don't risk our pool being closed by the city if found not in compliance.

NO GLASS IN THE POOL AREA

NO PETS IN THE POOL AREA

Here are a few other things the HOA needs your help with. **Please...**

- * **Close the table umbrellas** when you leave. We've had to replace several each year due to wind breakage from being left open and they drain our pool funds.
- * **Make sure the gate is closed behind you** so we don't have trespassers. Our HOA would be liable if they were to get injured. **Call 911** to report suspected trespassers.
- * **Dispose of your trash responsibly.** If the trash can is overflowing, please either take the bag out and replace it with a new one underneath, or take your trash home to your own can. We don't have a "clean up crew" so please help us keep it clean.



Monthly HOA Meetings

Please check website for specifics.

April—6:30PM Wed. 4/15 at Oakhurst Baptist Church.

May-Sept.—Tentatively 7:30PM, the 2nd Tues. of the month, at the pool.

All residents are encouraged to come!

Good at Managing Finances? Be our HOA Treasurer!

The board needs a volunteer for the treasurer position. Basic accounting skills are needed. This board member is the liaison between the Hawthorne rep who manages our finances and the board.

<http://anthemhoa.net>

What's up with our streets?

The streets are not going to stay like they are for long. The city has patched our streets and will be **repaving** our neighborhood this summer. We are also looking into putting in **road humps** to slow down traffic and keep accidents to a minimum. There are several Anthem neighbors who tailgate and speed through our neighborhood which is dangerous and inconsiderate.
PLEASE SLOW DOWN!



Spring Lawn Care Tips

Need some help figuring out how to get your lawn growing this Spring? Here are some tips and info to help you get started.

Weed Control: Use "selective herbicides" to eliminate broad-leaf weeds that have come up during the winter months. These are the chickweeds, dandelions, etc. Local garden stores have these chemicals. Use targeted herbicides that only kill weeds and not fescue grass. Follow label instructions and never use Round-up in turf areas - it kills everything!

Pre-emergent: If you've not already done, it's time to put out "pre-emergent" herbicides that help create a barrier now to help control grassy weeds later in the summer (ie. crabgrass, goosegrass, etc.). Often times, you can find fertilizers that are coupled with pre-emergent, which is a nice step saver. Choose a fertilizer that is high in Nitrogen (the first number in the formulation - ie. 18-3-6) Again, follow the label for spreading instructions. At this time you want to get about 1 lb. of nitrogen per 1000 sq. ft. of turf. Over the course of the year, you want about 3lbs of nitrogen per 1000 sq. ft. You'll apply another 1 lb at the time of aeration and overseeding in the fall, and another 1lb in late November / early December.

Irrigation: start up after April 15th, after which there shouldn't be any frosts.

Tune Up Your Mower! Get your mower blades sharpened. Dull blades tug and damage grass and sharp blades will give you a cleaner, nicer cut. You can get your blades sharpened at a local mower shop, like Oakhurst Sales and Service at Monroe Rd. & McAlway.

In summary, spray broadleaf weeds, put out fertilizer and pre-emergent, start up irrigation after April 15th and tune up your mower.

These helpful tips brought to you by Green Horizons and Beyond, Anthem's lawn care contractor. For drainage issues, hardscapes, design and install, please contact **Matt Cantrell** at mcantrell@greenhorizons-nc.com.

Other helpful lawn products:

<http://anthemhoa.net>

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Lime: Controls the PH in the soil. Use in Spring and/or Fall when it's not too hot. Wait at least one week to fertilize.

Ironite: Makes your grass greener

Water Saving Tips & Info

More plants are killed from over-watering than from drought. You should water your yard for **no more than 1 inch of water per week**, including rainfall. Use a tuna can or rain gauge to measure. **Aim sprinklers** away from concrete to reduce run-off.

When can you water your lawn? Current water restrictions allow you to water **2 days a week**.

Odd-numbered addresses: Tues. and Saturday
Even-numbered addresses: Thurs. and Sunday

What time of day should you water your lawn?
between **9PM and 5AM** to avoid evaporation.

How long should I set my sprinklers to run?
Water **several times for short periods** to allow for the water to soak in and reduce run-off. Instead of running them for 15 minutes, run them for 3 5-minute intervals with an hour or two in between.

Need service on your irrigation system?
Call Rising Waters at 704-764-5600

•••We Have a Great Interim Hawthorne Rep!•••

While our regular Hawthorne rep, Deanna, is on maternity leave, Cass Shapard is helping us out. She can be reached at 704-377-0114 Ext 107 or cshapard@hawthornemgmt.com.