

## **NORTHCREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER JULY, 2014**

Now that summer is here in full force there are items at your home that need to be checked. Please make sure your air conditioning overflow is kept open. For better efficiency, change your filters on a regular basis.

The HOA spent a considerable amount of money landscaping our community this spring. If your home received sod, ivy or ground cover, please continue to water by hand on a regular basis. New plantings can not stay alive in one hundred degree temperatures by just being watered with the sprinkler system. If the sod or ground cover planted at your home dies, the homeowner may be charged to replace the planting. Watering is much cheaper than replacing the plants. The city of Carrollton only allows sprinklers to run two days a week.

As is the custom of the HOA, fences are repaired or replaced as needed. During the board's walk through in February, a list of fences (according to need) was sent out for bid. Construction has begun on those fences and will continue throughout the year.

Streets in our community are narrow and parking on the street becomes a safety problem. Please park your vehicles in your car port or in the overflow parking that is located throughout the community.

Mosquitoes and the West Nile virus are a danger again this summer. Please dump any standing water that may be on your property. If needed, you can obtain "dunks" from the city to prevent mosquito breeding in fountains or bird baths.

An increase of rats and mice has been reported in the neighborhood. Please purchase rat bait trays to put in your home's attic and storage sheds. The rats eat the poison and go away to die. Much cleaner than traps. Do not place the bait trays where pets could be tempted to eat them. Also, please keep your back yard neat and tidy so rats won't find places to nest.

The HOA board strives to keep our community looking beautiful. Please:

- **Pick up after your dogs**
- **Don't throw trash in your yard or the street**
- **Apply extra water to your lawn as needed**
- **Park vehicles in overflow parking or carport**
- **Make sure you take your pool pass to the pool**
- **Put your bulk trash out for pick up on Tuesday evening.**

HOA meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church on Josey Lane. All residents are invited to attend.