

Wickham Forest Homeowner's Association

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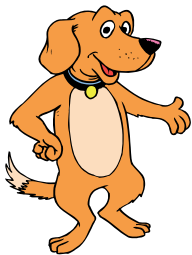
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Support Wickham Forest subdivision!

If you, or somebody you know, is interested in serving on the Wickham Forest Homeowner's Association Board, please contact a member of the Board to get your name on the February 2011 ballot.

There are five members on the Board of Directors: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Duties normally take a maximum of 1-2 hours a week.

Be a leader in the community and help make a difference!



PET CARE

When walking your dog, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Besides being inconsiderate to your neighbors, leaving the waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drains. **It is also illegal and a WF covenant violation.**

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Crime Prevention

Submitted by Jane Meier
Community Relations Volunteer Coordinator
Crime Prevention Practitioner
Melbourne Police Department

Vehicle Burglary @ Paradise Beach Park *** TREND ALERT***

There appears to be a trend in purse burglaries from vehicles at the Paradise Beach Park that occurs seasonally. The vehicles are usually entered via a broken window, and the purse (which is in plain view) is taken from the vehicle. This location is a prime location for this type of burglary since the victims usually leave their valuables in the car while at the beach.

Remember, no matter which beach you visit, please do not leave anything in plain view inside your car. If possible, leave it in the trunk.

“Pigeon drop” Type Scams

These incidents have happened recently in Brevard County...You would think someone would not fall victim to this type of scam but it is still happening. Please notify the police if you are approached or become a victim.

In the robbery cases, two black male suspects have targeted elderly men and women in parking lots forcing them to withdraw large sums of money from ATM machines. On different occasions, the suspects waited until the victim received cash from the ATM, at which time Suspect #1 brandished or implied a firearm, asked the “zip code,” and forced the victims to withdraw additional money from their accounts.

In the pigeon drop cases, elderly victims are targeted and approached by Suspect #1 at grocery shopping centers. Suspect #1 indicates he found a wallet containing large sums of money and at one point asks the victim the “zip code.” Suspect #2 then walks up to the victim and instructs him/her to get into a car. Suspect#2 then walks back into the store, while Suspect #1 drives the victim to the bank, where he/she then withdraws large sums of money at the order of Suspect #1. Once the money is received, Suspect #1 drives the victim back to the store where he meets up with suspect #2 and the victim is released.

Prevention Tips

- ◇ If the situation seems unusual or if you feel uncomfortable, just walk away.
- ◇ Use caution when approached by strangers in malls or shopping center parking lots.
- ◇ Trust only people you know.
- ◇ Do not trust someone because he or she has a friendly voice or appears to be an authoritative figure. It is really unlikely that a complete stranger would confide in you about finding money or sharing their prize.
- ◇ Talk to a law enforcement officer or your banker before withdrawing large sums of money at someone else's suggestion.
- ◇ Always be aware of your surroundings. If something does not look or feel right, it probably is not.

WF Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, October 21st at 7:00PM

4245 Wood Haven Dr.

WFHOA TREASURERS REPORT

8-1-2010 - 8-31-10

INCOME

Dues		\$208.00
TOTAL INCOME	TOTAL	\$208.00

EXPENSES

Administrative Expenses:

Meeting Room		\$75.00
	TOTAL	\$75.00

OPERATING EXPENSES:

FPL		\$75.85
	TOTAL	\$75.85

MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:

Mowing 2860 Forest Run Dr		\$50.00
Mowing & Fertilizer		\$350.00
Ponds		\$295.00
Conservation Area Mowing		\$325.00
	TOTAL	\$1,020.00

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CASH ON HAND:

Bank of America Checking		\$21,518.51
Bank of America CD		\$4,363.18
Bank of America CD		\$35,021.95

TOTAL		\$60,903.64
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WFHOA Board of Directors Meeting— September 16, 2010

Call to Order: The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at 4245 Wood Haven Drive. Proper notice was given.

Determination of a Quorum: Board members present were Nancy Phillips, Duane Charter, Lane Smith, Mary Greenfield, and Ed Clark.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was read and approved. It will be published in the newsletter. The lawn at a home on Forest Run was mowed at WF expense. The homeowner will be charged and a fine assessed.

August 2010 Minutes: The minutes from the August 2010 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

2nd Vice President's Report: There were 3 violations notices sent out since the last board meeting: 1 for structural damage, 1 for roof mildew, and 1 for a satellite dish installed without ARC approval.

