Wickham Forest Homeowner's Association

http://www.wickhamforest.com

November 2011

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 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. Board members received \$600 annually for their service.

The next annual meeting will be in February 2012. The primary purpose of the annual meeting is to elect homeowners to the Wickham Forest Homeowner Association Board of Directors.

Additional information can be obtained from any board member or by emailing Board@Wickhamforest.com.

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

Trash and Recycle Issues:

Please note per Section 7.5a of our covenants, <u>trash may not be placed curbside before 5 p.m.</u> the day before scheduled pickup.

With yard trash pickup on Fridays, the board can no longer be lenient, or the neighborhood will have yard trash curbside for most of the week throughout the year. The board realizes this is going to be inconvenient, but yard trash will not be allowed to be placed curbside until Thursday evening.

Please make certain that your lawn trash bins are stored out of site whether in use or not in use.

The board also recognizes that the size of these containers may make it difficult for some homeowners to store them out of sight when not in use, but the covenants are clear that trash containers may not be stored in a place visible from the street

Please take note of the scheduled pick up dates.

Recycling pickup: Wednesday

Yard Trash: Friday

Regular Trash: Tuesday and Friday

If you live next door to an abandoned or foreclosed house, and the trash bins are still in the drive-way, please telephone Waste Management at 321-723-4455 advising them of such. They will schedule a pick-up.

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http://wwsww.wickhamforest.com

North Melbourne HOA Alliance

www.northmelbournehomewonersalliance.com

Date: September 29, 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 July 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.

2nd Vice President's Report: There were 27 letters sent out since the July meeting: 4 for yard trash; 5 for yard maintenance; 4 for trash cans; 7 for parking; 2 for paint/mildew; 2 for derelict vehicles; 2 for shutters; and 1 for structural damage.

Old Business:

- Conservation Area Update: We have received notification from the city that we must keep the growth under control for a distance of 100' to any property. This is contrary to the original agreement. The attorney will contact the city and determine a plan of action. If we must maintain 100' from any improved property, we may be required to mow the entire area.
- The Board would like to thank the individuals who helped to plant the conservation area. Thanks go to the Nifokas family, Lane Smith & family, Roy and Mary Greenfield, Nancy Phillips, Rich Jenkin, Pat Snyder, the McCarthy family.
- The beautification project is going well. A team of judges will be looking at homes later in October followed by recognition in the newsletter.

New Business:

- The property at 4230 Wood Haven Drive was discussed in detail. Motion made, seconded, and passed to allow Ed Clark to negotiate the payment of fines and dues.
- The front entrance along the right side is in need of attention to remove old plants and spruce up the appearance. Mary will evaluate the area to determine which plants should be replaced.
- The flag is deteriorated and we need to purchase replacements. Motion made, seconded, and passed to eliminate the Wickham Forest flag.

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Wickham Forest Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, November 10, 2011 AT 7:30PM 4245 Wood Haven Dr

- The front entrance sign needs to be repainted. Motion made, seconded, and passed to have the sign repainted. The color will be forest green. Mary will check with the sign company to determine why the gold leaf didn't maintain the shine.
- It was decided to get an estimate to replace the fence between the Bent Pine pond and the railroad tracks. The fence is decaying and needs to be replaced when funds are available.
- The erosion around the Bent Pine pond was evaluated to determine if the Board needed to take any action to restore the shoreline. After review, it was determined the Board would not take any action. Homeowners wishing to restore the shoreline on their property must first obtain Board approval and obtain permission for controlling authorities (St. John's Water Management, Melbourne City, etc.)
- It was discussed that because of the past draught, many yards are in disrepair. We have received adequate rain this year and many yards have recovered. However, some still need additional attention to restore them to proper condition. It was decided to place an article in the next newsletter notifying homeowners that the Board will soon start sending letters to homeowners who need to take action.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2011.

Wickham Forest Neighborhood Watch.

