## Wickham Forest Homeowner's Association

http://www.wickhamforest.com

## August 2011

#### **CURB APPEAL WICKHAM FOREST**

Wickham Forest will sponsor **CURB APPEAL WICKHAM FOREST STYLE**, a Wickham Forest Beautification Project. The purpose of the project is to encourage and empower home owners and residents in Wickham Forest to up-date and improve curb appeal at home sites. The project will be on-going a minimum of 18 months beginning this month, August, 2011. Awards will be presented to recipients every few months with a huge neighborhood picnic the fall of 2012. More information and detail is forthcoming each month as we contact local plant nurseries for resources. Now is the time to begin planning and acting on fresh paint, fresh entrances to homes, fresh landscaping, etc. The first round of recognition will be in 2 months ((early October). Be sure to check the website for updates.

You may wish to take a photograph "now and then "to show your progress.

#### PET CARE

The Wickham Forest Board has received numerous complaints about homeowners allowing pets to run free, and also about homeowners not picking up after their pets. The Wickham Forest 2010 Covenants identifies failure to clean up after you pet as an infraction that can be assessed a fine of \$50 per violation if you are observed (Section 7.5c). They are also violations of county ordinances.

**Brevard Ordinance Sec. 14-59** 

No animal shall be permitted or allowed to defecate or urinate upon any public property, or any private property, without permission of the property owner.

It shall be the responsibility of the owner or person in control of the animal to dispose of or

remove any excretions caused by the animal. It is a violation of this article for the owner of an animal to permit or allow an animal to defecate or urinate upon any public property, or any private property, without permission of the property owner.

#### **Brevard Leash Law**

An animal under physical control, is an animal under mental control. The law states all animals must be leashed at all times when off the property of the animal owner. In Brevard County, at large is defined as off the premises of the owner, and not under the physical control of a leash, cord or chain of sufficient strength to control the animal not to exceed six (6) feet in length. If you love your pet, leash your pet!

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North Melbourne HOA Alliance

www.northmelbournehomewonersalliance.com

Date: July 28, 2011

Subject: WFHOA Board of Directors Meeting:

**Call to Order:** The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM at 4245 Wood Haven Drive. Proper notice was given.

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

**Board Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the April 2011 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was read and approved. It will be published in the newsletter.

**2**<sup>nd</sup> **Vice President's Report:** There were 23 letters sent out since the April meeting: 5 for garbage container violations, 2 for yard maintenance, 13 for parking violations, and 3 for yard trash placed curbside before Thursday.

#### **Old Business:**

- Conservation Area Update: We would like to have some homeowners volunteer to help. We will rent an auger and provide the plants. The planting is scheduled for August 20, 2011. Nancy will be the point of contact for anybody willing to help.
- The issue of repeated violations and other complaints about 4375 Wood Haven Drive was discussed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that this homeowner would not receive any further warning letters for covenant violations. Future violations will result in immediate fines.
- Results of the annual audit were provided. Financial documentation was good with only minor issues discovered. There was no record of the monthly balancing of the bank account. It was also noted that the annual corporate report was filed late and resulted in a fine.

There is still no update on the traffic light for the entrance.

#### **New Business:**

- The property at 2585 Red Maple was discussed in detail. Motion made, seconded, and passed to issue a fine for yard maintenance. The homeowner will be notified that they have 14 days to get all landscaping in compliance with the covenants (with Board approval) or be subject to a fine of \$50 for each day until the property is brought within compliance.
- It was reported that there are transients living in the conservation area off Forest Run Drive. The Melbourne po-

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Thursday, Sep 29, 2011 AT 7:30PM 4245 Wood Haven Dr

lice were notified, but informed us that the area must be posted before they can enforce the "no trespass". It was agreed to have the area posted.

- The US flag at the entrance is deteriorated. Mary will purchase a replacement and spare. We will ask Simpson to replace the flag for us.
- An 18-month Curb Appeal program was proposed. Motion passed, seconded, and passed to accept the program.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Sep 29, 2011.

The Fence along the railroad is in need of repair. It was decided to get estimates to repair the existing fence until we can afford to replace the entire fence.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

## **GET YOUR NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL!!**

Please consider signing up to receive your monthly WF Newsletter electronically instead of having a paper copy hand-delivered to your home.

By signing up to receive the newsletter electronically, every month you will receive an email notice that the latest newsletter is available for download. The email will include a link where you can view the monthly newsletter on your computer. The **COLOR** newsletter can be viewed online, printed, or saved to your own computer for future viewing. Because email delivery doesn't have to wait for printing and delivery, homeowners selecting email delivery will receive the newsletter before homeowners receiving the paper copy.