Old Business:

- **Speed Humps:** The issue of speeding and possible speed humps was discussed. We previously published an article in the newsletter providing speedhumps@wickhamforest.com as an email address to contact the board if you wished to add your name to the petition. But based on feedback from homeowners, it appears that the newsletter may not be an effective way to reach all homeowners. Motion made, seconded, and approved unanimously to place the issue on the February ballot. This will provide a final decision from the homeowners.
- **Conservation Area Update:** Removal of the required trees have been completed. The large Pepper Tree was ground down, with the other trees just stumped. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the contract with ALTEC to spray the area to kill the non-native vegetation. Motion made, seconded, and pass to mow the Conservation area to prepare the area for planting new vegetation.
- The home at 4230 Woodhaven Drive is abandoned and not being maintained. Repeated letters have not resulted in the home being taken care of. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to request our attorney to lien a home on Wood Haven that is not being maintained. Files against the property have already reached the maximum limit.
- all storm water repairs required by St John's Water Management scheduled to be accomplished in 2010 have been completed. The repairs have been inspected by St John's Water Management personnel and were approved. There is still some re-sodding to be accomplished where repairs were done.
- **Bent Pine lake and fence:** The fence along the Bent Pine retention pond and Sherwood was discussed. The fence is damaged to the extent that nobody will repair the fence. Motion made, seconded, and passed to obtain 3 estimates and proceed with replacing the section of fence along the Sherwood property line. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the estimate to mow the area around the Bent Pine retention pond and swale on a quarterly basis.

New Business:

- A homeowner requested the Board repair the fence for the bike path on Wild Wood Drive. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to contact a company to repair the fence.

A homeowner complained that the trees near the Wild Wood Drive bike path are blocking the light. A motion was made, passed, and seconded to have the tree trimmed to light the area.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Submitted by Kathy Sayles

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321-698-3155

Real estate sales since June 1st.

2740 Forest Run Drive	listed \$135,000	sold \$130,000	6/10
4540 Sweet Bay	listed \$206,000	sold \$198,000	8/13

Dog Owners Take Notice!!!

This article was recently published and I thought it was very interesting, so dog owners take notice!!

Dog bite claims cost the insurance industry \$412 million in 2009, an increase of 6.4 percent from 2008.

Dog bites account for more than one-third of all homeowners insurance liability claims paid out in 2009, says the Insurance Information Institute (I.I.I.) The average cost of dog bite claims was \$24,840 in 2009.

With more than 50 percent of bites occurring on the dog owner's property, the issue is a major source of concern for insurers.

More than 4.7 million people in the United States are bitten by dogs annually, and nearly 900,000 of those, half of them children, require medical care, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Of those injured, 386,000 require treatment in an emergency department and about 16 die.

There are three kinds of law that impose liability on owners:

1. Dog-bite statute; The dog owner is automatically liable for any injury or property damage the dog causes, even without provocation.
2. "One-bite" rule; In some states, the owner is not held liable for the first bite the dog inflicts. Once an animal has demonstrated vicious behavior, such as biting or otherwise displaying a "vicious propensity", the owner can be held liable. Some states have moved away from the one-bite rule and hold owners responsible for any injury, regardless of whether the animal has previously bitten someone.
3. Negligence laws; The dog owner is liable if the injury occurred because he or she was unreasonably careless (negligent) in controlling the dog. In most states, dog owners are not liable for losses incurred by trespassers who are injured by a dog.

A dog owner who is legally responsible for an injury to a person or property may be responsible for reimbursing the injured person for medical bills, lost wages, pain and suffering and property damage.

If you are contemplating getting a dog you should get in touch with your insurance agent. There is a list of dogs that your policy might not cover.

Report Storm Drain Violations

It is illegal to dump grass clippings, yard trash, or other items into the storm drains. If you observe somebody using the storm drains improperly, please remind them that this is not allowed. If they are unreceptive or unwilling to comply, please contact Melbourne's STORM WATER ILLICIT DISCHARGE HOTLINE at (321) 953-6241. They will contact the homeowner and explain the law.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS



The board would like to welcome any new residents to our community. If you do not have a copy of our Covenants and Deed Restrictions, or have any questions about them, please contact any board member. We will be happy to assist you in any way we can.

