

Q8 Please give us any other thoughts or suggestions you have about ways we can continue to improve the community.

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#	Responses	Date
1	There are many homes with Junk in back yards and side driveways:Wood piles and yard debris, plastic sheds, gardens left not weeded.	5/4/2017 2:21 AM
2	We would love for the community to seriously consider adding a playground. We're new to the community and that's one thing we really miss about our old neighborhood. We would also like for the community to consider adjusting the weekend pool hours and opening it in the mornings, this would be especially useful for those families with younger children. Thank you!	5/3/2017 1:08 AM
3	do not allow babies/children in diapers to be in the pool, even with diaper covers. let marina users pay for improvements/enhancements to the marina and boating facilities	5/2/2017 4:17 PM
4	You are the best we've had in my 25+ years here!	5/2/2017 8:49 AM
5	Please read the original FCFHOA doc's issued by the developer Mark Vogel specifically ARTICLE VII pages 29 & 30. By my count there are 14 designated open space parcels in our development, Some degree of "passive recreational uses" is approved in parcels "H" & "I", area "B" is approved for passive recreational use and parcel "A" is where the club house and marina is. All remaining other Open Space parcels are not designated for ANY TYPE OF COMMUNITY RECREATION. Therefore, the effort to create a "Cherry Tree Park" is not allowed under the HOA doc's and the community has no right to discuss or pursue this idea! Please issue an amendment to this survey removing the issue.	5/2/2017 3:50 AM
6	Better tick control methods on the trails to beaches. Better trails to and from beaches and crabbing pier.	5/2/2017 1:10 AM
7	Consider small upgrades to pool area - replace worn chairs and chaise lounges, consider few extra umbrellas, tasteful vending area or community run "snack shop" during season (that community teens could volunteer to run even), common secure area to store shared pool toys.	5/2/2017 12:51 AM
8	I think tick management/reduction is crucial to improving access and use of the walking paths and amenities through which you need to traverse the woods. Fixing the amenity is not sufficient if you don't address the access too.	5/1/2017 4:15 AM
9	You MUST put in more boat lifts, and you cannot let lifts be sold to people who just moved into the community 1 month earlier, without first offering the lift to people who have lived here for more than 20 years. You need 4-5 more boat lifts.	4/28/2017 9:34 AM
10	1) Having so many For Sale signs in the neighborhood, especially when first entering, may make potential buyers wonder why so many people want to leave. 2) Seeing the same For Sale signs for such an extended period let's people know no one is interested, even after a price reduction. 3) A lot of homes for sale need updating on the outside and probably on the inside as well. 4) I wish something would be done about the unsightly cement tracks on Hidden River View. This has not and will not go away by itself.	4/28/2017 3:18 AM
11	City water	4/27/2017 7:56 AM
12	Thank you for putting together this great survey and for all that you do for our community.	4/27/2017 1:58 AM
13	Pet waste containers would be fantastic!	4/26/2017 9:06 AM
14	Beach -Before work was done on this beach this was one of the most beautiful beaches in the area. Improving this beach and getting it back to a useable beach (sandy) along with other beach areas in the community will have the greatest impact on property values in my opinion.	4/25/2017 11:20 PM
15	I have heard rumors that a children's game field is proposed. I think that would be a huge liability for the community especially since here are playing fields on Arundel on the Bay across from Hillsmere elementary. As an original owner for over twenty years and raised 3 children here I would NOT like to see a playing field. A playground for children that is fenced in and having community owners only access would be a great asset to families here now and in the future.	4/25/2017 6:22 AM
16	I like all the idea suggested but wanted to add to you option of shade at the pool. I think it would be nice to have classy looking umbrellas and lounge chairs as opposed to the ones we have now. Even some plantings would be nice to enhance the area.	4/25/2017 5:41 AM

17	Better job of enforcing the rules that display our homes. Landscaping etc. Several houses have let their yards go(ones up for sale) and it makes the community as a whole look bad; keeping the clubhouse/marina area clean of trash/junk. progress has been made but it took a long time; regular maintenance of the swales owned by the community. when they get overrun it effects drainage and looks bad;	4/25/2017 2:14 AM
