

The Orchards Newsletter

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NEW PLAYGROUND COMING TO THE ORCHARDS COMMUNITY AREA

The Board and Association are proud to announce to the community that we are very close to approving plans to begin building a top-quality, state-of-the-art, handicapped accessible, all-ages playground. It is no secret to most residents that the present play "areas" on Roberts Lane, Red Haven and the small area next to the basketball court are quite "outdated" and in serious disrepair.

The first stage of the proposed plan involves completely removing all three of the existing unsafe, dilapidated play areas. Rather than replace all three areas, the proposed plan is to build one large playground located by the pool/clubhouse/tennis courts, extending that present playground area back in line with the end of the basketball court. Just to be clear, these proposed plans do not to impede on any homeowner property, the present trees and landscape (berm) will remain intact.

After much consideration, rather than trying to replace and monitor three playgrounds, the decision was made to make the one "new" playground a large, community playground. It is important to note that the proposed playground area will be larger than the three existing play areas combined. The Orchards proposed playground will be fenced in and only open dawn to dusk – in addition, the NEW playground will be constantly monitored by video surveillance.

Our goal is to develop and improve the pool/clubhouse/basketball court area to be the community gathering place, with the hope for this area to be considered the "heart" of the Orchards. The first visible example of our efforts was the refurbishing of the tennis courts this summer. The next phase is to properly line and add another basket to the basketball court area, making it a true "full court".

You shouldn't have to leave your community so your children have a place to play – the ideal situation is to have a safe play area within walking distance for you and your children to enjoy. Developing and improving an Orchards community area will not only make children in the Orchards happy, these proposed changes will improve the outlook of the entire community. Together, the Board and the Association (MAMCO) are doing our best make changes and improvements that will benefit the entire Orchards community.

To learn more about the proposed playground in more detail and to see an artist's rendering, join us for the next meeting on November 17, 2011 - we look forward to answering any questions you may have.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING TO BE HELD AT CLUBHOUSE NOVEMBER 3

The first "official" meeting of the Orchards at Greentree neighborhood watch will be held on **Thursday, November 3, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.** at the clubhouse at 115 Harvest Road. Whether your heart is set on being an active participant in the fight to keep our community safe or you are just curious about what exactly a neighborhood watch is, feel free to join us. The Evesham Police Department is in full support and, working together, we can truly be a community that looks out for each other.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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MEETING INFORMATION FOR HOMEOWNERS

Board Meetings are held at the Orchards clubhouse the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 17, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS:

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Richard Malatesta
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