A few reminders regarding our Covenants, for those who do not have a copy —

1. **Yard trash is picked up on Fridays.** Yard trash should not be placed at the curb until the night before pick-up. Tree branches/shrub clippings, etc. need to be cut down to 4 foot sections and bundled for easier pick up by waste management. Big piles of yard debris are difficult to handle and will not be picked up. Yard debris not picked up on Fridays will require that the homeowner call Waste Management themselves to arrange for a special pickup at no cost to the homeowner. It is suggested that the homeowner also call a board member to notify them that a pickup has been scheduled. For information, contact Waste Management at 321-723-4455.
2. **Garbage is picked up on Tuesdays and Fridays. Recycling is picked up Wednesday.** Garbage containers/recycling bins should not be placed at the curb until 5pm the night before pick up. Garbage containers/recycling bins must be stored as not to be visible from the street or adjacent property within sight distance of the lot.
3. If you are planning to paint your home or plan any exterior changes, please contact the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) for approval **BEFORE** starting any new project. A sample of paint color, shingle type/color, plan layout, etc. must be submitted to the ARC for approval.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Melbourne Police Dept (non-emergency) (321) 409-2200

Fire Department (321) 752-4642

Melbourne City Hall (321) 727-2900

City of Melbourne Water Department (Normal Hours) (321) 674-5726

City of Melbourne Water Department (Emergency) (321) 255-4622

Fix a pothole: City of Melbourne (321) 953-6231

FPL Power Outage (800) 468-8242

FPL Meter Check (800) 468-8243

Florida City Gas leaks, Odors, or Emergencies (888) 352-5325

Waste Management 321 723-4455

Appliance Pick up: (321) 953-6302

Large yard pile Pick Up: (321) 953-6302

Dispose of old paint or other household chemicals: (321) 255-4365

AT&T Residential Repair Service: (877) 737-2478

AT&T FastAccess DSL Technical Support: (888) 321-2375

Bright House Customer Service (321) 254-3300

Bus Transportation (321) 242-6497

Volunteer Citizens Observance Patrol

Melbourne Police are currently looking for residents to be a part of the Volunteer Citizens Observance Patrol. Termed V-COP, residents are trained to assist the Department's Patrol Division.

Applications are now being accepted for the V-COP training class. The training involves 40 hours of training, scheduled to start October 5, 2010. The classes will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with some daytime classes.

The training process includes instruction on observation techniques, police procedures, traffic control, safe driving techniques and basic law enforcement rules and regulations.

Applicants must have a valid Florida driver's license, complete a background check and be willing to volunteer at least 12 hours a month. Minimum age requirement is 21 years of age. Most of our V-COPs are retired seniors.

Those interested should contact Volunteer Coordinator Jane Meier at 321-409-3362 or jmeier@melbourneflorida.org.

Applications are available on line at www.melbourneflorida.org/police, at the Police Station located at 650 N. Apollo Blvd. or at the Community Relations Office located in Melbourne Square Mall (across from Macy's)

Wickham Forest ARC Meeting Summary

September 28, 2010

Members present:

- ◇ John Baker
- ◇ Bernadette Pinto
- ◇ Tina Borchers
- ◇ Lynn Shell

Items approved:

- ◇ 2500 Wild Wood Drive — Permits received for pavers to be installed. Approved without conditions
- ◇ 4200 Wood Haven – Installation of Garden Shed
- ◇ 4255 Wood Haven- Repainting of front of house in existing colors. Main color- Clay Beige Trim- Egyptian pink.

Items denied: None

The Wickham Forest ARC is excited to welcome the new homeowners to our neighborhood. If any homeowner is wondering which exterior projects were approved by the ARC, you are welcome to email bpinto@cfl.rr.com Records of exterior home improvements projects, like fences, roofing, painting are kept on file.

As always, please remember to submit and ARC request form (available on the website) before you schedule a date with your contractor for exterior home improvements.

The ARC meets the third Tuesday of each month. The ARC will meet again on Tuesday, October 19, 2010.

Architectural Review Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 19, 2010 AT 7:30PM

2580 Red Maple Place

For Your Information

This is not an endorsement, but sharing of information. To place or remove an entry, please contact Duane Charter at 255-8382 or email secretary@wickhamforest.com. To eliminate stale advertisements, they will be removed after 3 months. Please let us know if you wish to continue your advertisement.

