

FOXTALES



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MAILBOXES INSTALLATION BEGINS

New mailboxes started going up in Milford Chase in November. The board of directors chose to offer a \$100 incentive for any residents interested in a discount on purchasing the new boxes. 257 homeowners chose to take advantage of the offer in our initial order.

While installation began at the front entrance and has continued down Milford Chase, all of the first wave of boxes are slated to be completely installed by Christmas.

If you have any questions about the new boxes once they're installed at your home, please contact Heather Barbiche at Homeside Properties.

If you haven't purchased a new mailbox, you still can! We're asking all interested homeowners to contact Homeside Properties and make your order. We will likely collect and do orders in groups of 20+ since you will get a \$20 break at 20



The mailbox is called the "Provincial" installed by Mailbox Makeovers.

ordered at one time. But if you would like to order yours quicker, you can certainly do

so. At this time, there are no more incentive dollars so the full price is \$340.

HALLOWEEN ONCE AGAIN BIG AT MILFORD

October 31 has come and gone again with a new year bringing many new surprises for our neighbors and their guests.

Many houses participating saw well over 100 little ghosts and goblins this year as parents helped usher them up and down our many streets.

In addition to spooky displays many homes put on with hanging ghosts, pumpkins and cobwebs, there were a few added features this year.

One home on Milford Court SW did a little more entertaining than usual as they turned their garage into a haunted house! Complete with scary

scenery and dark lights, the house featured a couple animated monsters that spooked even the young at heart. The house was free to enter, hoping everyone could make it out alive. That house and a home on Milford Chase where guests were welcomed with a chainsaw were among the hits of the night.

QUOTE:

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HOA Meetings

Location

Milford Baptist Church
 Milford Church Rd
 (Family Center on lower level of east building)
 Enter through double doors at portico. Go right at the hallway. Take the stairs at the exit door. Exit stairwell at door one floor down. Turn right in hallway. Family Center is through double doors.

Time:

7:00pm

Day:

First Monday of the Month
 December 3

2008

January 7
 February 4 (Annual Meeting)
 March 4
 April 1

TIPS TO HELP THE WATER CRISIS

If you cannot afford to replace your toilets with low-flow versions at this time, there is something you can do to reduce the water you use. Take a water-tight plastic container (a large empty margarine tub or a similar size Tupperware container of some kind and fill it with some rocks and close it tight. The next time you flush the toilet, place this rock-filled tub into your tank portion (the part in the back that sits against the wall... you know, where the flapper part is). It should fit to the right side just fine. This will reduce the amount you use to flush and still will provide enough to send stuff through.

If you cannot afford to replace your water heaters with tank-less or on-demand versions, you can save some of the water that is wasted while you are waiting for the water to warm up. Place a bucket or

pitcher in the shower to catch this "beginning" water and use it to water plants or even rinse dishes that are headed for the dishwasher.

Of course, some of the obvious things are only running FULL dishwasher loads as well as FULL laundry loads. Turn the water off while brushing your teeth and during the soap up portion of washing your hands. If you can, use wet naps instead to wash hands and save the water altogether.

Here are a couple things you can do when you are out to eat: Take a bottle of water with you as your table drinking water so the restaurant does not have to waste 3 glasses (it takes two to wash one) and when ordering your other drink (soda or sweet tea, etc.) ask for the drink in a "To-Go" cup so another glass does not have to be washed.

At least once or twice a week at home, use paper plates and cups to eat dinner on (paper not Styrofoam as the paper products can break down in the landfill when disposed of).

Right now, professional car wash locations are still available to wash your car. Try to keep the amount of water you use at a self-serve to a minimum and use sponges or towels to scrub tough spots instead of trying to "spray" things off with the water.

With everyone doing their part, we just might all make it through the drought without having to do without it completely. There is a town in Tennessee already that only gets water from 6pm to 9pm at night. Let's not get to that point. Encourage everyone to conserve and pass along tips like these listed here.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST BACK!

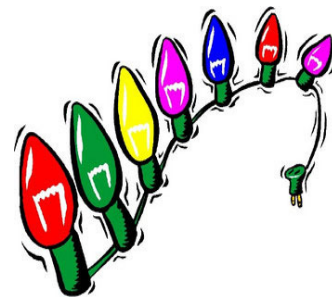
Yes, it will soon be time to deck the halls, the walls, the yards and anything else that will stand still.

We'll be judging decorations this year on December 17!

Be sure to have the lights on!