There are two ways to sign up for email notification of newsletter. You can create an account on the Wickhamforest.com website, then login into your account and select the Join our mailing list on the left, or just send an email to newsletter@wickhamforest.com This will automatically register you to receive the email notification and electronic delivery. If you would prefer to receive the newsletter as an attachment to the email, just mention that in the email request.

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Registering for email delivery will only add you to the email delivery list. It will not stop the home delivery. Instructions on how to cancel the home delivery will be provided when you receive your first email notice. But please consider cancelling the home delivery. This will not only save money for the association, it will also reduce the workload on the dedicated volunteers who deliver the newsletter every month.

## **Architectural Review Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, September 20, 2011 AT 7:30PM 2580 Red Maple Place

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#### Wickham Forest Neighborhood Watch.

The article presented to the Neighborhood Watch from the Melbourne Police Dept. is in response to inquiries being made from residents concerned about how to recognize drug activities. There is concern from numerous residents that illegal activities have been or currently are taking place within our subdivision and a neighboring subdivision. This article is very informative and will help to address those concerns.

An additional informative resource is through the DEA website <a href="http://www.justice.gov/dea/concern/meth.html">http://www.justice.gov/dea/concern/meth.html</a>.

When you suspect criminal activity, be pro-active and make the call to report it. If the Police don't get the call, it makes it very difficult to enforce the law. Without citizens help, crimes go undetected. Call the Police!

Keep Wickham Forest a safe community, participate in the Neighborhood Watch program for updates and alerts.

Contact: wfcitizenswatch@gmail.com.

\* All alerts are sent BCC, all e-mail addresses remain private.

#### Signs of Drug Activity

Any one or more of these activities may alert you that you have a "drug house" on your block.

- Frequent visitors in vehicles or on foot stopping at the residence day and night. People stay only a short time.
- · Hypodermic syringes or other drug paraphernalia found in the area.
- Merchandise coming into the house under unusual circumstances such as during late hours and with unusual frequency.
- · Strangers loitering on your block or in the neighborhood, such as near schools and parks
- People asking you for drugs or offering to sell you them. Often neighbors get people mistakenly coming to their door asking for drugs on blocks where there is a drug house operating.
- Drug house residents or visitors coming out of the house holding small plastic packets.
- · Money changing hands in exchange for small vials or packets.
- Apparent business transactions being conducted in a vehicle.
- People acting strange, showing unusual mental or physical symptoms.
- · Noxious odors coming from or around the building, such as musty smells or chemical odors.
- All communities have unpopular residents. Obnoxious or peculiar behavior, different lifestyles or ethnic origin does not mean the people are drug dealers.

#### What The Police Would Like to Know

· What makes you think narcotics are being sold?

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- Which drugs are involved? Have you found any drug paraphernalia?
- · When did the activity start and how long has it been going on?
- Have you reported the activity before? When and to whom?
- What is the address of the activity? Include the apartment number or description of location. Do you know the name of the people you suspect?
- What type of building is it (single family home, business, apartment, rental)? Do you know who the landlord is?
- Where on the property does the drug activity take place (e.g. at the front door, out the back window, in the alley or inside the house)?
- · Do you know where the drugs are kept?
- What time of day and day of the week is the activity heaviest? Estimate the number of people in and out in a given hour. Do cars drive up to the house, or do people park and walk up?

Have you noticed any kind of possible signal that alerts people the suspect is at home and has drugs to sell?

- What so the customers look like (typical sex, age, race, clothing style)? A detailed description of each buyer isn't necessary, but an overview is helpful.
- What are the license numbers of the customer's cars? License numbers alone aren't enough for an arrest but are useful in an investigation.
- How many people live in the house? Are there any children? How old?
- Any dogs? What kind? How many?
- Any bars or other types of reinforcements on the windows or doors? What kind and where? Any alarm or security systems?
- Have you seen any weapons on the suspected dealers or their customers? What kind and how many?
- What so the suspected dealers look like (sex, race, height, weight, build, hair and eye color, hair style, facial hair, complexion, eyewear, distinctive clothing)? Be as specific as possible with your description.
- What type of car does the suspect(s) drive (make, model, year, style, license number, license state, exterior color, interior color, distinctive feature)?

