

Anthem Express

The Newsletter of the Anthem Homeowners Association



Two ways to get the Anthem Express!

You can download the newsletter from the website. The community can save on office supply expenses by publishing the newsletter online. The community easels will be put out to remind everyone when the newsletter is available on the anthem website.

You can call Hawthorne Management to get a copy of the newsletter. The easel will have Hawthorne Management's number. Hawthorne Management will notify the board and a newsletter will be delivered to the residents home.



Fall 2011

New bushes will be planted in October to improve the appearance near the sidewalk on your way towards the pool.



New Board Members

We have several new board members. There is one last board position to fill. If you have a talent for planning events and parties and want to make the Anthem a better place to live please consider joining the board. You can email anyone on the board for more information regarding the Social Chair position.

President	Helen Paxton	president@anthemhoa.net
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The board wants to make sure everyone is reading their newsletter. Each member has donated a few of their own dollars to buy a gift card for a lucky resident. Congratulations to Diana Warner. She was the lucky winner of a \$10 gift card to the Home Depot in the this past spring. Somewhere in this newsletter is an easy question. The answer is also in the newsletter. Email the communications chair the correct answer by November 30th, and your name will be added to the drawing for the next gift card. We are trying to find out how many residents are reading the newsletter.

Most common reason for getting an Anthem violation letter:

Townhomes:

1. Leaving your trash or recycle bins out
2. Not getting an architectural change approved by the board
3. Leaving stuff outside

Single family homes:

1. Lawns in poor condition
2. Leaving your trash or recycle bin out or not storing them properly
3. Homes need to be pressure washed
4. Mailbox in poor condition

The best way to avoid violations is to become familiar with the covenants and by-laws of the neighborhood. The covenants and by-laws are available on the Anthem website. If you do receive a violation letter CALL HAWTHORNE IMMEDIATELY. They can work with you to resolve the issue.

Hawthorne Contact: Lisa Barnes—704-377-0114 ext 201

A festive holiday-themed graphic with a green background and a border of small Christmas trees and red-wrapped gifts. The text is written in a red, serif font.

Holiday Social
Thursday, December 8th
Jackalopes 6:30-8:30PM
Monroe Rd at Pecan Ave
Free Appetizers provided by the HOA

Rock Salt Damages Concrete

Have you noticed that there are a few driveways in the neighborhood that look bad? Rock Salt can cause concrete to become more saturated with water than it would otherwise. The presence of this extra water in freezing conditions can spell trouble. The volume of water increases by 9 percent when it freezes within the concrete matrix. The pressure of the growing ice crystals can cause the surface of the concrete to fail. It usually spalls off. Alternatives to rock salt are **Safe Paw** which makes ice melting products that are specifically designed to keep children and pets safe. **Cryotech E36** is acetate-based and is considered nontoxic. **Sand** is also a good choice because it improves traction and won't damage your concrete.



Prevent Air Conditioning Clogging and Overflow

All you will need is some standard household bleach and a small funnel. Locate the air conditioning drain pipe in your attic as shown in the picture below. Pour one cup of bleach into the drain pipe every six months. You may need to remove the cap if the pipe is covered.



Curb-Appeal

The best way to increase the value of our homes is with curb-appeal. Weeds, bare spots, and dying grass isn't very appealing to look at. What damages concrete driveways? The spring and fall season is the best time of year to plant tall fescue grass. The spring and fall is also the best time to replace dying trees or shrubs. There are many lawn care companies in Charlotte that can maintain your lawn if you don't have time to do it yourself. Let's protect our investment in Anthem.



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