FORECLOSURE DEFENSE ATTORNEY. Free Consultation! Practice areas include: Real Estate law, Landlord-Tenant law, Litigation, Foreclosure Defense, Asset Protection, Estate Planning, Probate, Corporate law, and Condo/HOA law. Call Christopher Martin at (321) 543-4374 or visit www.martinlegal.net for your free consultation.

Life Insurance, Medicare Supplements, Long Term Care and Annuities: Free Consultations. Even if we are not a fit, you will get educated. Contact Christen Corl 321-848-2553.

WICKHAM FOREST REALTORS: List your Wickham Forest home with Kathy Sayles a 13 year resident of the Sanctuary. I am with ERA SHOWCASE the largest realtor in Brevard County. For complete service call 321-698-3115 or email at kathysayles@bellsouth.net.

AVON PRODUCTS: Lots of wonderful skin care products, cosmetics, fragrances and much more. Please call Cindy Wells (321)242-7517 or email me at cindylwells@bellsouth.net Wickham Forest resident since 1999 . [p2010]

AVON CUSTOMERS: Please call Vicki Dawson at (321) 242-2746 for continued service.

MARY KAY COSMETICS: Try America's #1 Best Selling Brand of Skin Care and Color Cosmetics. Get ready to fall in love with Mary Kay. Pamela Castellana (321) 757-9893 and/or website www.marykay.com/pcastellan.

ATTORNEY: Wills, Trusts & Powers of Attorney; Probate & Trust Administration; Guardianship; Will & Trust Contests; Real Estate; Civil Litigation. I am a Wickham Forest resident – Free Consultations for fellow Wickham Forest residents. Pierre Mommers, MOMMERS & COLOMBO, Eau Gallie Blvd., Melbourne, 751-1000.

FAMILY AND COSMETIC DENTISTRY: Forest Plaza, Sam Kretzschmar, DDS, 242-2236

LICENSED MORTGAGE BROKER: Providing Residential and Commercial Mortgages. Contact Greg Beasley at 321-591-0502. Wickham Forest resident since 1991.

NOTARY SERVICE: Available evenings & weekends for notary service. Will travel to you! Wickham Forest resident since 1999. Please contact Angie Day at (321) 544-1432

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CHILDBIRTH PREPARATION: Prepare for your birth by learning the options you have in Brevard County. Childbirth Classes and Birth Doula Services offered by Terri Myers, ICCE. Over 12 years experience in home and hospital births. Free consultation. mamattera@cfl.rr.com, 321-259-5598, www.spacecoastdoulas.com.

HOUSECLEANING: Contact Crusita @ 757-3180

TRANSFORM YOUR POOL: Want a more updated look for your pool? Call ALL AMERICAN POOLS at (321) 751-1339 for your free estimate. We do repairs, remodeling and new construction. Licensed & Insured, Lic#RP252555068.

PAINTING & ROOF MILDEW REMOVAL: Nichols Painting and Roof Cleaning (Wickham Forest Resident). Licensed /insured. Interior/exterior painting. Call Jake at 242-7722.

AIR CONDITIONING: Custom Air and Heat, both residential and commercial sales, service and installation. State license number is CAC1815128. Contact Michael J. Hilliger 24/7 at (321) 223-8749.

PET CARE SERVICES: Offering private pet care visits at the pet owner's home. Services also include basic home care while away. "Giving them the care, while your not there!" Contact Cindy for consultation at 255-2658 or email petcarenanny08@yahoo.com.

BABYSITTER: Mature 16 year old to care for up to three children, will provide games/entertainment, prepare meals and tidy up. Safe Sitter and Adult/Infant AMA Heart saver First Aid certified. Resident of Wickham Forest. Ask for Molly, 591-5394.

FOR SALE: 7 and a half ft. beige couch, 2 recliners at either end, exc. condition \$350 and sq. coffee table parkay oak good condition \$50. Call Irene at 254-6482.

FOR SALE: Dining Room Set. Includes solid oak white washed oval table with six chairs, china cabinet, and server. Contact Katrina at 514-3878. [42010]

FREE: Rose colored padded rails for CA King Waterbed. Call Linda at 255-8382. [100110]

FOR SALE: Multiple "used once" Prom and Homecoming dresses. Dresses are beautiful and in excellent condition! Sixes 6-8. Call Linda at 255-8382 for information or to view. [100110]