

## Landscaping Update

We hope everyone continues to be pleased with the landscape work this year.

### Landscaping at the Entrances

Our main areas of focus have been on the entrance and circle landscaping at the Bryn Mawr Avenue and Mill Road entrances, keeping the beds neat and well maintained with seasonal flowers. At the beginning of the season and in the fall, we add flowers and bulbs, as needed, freshen up the mulch, add weed control and prune as needed. The immediate entrance areas and circles are mowed more or less weekly, as required.

### Open Space Cutting

In the open space areas (approximately 50 acres), we usually cut the grass 10 to 12 times per year. (Last year, the excessive summer rainfall and absence of the normal July – August drought led to the need for 13 cuts for the first time ever.)

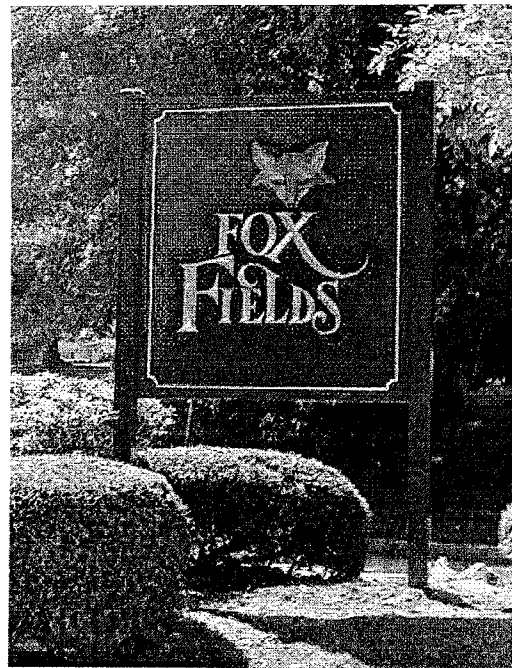
### Tree Work

This past year was a year of considerable tree work as water logged soils and winds led to the loss of several large trees, and

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## Entrance Signs Refurbished

The entrance signs at Mill Road and at Bryn Mawr Avenue, which were showing some signs of deterioration, were refurbished this spring for the first time since 1993. We had established a reserve for this work over a number of years.



Entrance Sign at Mill Road

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## Elections This Fall

We will be holding new elections this fall. Two board seats will be up for election. If you are interested in running for a board position, please call Gail Furman at (610) 527-3053. In this way, a notice can go out with the new Fox Fields directories at the end of the summer.

some heavy wet snow during the winter led to additional tree damage.

### The Pond

Now that the Laurier development is substantially complete, and the retention basins were shown to have prevented damage to our streams and pond, we were able to begin work on our own pond restoration project. We have piped water from a nearby spring into the pond, dredged some of the muck out of the pond and removed some of the bulrushes. The water quality is improved. The landscaper is going to release some fish in the pond and the ducks already seem to be enjoying the improvements. We have placed a new bench by the pond.



New bench by the pond.

### New Trees

Our landscape strategy with trees in the open space over the last few years has continued to be planting new trees in place of trees lost due to age or storm, rather than planting out new clusters as we have planted significant numbers of new trees over the last several years and do not want to create an over grown condition in the open space.

### Environmental

We continue to be very careful about the use of any landscape chemical treatments in the common areas. Our landscaper, Earl Ebling, is very sensitive to environmental and safety matters. ♦

## Good Neighbors

If you find trees damaged in the open space, please call Chris Levin or Gail Furman to have them trimmed or removed. This will prevent damage to your homes and make the neighborhood a safer place to walk in.

Thank you for being considerate with your trash cans. For those of you that are new to the neighborhood, please put trash cans out no earlier than the night before pickup.

We have had several complaints about people driving fast in the neighborhood. Please be considerate of children playing and animals walking in the streets with their owners, especially since there are no sidewalks. If people will not comply with this request, then we will have no alternative but to look into other measures (i.e., speed bumps). The Board would like to avoid this.

A suggestion to those that walk their dogs at night—please carry a flashlight or wear light-colored clothing to see you better. Some streets are poorly lit and it makes it difficult to see people walking, especially with animals, at night.

There has been vandalism to mailboxes and graffiti on homes, street, and mailboxes. Do you know where your children are at night? This is obviously an act of boredom and we all need to be more alert to noises outside the home. Do not hesitate to call the police if you see crimes being committed.

If you have trees by the street, please trim your branches up so that they do not interfere with passing vehicles. On the Haverford Township side, the Township should do the trimming if you call.

## 2002 Look Ahead

Our Annual Assessment has been at the current level of \$200 per year since 1998, and remains very substantially below the levels of our neighboring communities, such as Radnor Chase, Cornerstone and Ravenscliff, which have smaller areas of Open Space to maintain, but had assessments ranging from 2 to 3 or more times our assessment when we last surveyed the amounts 2 to 3 years ago. While our landscaper has done an excellent job controlling costs (his per cut costs for the open space still remain lower than the amount we were paying Montgomery Nurseries 15 years ago), the costs do continue to increase and we expect that we will need to raise the annual assessment to \$250 for the year 2002.

Fox Fields Association, Inc.  
2000 Revenue and Expenditures  
2001 Budget

	2000	2001
<b>Revenue</b>		
Dues	\$26,600	\$26,600
Ownership transfer fees	755	775
Interest income	557	550
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,912</b>	<b>27,925</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
<b>Landscaping:</b>		
Mowing fields	14,814	14,000
Entrance maintenance	3,033	4,000
New plants and trees		3,690
Tree pruning and debris removal	3,672	2,000
Pond work	2,387	
<b>Administrative:</b>		
Office and accounting	2,452	2,500
Directory	461	500
Liability/D&O insurance	1,040	1,100
Taxes	134	135
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,993</b>	<b>27,925</b>
<b>Decrease in reserve for landscaping</b>	<b>\$(81)</b>	

Fox Fields Association, Inc.  
Balance Sheet at December 31, 2000

Cash	\$23,657
Insurance proceeds receivable - 11/27/00 accident	1,243
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>24,900</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
<b>Accounts payable:</b>	
Landscaping	\$11,198
Bridge repairs	6,000
Sign rehabilitation	1,500
Lien fee	18
Tax payable - 2000 excise	134
Deferred income - 2001 dues prepaid on pending house sale	200
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>19,050</b>
Reserve for landscaping	5,850
<b>Total liabilities and fund balance</b>	<b>\$24,900</b>

FOX FIELDS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## Fox Fields Directory

A copy of your address listing from the directory is enclosed with your assessment bill. Please review the information (names and ages of children, school, phone number) to make sure it is correct for the next edition. If there are mistakes (especially for those that are graduating high school), please write the corrections on the sheet and mail it back with your dues. In addition, if your child would like to do chores in the neighborhood such as, lawn care, pet-sitting or snow removal or would like to baby-sit, please indicate this as well.



**Aerial photo of Fox Fields. Can you identify your house?**