18	Entrance signage is outdated. New lighting and lettering would modernize the entrance.	4/25/2017 1:14 AM
19	Better delineate public paths versus private property for Cherry Tree Cove path and fields (on both sides of road). Provide a walking path map on the private section of the website.	4/24/2017 4:47 AM
20	Movie theater equipment for pool nights. Thank you for your work and this survey :)	4/23/2017 6:48 AM
21	We need to do a better job with the landscaping at the front gates.	4/23/2017 3:16 AM
22	My highest priority is in making the beaches better and more accessible through the paths. However, adding a beach more like the Hillsmere or Bay Ridge Beach would be absolutely amazing - we may never move again if that was added!	4/21/2017 12:35 PM
23	I think that efforts should be taken to preserve the boathouse at the marina. Boathouses are rare on the bay and ours adds to the charm of the marina.	4/21/2017 11:59 AM
24	As FCF ages, it is important for the community to stay on top of entry (attractive plantings and quality road joining where Cherry Tree Lane intersects Thomas Point Road), roads, trees and lighting as well as the street signs. Rusting or non working fixtures make the community look past its prime and we cannot afford to give that sort of first impression especially if we hope to maintain property values moving forward.	4/20/2017 8:15 AM
25	Access to the beaches and cleaning up the trails to the beaches would be #1 on my list. That would make such a difference to our community. Anything to improve the pool area would be great too and a playground. The neighborhood needs more ways to attract young families.	4/20/2017 8:12 AM
26	I am a new resident and have yet to experience many of the amenities of Fishing Creek Farm. Thanks for undertaking this project.	4/20/2017 4:47 AM
27	Thanks for all that you do!! It's a lot of work to run this community - - please know that it is appreciated! My only concern has always been the lack of easy access to our beaches. It's tough to go if it has rained and tough to go in the warm weather when the ticks are out. I would love to see a better pathway that is regularly sprayed for ticks. I also love the idea of a beach around the marina area - - anyway to make this more of a beach friendly community would be great! The South Breeze beach is probably our nicest - - it too is tough to get to - - and I feel like some neighbors look at you as if you are trespassing. We need easy access to our community beaches for all!	4/20/2017 4:11 AM
28	A playing field along Cherry Tree Lane would be a detriment to the quality and aesthetic beauty of our FCF community. Worn out grass and mud including the trash left by kids and bicycles on the field is not pleasing. Also, the so called "field" is in the front yards of five HRV houses that border on Cherry Tree Lane. Those five HRV houses have no back yard as they are totally visible from the Clubhouse and road leading away from the Clubhouse. Also, the FCF Covenants have restricted those properties from having fences just as they are restricted for front yard fences. A few years ago, Annapolis tour buses stopped at that point so the tourists could appreciate the views of well preened yards, water, and architecture. Recently, (near Thanksgiving) prospective buyers to an open house for the Fominaya's stated negative comments about all the kids playing football on their property and discontinued any discussion of purchase. The best way of having sports events is to use the nearby public playing fields next to Hillsmere school.	4/19/2017 2:39 PM
29	Thanks so much for putting this together. I think new ideas and possible new amenities are always nice to have but beyond the cost of the installation of those items you need to consider the upkeep of those items. Ie improving the trails. I would love to have improved trails but they require annual upkeep. In regards to the beaches I am not sure anyone is going to go swimming in the water next to the marina and you then have to be concerned about boat traffic and jet ski traffic around that area. What if the boat house comes down to accommodate more dockage - now you have even more of an issue. The fire pit down by the marina sounds nice but now you have potential fire hazards from FCF homeowners or their children. Are you going to have to establish times allowed to use. People down by the marina do not want people partying until 3 am. Sounds like another potential liability. I am not trying to be negative, but I would personally rather see the current assets we have improved and or maintained better. IE 1) Front Entrance - Replace lighting - Repair White Structure 2) Replace half Dead Cherry Trees around clubhouse 3) Powerwash Clubhouse 4) Seal and OR pave clubhouse parking lot. 5) Limb up trees in common areas - have nice grass in coming areas 6) New lounge chairs for the pool	4/19/2017 10:58 AM