Please if you see any activity, that is suspicious, immediately call MPD and report what you see. By all means, do not get out of your vehicle and approach anyone or chase them. It is not a good idea! You don't know what type of weapons they may carry with them. We want to keep our citizens safe in our communities. Awareness, upon seeing any suspicious activities should be followed by reporting them immediately to the Police. Take precautions in keeping yourself, your family and your home secure. Help out our community by signing up for e-mail alerts. Thank you!

Please sign up for e-mail alerts at wfcitizenswatch@gmail.com.

Your names and e-mail address are kept private.

Crime information incidents and alerts for residents are passed along through this system.

The awareness of residents is crucial to keeping Wickham Forest a safe community.

Georgette McWilliams Chairman, Wickham Forest Neighborhood Watch 321-751-3749 wfcitizenswatch@gmail.com

Architectural Review Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2011 AT 7:30PM 2580 Red Maple Place

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Curb Appeal Wickham Forest Style

Thank you, thank you, and thank you!!!

Curb Appeal Wickham Forest Style is showing tremendous results. Many homeowners are updating landscaping with new plants, sod and mulch. Some have incorporated "light-scaping" into their curb appeal. Others have touched up paint or pressured washed homes, driveways, walkways, and cleaned mildew off roofs.

Did you know that one can register for a free monthly newsletter at www.homedepotgardenclub? Along with a wealth of tips on landscaping and home improvements, Home Depot offers discount coupons. Another site to consider is www.bhg.com (Better Homes and Gardens) which offers many low cost home improvement/curb appeal tips that can be accomplished in a day or a week.

A team of judges will be looking at homes later in October followed by recognition in the newsletter. If you would like to nominate a home for particular recognition please send an e-message to board@wickhamforest.com for consideration.

Thank you for participating and making Wickham Forest a lovely place to call home.

One of our neighbors sent the following information about some new WF residents - a pair of Black Swans. What a joy to have such beautiful creatures reside on a pond in Wickham Forest! Please take time to inform your neighbors if you live around the Red Maple pond about them.

I just wanted to pass along some information about the pair of Black Swans living on the Red Maple pond in case you get questions about them.

They are actually 2 females and cannot reproduce. They are not aggressive, but also not friendly in that they will not approach people. They tend to stay on and near the water. As graceful as they are in the water, they are slow and awkward on land. They are not noisy or destructive they don't pull grass and make puddles the way ducks do. They are vegetarians, eating water plants like sea weed (so less spraying of weed killer needed). They can-



not fly. If for any reason they get too far from water they can be easily herded back.

If anyone wants to give them treats they really like kale & spinach. Just make sure they see you before tossing it in the water. They will normally come right over and eat the treat.

They also are pinioned so they cannot fly. Loose dogs are a threat! Please do not let your dog chase them!

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

WFHOA TREASURERS REPORT

9-01-2011 - 9-30-2011

INCOME		
Fines		\$151.89
TOTAL INCOME	TOTAL	\$151.89
EXPENSES		
Administrative Expenses:		
Office Supplies		\$24.66
	TOTAL	\$24.66
OPERATING EX- PENSES:		
FPL Postage		\$81.21 \$26.50
	TOTAL	\$107.71
MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:		
Mowing		\$300.00
Excavation		\$800.00
Mowing Conservation Area		\$100.00
	TOTAL	\$1,200.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$1,332.37
CASH ON HAND:		
Bank of America Checking		\$22,401.40
Bank of America CD		\$4,378.66
Bank of America CD		\$8,029.08
TOTAL		\$34,809.14

Wickham Forest ARC Meeting Summary

October 18, 2011

Members present Members Absent

Bernadette Pinto Tina Borchers
John Baker Lynn Shell

Ingrid Smith Georgette McWilliams
Christina Hattermann

Items approved:

2530 Wild Wood Dr.- Reroofing-CertainTeed Landmark Series Silver Birch

The Wickham Forest ARC meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month. If you are planning an exterior home remodel, please submit your request to be reviewed the month before your project is to begin. The application should contain as much information as you can supply. For example; if you are painting the exterior of your home, please submit the name of the paint company, the color and number of the paint you are using, and a sample card of the paint color. It helps with maintaining records as well. Homeowners have requested we look in files for the paint number when they have repair work done on the house and it needs to be painted. Others see a paint color they would like for their home, and contact us for the color and company. Our neighborhood looks so good- let's keep it that way!