#### HOW TO REPORT DRUG ACTIVITY

Don't assume the police already know, or that a neighbor will call. Don't assume one report is all that is needed. If the activity keeps on occurring, keep on reporting it. If the pattern changes, report that change. All neighbors affected by the drug activity are encouraged to report.

Your reports are very important whether you wish to get involved in the process of getting rid of a drug house or not. Most often an officer is not available to respond to a citizen report of drug activity immediately, however drug transactions seldom involve any danger to neighbors or bystanders. Also, drug deals are completed quickly and are often over before an officer can arrive. You can report drug activity anonymously but it is more helpful if you will give your name and number in case other information is needed. It is more likely your situation will be worked if you identify yourself and express interest in working with police to rid your block of the problem.

If you see any suspicious activity in the neighborhood, please call 911 or for non-emergency call Melbourne Police Department at 321-409-2200

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#### **Hurricane Season Preparation**

With hurricane season approaching, ensure you are prepared with information that will assist you and your families during times of crisis. We hope that you never have to face such a crisis but, if you do, the following information will be helpful to you and your family.

#### Preparing for a Hurricane

Hurricanes threaten our safety and livelihood, presenting significant threats of flooding and wind damage. Meteorologists continue to predict active hurricane seasons for the foreseeable future, as well as above-average probability of major hurricane landfalls. The best way to prevent harm and reduce property damage is to be aware of the dangers posed by storms and to be prepared.

#### Be prepared... develop a home emergency plan

To prepare for any natural disaster, it's a good idea to have an emergency kit on hand.

#### Have a family communication plan

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan how you will contact one another and review what you will do in different situations. If you have family outside the area, be sure to inform them of your plans. They will be worried and trying to contact you.

#### Checklist - What to do before the hurricane

- ♦ Learn the terms used by weather forecasters. Know the difference between "watches" and "warnings" a watch means that storm conditions are in the specified area, usually within 36 hours while a warning is usually within 24 hours
- ♦ Listen for local radio or television forecasts
- ♦ Ask your local emergency management office about community evacuation plans
- ♦ Talk to your family about hurricane issues
- ♦ Determine the needs of your family/neighbors that might need assistance in a hurricane
- ♦ Prepare to survive on your own for at least three days
- ♦ Make plans to secure your property
- ♦ Learn how to shut off utilities and where gas and water shutoffs are located
- ♦ Have your home inspected for compliance with local building codes
- ♦ Be sure trees and shrubs around your home are well trimmed
- ♦ Make a record of your personal property with pictures or videotapes
- ♦ Decide in advance where to go if you must evacuate your home. You might choose a friend's home, a motel or a shelter.
- ♦ Identify a safe evacuation route and alternate routes. Remember that roads may be crowded and that bridges or causeways may be under water.
- ♦ Stock plywood, nails and other items needed to board up windows to protect your home.
- ♦ Prepare for possible power outages by stocking up on such necessities as food and bottled water, as well as a first aid kit, a portable radio, warm clothing and clean blankets. In addition, keep a supply of flashlights and extra batteries handy, and avoid relying upon potential light sources, such as candles and kerosene lamps, since open flames can be hazardous.
- ♦ Keep your car fueled in case you have to evacuate, and store some bottled water, nutritious snacks and blankets in the trunk.
- ♦ Listen to local radio or television for the latest information and instructions for your area. Protect your windows with boards or shutters.
- ♦ Look around your property and reduce the threat of flying debris. This includes moving all outdoor items (patio furniture, garbage cans, garden tools) indoors and, if possible, removing any tree limbs that may be too close to your home, or appear to be diseased or damaged.
- ♦ Make arrangements for your pets. In the event you needed to be evacuated to a shelter, most shelters won't allow them. Animals that assist people with disabilities are permitted.

## **WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS**

The board would like to welcome you to the 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.

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.
- 2. <u>Bulk Items:</u> You do not need to call Waste Management to schedule a pickup bulk items (including furniture). These items can be placed at the curb on Fridays. The truck that picks up the yard trash will make note of the address and return later in the day to pick up bulk items. They will be automatically picked up as long as nothing was longer than 4 ft.; the same as yard trash. information, contact Waste Management at 321-723-4455.
- 3. **Electronics:** You still need to call to arrange a special pick up for appliances and electronics.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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) 468-8243

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 FastAcess DSL Technical Support: (888) 321-2375

**Bright House Customer Service (321) 254-3300** 

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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. mamaterra@cfl.rr.com, 321-259-5598, www.spacecoastdoulas.com.

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PET CARE SERVICES: Veterinarian tech 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. [040111]

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