30	Stay out of people's business. Community involvement is one thing,tattling on neighbors is another. This community has a reputation for just that. And living here , I must say it is true. Someone reported that I had made changes to my house that were completely false . HOA's have to be very careful not to become a police state in regards to enforcing some pretty ridiculous rules.	4/19/2017 5:50 AM
31	Swimming capability is sorely lacking in this community, we need to enlarge the pool to a decent size. Security is lacking, Perhaps a gate system is feasible.	4/19/2017 5:49 AM

32	Make more use of professional management firms, for example for marina, to take burden off few homeowners who volunteer. Also annual dues should include additional to build financial reserves to avoid special assessments or community falling into disrepair. Basically charge more for the privilege of living in such a beautiful place and preserve it.	4/19/2017 5:38 AM
33	I have lived in the community for 15 years. In my opinion, the board has always been far less than communicative and transparent. As someone that has been on a community board in other locations, I understand the challenges. However, I am very uncomfortable with the way FCF HOA operates. The board needs to open a much stronger line of communications with the residents. It might improve participation if there was a feeling of inclusion.	4/19/2017 5:05 AM
34	1. Stricter adherence to covenants/architectural review 2. Make sure there are sufficient funds each year to take excellent care of what we already have - for example, sealing the club house parking lot every few years (after it is redone as resealing won't be enough right now), power washing the clubhouse every 2-3 years, keeping light fixtures in good repair, enhanced landscaping around entrances, marina, tennis courts, etc. Thank you so much for all you do, however!!!!!!! I just feel strongly that when you buy into a "high-end" community with an HOA you have committed yourself for paying dues that keep up the community to the highest standards.	4/19/2017 4:53 AM
35	Covenants have never been properly enforced and should be a top priority in FCF in order to both maintain and enhance property values as well as ensure the reputation of FCF as a top scale community. There are more than a few examples, at present, of FCF largely resembling Hillsmere!	4/19/2017 4:31 AM
36	You are doing a fabulous job and we urge you to continue with Management company and continue being transparent with regard to upcoming changes, concerns and issues that we should be aware of. I would like the option of paying more to insure that our entrances have better landscaping and possible irrigation. That could be weekly watering via landscaping truck as you see in various communities and public spaces. Because I dont know where else to comment I am adding the following. I am very very concerned about the 'Assumption' that Cherry Tree Field is actually named and assumed as a place to play. You have some very concerned homeowners that about that space who have not been approached in a gracious way for discussion. Posting in a newsletter that 'come one come all with your dogs, bikes and footballs for a game on Thanksgiving' is not the way to gently introduce the topic to people who have been for years paying to mow and maintain that open space. I am aware of the property Adverse Possession issue and so are they....PLEASE table this for discussion. It is simply not fair to assign that space to a play field when several back yards would do the same thing. Will BBQ Grills be next? I mean where does it stop...what are the rules, who picks up the dog poop and things like that... If this is considered community open space I would value clarification and then discussion on what else in the HOA will be offered up as areas for people to simply do what they want...slippery soap. Also, I am not in favor of the two floating docks that I can see from my kitchen window. I feel like I am looking at Bass Boat Central. If they are going to float this stuff can they please do it in their own back yards.? Keep up the great work, and please let us know how these two things are going to be resolved. Barbara Holch	4/19/2017 3:02 AM
37	We are just moving in on about May 10 so don't have answers or suggestions yet.	4/19/2017 2:25 AM
38	Get people to clean up after their pets.	4/19/2017 1:42 AM
39	Any field -type games should not be played in areas that are maintained and groomed for the beautification of our community. There are multiple playing fields already designated and set up for such events within a short distance of FCF. Maintaining our high profile upscale desirability and beautification efforts to enhance home values is of prime importance.	4/18/2017 1:49 PM