Yard Maintenance

As you may be aware, the board began sponsorship of a program called CURB APPEAL to begin this past August. The purpose of this program is to encourage and empower homeowners to maintain and improve their properties in an effort to keep our neighborhood beautiful. Details are in the August newsletter and can also be found online at www.wickhamforest.com. This past year has been considerably tough on all properties, with the lack of rain and intense heat over the summer. As a result, many properties have lawns that are noticeably damaged and in need of repair. The lawn damage may also be caused by chinch bugs or fungus. According to Section 7.3 of the WFHOA covenants, all homeowners are responsible for the sodding, seeding, and replacement of dead vegetation as needed to keep their property in good standing.

Given the state of the economy, the board understands finances may be stretched already, but we are all bound by the HOA covenants. In an effort to help homeowners and enforce our covenants, the board is giving homeowners until the end of the year to repair their yards from this past year's damage. This should allow adequate time for homeowners to start repairing their yards. Yards do not have to be completely resodded. In many instances, plugs can be purchased. The main objective of the board is to know homeowners are doing something to repair their yards as specified in the covenants.

Come the first of the year, if a yard is in distress and has not yet been addressed by the homeowner through action or communication to the board, the board will begin sending out violation notices. At that point, the homeowners will be notified of a specific timeline to get their properties in compliance or risk fines. This is not a path anyone wants. Communication is key - if the board is aware a homeowner is proactively working to fix a violation, the board is most likely willing to work with that homeowner to get the property in compliance.

Please look at your yards. If there is considerable browning and/or dead areas, start preparing to fix the lawn by the end of the year. <u>Now</u> is the time to take action.

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

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Bright House Customer Service (321) 254-3300

Bus Transportation (321) 242-6497

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Probate, Corporate law, and Condo/HOA law. Call Christopher Martin at (321) 543-4374 or www.martinlegal.net.

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

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.

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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.

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SPANISH TEACHER/TRANSLATOR: If you are looking for a new, amusing and dynamic way to learn Spanish, call me! Private lessons for children or adults. Individuals, couples or groups welcome. Classes will be available all week from 9:00am to 9:00pm in your own facilities (office, home, etc.) or in a public, convenient place. Special pricing for Wickham Forest residents. Call Pilar at (321) 259-0539.

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.

HOUSE CLEANING: Contact Crusita @ 757-3180

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: 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]

<u>PET SITTER:</u> Mature 13 year old to care for your family pet(s)---Emily will provide walks, clean up after, feed and water, brush or wash, care for and play with your pets. Resident of Wickham Forest. Call 321-591-5394. <u>BABYSITTER:</u> Mature 16 year old to care for up to three children --- Molly will provide games/entertainment, prepare meals and tidy up. Safe Sitter and Adult/Infant AMA Heartsaver First Aid certified. Resident of Wickham Forest. Call 321-591-5394.

Excellent condition oak finished Yamaha M450 Upright Piano w/matching bench. Piano has been kept in a climate controlled environment and barely used. Asking \$2,150 cash or certified check. Buyer is responsible for pick-up and delivery. Call Joe at 321-253-0843 or 321-543-0179.

PC Repair Available also on evenings and weekends. Contact Danny at (321) 298-7633. I am a current Wickham Forest resident.

Solid oak full-queen size headboard. Purchased from North Carolina . \$75.00 or best offer, call 321-259-6201.

(2) Rose Rasphasy print pictures with gold frames. Size: 8" H x 16" W and 30" H x 16" W. \$30.00 or best offer, call 321-259-6201.

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