Gift certificates will be given to the first and second place winners and a sign will be placed in the winner's yards.

So get in the attic and start untangling those lights. Happy decorating!



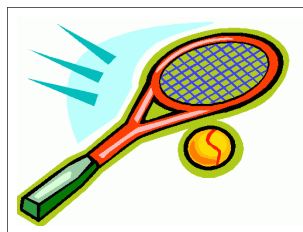
YOU WANT TO PLAY TENNIS?

We're looking for a few good men to come play organized tennis. Milford Chase has one men's team of good players and we're looking to put a group together of men who are just getting started or want to play at a lower level.

We're asking men to come forward and help us put together an ALTA C-level team for the Spring Season. The goal is mainly to get some neighbors together for some fun and fellowship on Satur-

day mornings. Oh yeah, and to drink beer! Call Christopher Hyde if you're interested: 770-436-3836.

Want to join the ladies team? Call Mary Hyde at the same number!



THE GARDEN SPOT: COPING WITH THE DROUGHT

All of north Georgia is in a Level 4 drought. That basically means there is no outdoor watering of any kind allowed in those affected counties. It is unknown how long we will be at this stage of drought and water restriction and news reports continue to tell us that water supply is diminishing each week from our major sources of water: Lakes Lanier and Alatoona. Here is some information to help you better understand options and details of how this affects residents across our area.

Exemptions

- » Re-use of stormwater or gray water.
- » Irrigation of personal food gardens.
- » Golf courses may irrigate the green.
- » Commercial water use, including (but not limited to) professional landscapers, fruit and vegetable growers, garden centers, construction sites, car washes, and watering-in of pesticide and herbicide.

Washing Cars

Cars may **not** be washed except by car wash businesses with a current license. This includes car washes for non-profit purposes (including school or church fundraisers).

Watering Rules

No outdoor watering is permitted under a level-four drought response situation.

Swimming Pools

In a level four drought situation, filling of swimming pools is not permitted. In the current situation, if a construction permit for a new pool was obtained before September 28, 2007, then that new pool can be filled. Any new pool started after that date cannot.

Wells

The state does **not** regulate private wells that draw fewer than 100,000 gallons of water per day. Those with private wells on their property are therefore not subject to level four drought restrictions, though following them regardless is recommended.

Reporting Violators

If you spot a violation of state-imposed water restrictions, you can report it by contacting **Cobb County**: (770) 423-1000.

NOTE: Some information listed here taken from 11Alive.com

THE RECIPE CORNER: HOLIDAY TREATS!

Chocolate Bark

Ingredients:

- 1 sleeve Saltine crackers
- 1 cup butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 12 oz. chocolate morsels
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup chopped Heath Bar

Preheat oven to 350-degrees. Place crackers in a single-layer on parchment-lined baking sheets. Melt butter and brown

sugar in a saucepan, cook for 3 minutes, stirring constantly.

Pour butter mixture over Saltines, spread evenly, and bake for 15 minutes. Remove from oven, sprinkle with chocolate morsels, spread when they start to melt. Sprinkle with pecans and Heath Bar on top, press down lightly. Refrigerate for 1 hour in pan, remove from refrigerator, and crack into pieces.

Want to see your recipe published in the next issue of FoxTales? Just send your favorite to christoher@milfordchase.com!

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LETTER FROM OUR PROPERTY MANAGER

Dear Milford Chase Homeowners, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself as your new property manager at Milford Chase for Homeside Properties, Inc.

I have recently joined Homeside Properties and I have been in the property management industry for over 2 years. I am very excited about your community and I am looking forward to working alongside your dedicated board of directors and every homeowner to ensure that each of you are very proud to call Milford Chase your home.

There have been a few concerns voiced, such as parking and lawn maintenance. Please remember that parking in the streets is not permitted overnight at all and that it is your responsibility to take care of the appearance of your yard.

During recent site visits, I noted about 50 homes that

need to mow their grass, edge along the street and driveway, and store their garbage can out of public view. While that represents only 11% of the



neighborhood, it can make a big difference in the overall appearance of the neighborhood. I wanted to take this chance to remind all of you of these very important restrictions in order to help you avoid receiving a violation letter down the road. I do make bi-monthly site visits to inspect community violations

and send letters accordingly. These violations can result in fines, and I would like to help you stay clear of that situation and keep Milford Chase beautiful for all of your guests and prospective new homeowners.

Please remember that it is up to everyone to preserve the beauty and value of your community.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, or for any additional information, as needed. I look forward to working with you!

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