40	I would love to see more attention and maintenance given to the lower part of Cherry Tree Lane, including the wetlands between 1241 & 1243 CTL and the trail to the Duvall Creek Island. Neighbors seem to love to explore there but its overgrown and infested with ticks :(4/18/2017 1:26 PM
41	I added a couple suggestions to the amenities question about the bank by Cherry Tree Lane washing away and the land behind the tennis court washing away. Addressing the clubhouse, pool and marina are probably the best things we can do to maintain the desirability of the community, assuming, of course, that CTL doesn't crumble into the cove.	4/18/2017 12:57 PM
42	The biggest detriment to property values in the community at large, and the TPC street in particular, is the state of decay in the street appeal of the older properties. Not all, but some homeowners are just not as concerned about the state of their property, eg., weeds, lack of mulching, cheap lawn furniture, failure to prune, etc., as the original owners were back in the day, and it should be no surprise why our property values have been slow to recover, not to mention the section 8 nightmare on TPC and the real estate downturn a decade ago now. The notion that there is a "rich side" and a "poor side" of FCF, with real estate brokers referring as they do to the forest (poor) side and the water (wealthy) side, should be an embarrassment to all property owners. This was not the attitude a decade ago! Non owner-occupied homes must require prime and backup contact information, so that swift action can be taken when things go awry. People that don't adhere to the agreed-upon covenants really do so to the detriment of all the others.	4/18/2017 11:26 AM
43	We need much better effort with ongoing maintenance...clubhouse and pool area have issues that should be taken care of prior to now. Finances are not transparent to HOA members and are in need of overhaul...why is there no detail associated with the operating and capital budgets, and why are we approving budgets at a March meeting when the budget is implemented in January?	4/18/2017 10:13 AM

44	Simple project but it may impact the size of the marina.....believe that in the marina expansion hearings some 20 years ago, parking spaces were a limiting factor. With no lines painted we can state what we think is the number of parking spaces, while in reality if we did paint lines we would have more orderly parking without the inefficient results we experience during the summer with competing interests from families trying to escape the heat at the pool and those utilizing the marina facilities. While it may seem as if we are a greying community, we are not an over 55 one,. Investing money into facilities that make our neighborhood enticing to young families should be a priority as should be things that make FCF a true waterfront community. Thanks for your volunteerism and good luck sorting all the competing interests!	4/18/2017 6:47 AM
45	Open communication about who is on committees. Be sure to have people on the BOD and important committees like CAPEX that have a proven history of executing on behalf of community interests and certainly not people who have cost the community to expend large amounts of our funds without oversight as was done during the original process to renovate the clubhouse where over \$50,000 was expended needlessly and at least \$35,000 of it without membership knowledge or approval for architectural plans that were proven completely useless and unbuildable, only to have that same party remain at the head of CAPEX. Such is beyond my understanding.	4/18/2017 5:52 AM
46	We have all of these beaches in the community that are very difficult if not impossible to get to. Most of the time access is restricted by overgrown paths that are frequently muddy and poorly maintained, if at all. Heaven forbid of someone wishes to get to the island with a stroller or has any difficulty walking. These amenities are often advertised in new listings as an asset for buying in Fishing Creek Farm, when in fact none of the beaches have a clear and accessible method for members of the community to use them.	4/18/2017 4:32 AM
47	Great idea to ask us what we think. Thanks for the opportunity.	4/18/2017 3:48 AM
48	Please do not ask the FCF community at large to pay for Marina improvements until those using the Marina are charged a market rate for their slips.	4/18/2017 3:44 AM
49	Marina needs to be upgraded dramatically. The invasive species that are killing our trees and blocking access to the waterfront need to be addressed.	4/18/2017 1:21 AM