# Wickham Forest Homeowner's Association

http://www.wickhamforest.com

December 2015



#### Christmas Decorations Contest

Continuing with past tradition, WFHOA will once again sponsor a Christmas decorating contest. 3 homes will be selected for their creativity and holiday spirit and presented with a monetary award. Judging will begin Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

<u>NEW EMAIL ADDRESS for WHOA BOARD</u> When contacting any board member in the future, please use <u>wickham-forest@googlegroups.com</u>. Other email addresses are no longer used.

# <u>WICKHAM FOREST BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED NOW IS THE</u>

TIME TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE 2016 WFHOA BOARD. Contact a current board member to request your name be placed on the 2016 ballot. OR consider serving on the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). New people and fresh ideas keep our HOA moving into the future.

#### REMINDER TO PARENTS OF SCHOOL STUDENTS

your children waits for a school bus at WF school bus stops each morning, please remind them to be respectful of neighbors property. It is understandable that waiting for the bus can be tedious and that children will want to interact with their classmates. We ask that activities and games be restricted to the area between the sidewalk and the curb. Please ask your students to NOT play on neighbors lawns. As always, children need to be mindful of morning traffic and not play on the street.



MERRY CHRISTMAS WICKHAM FOREST

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#### CONTACTS

**Association Board** 

<u>Wickham-</u> Forest@Googlegroups.com

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Mary Greenfield

1st Vice President
(321) 253-0328

Nancy Phillips, 2nd Vice President
(321) 255-1596

Marcella Johnson, Secretary (321) 253-4811

Ed Clark, Treasurer (321) 255-9476

# Architectural Review Committee Carol Theiler, Chairperson (321) 259-7400

- Susie Nichols
- Linda Beckwith
- Dan Reichel
- Bernadette Pinto (alt)

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#### **Wickham Forest Website**

http://www.wickhamforest.com

#### **North Melourne HOA Alliance**

www.northmelbournehomewonersalliance.com

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### Wickham Forest HOA Board Meeting

November 11, 2015

Board Members present: President Ingrid Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Mary Greenfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Nancy Phillips, Treasurer Ed Clark and Secretary Marcella Johnson.

The meeting convened at 7:05 PM at 2540 Red Maple Place.

Ed Clark motioned to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, all approved.

1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Mary Greenfield read a letter from ECOR aquatic control confirming algae treatments in our ponds as requested; in addition grass carp will be placed in the ponds. Also, a letter from the city of Melbourne to all home owners on pollution prevention will be added to our next newsletter.

The treasurer report was approved as printed. The budget proposal for 2016 approved as printed.

Treasurer Ed Clark reported the HOA charter paperwork is up to date and still looking for someone to do the digital scanning.

2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Nancy Phillips reported the following letters of violations sent: 10 commercial vehicles, 1 lawn trash.

As a final decision, the entrance sign to our subdivision will be pressure cleaned within the next 2 weeks.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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HELP <u>NEXTDOOR WICKHAM FOREST</u> reach 200 strong. Invite your neighbors to participate. This site has rapidly become a source of important notices from the city, from your neighbors and from your HOA.

From past newsletter articles, residents are probably aware that Nextdoor Wickham Forest was created for specifically Wickham Forest by a Wickham Forest resident, who himself works as law enforcement officer. The facilitator of WF monitors the content that is posted. Nextdoor Wickham Forest empowers residents to have the availability to notify other neighbors quickly of security issues within WF. Residents can also post classified in a special section, receive notices from MPD in case of emergencies or road closures, etc. Should someone post a message that you are invited to a game or a give-away and you are not interested, simply delete your message, BUT keep watching for home security notices. Nextdoor Wickham Forest is now connected to the Melbourne Police Department, receiving important messages pertinent to WF and surrounding neighborhoods. Nextdoor includes Classified, Crime and Safety, Free items, Lost and Found, Recommendations and you can even read WFHOA monthly Newletters. Ask a neighbor to invite you or visit www.WickhamForest.NextDoor.com to

### WFHOA TREASURERS REPORT

10-1-2015 - 10-31- 2015			
INCOME			
Dues		\$2,132.00	
Fees		\$50.00	
TOTAL INCOME	TOTAL	\$2,182.00	
EXPENSES			
Administrative Expenses:			
	TOTAL	\$0.00	
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
FPL		\$77.78	
	TOTAL	\$77.78	
MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:			
Ponds		\$290.00	
Mowing & Sod		\$650.00	
	TOTAL	\$940.00	
TOTAL EXPENS- ES		\$1,017.78	
CASH ON HAND:			
Chase Checking		\$44,093.28	
Chase Savings		\$12,500.70	
TOTAL		\$56,593.98	

#### Wickham Forest ARC Meeting Summary

#### Date: November 10, 2015

#### Members Present:

Carol Theiler Dan Reichel Linda Beckwith Susie Nichols

#### Requests Approved:

#### 2645 Wild Wood Dr:

EXTERIOR HOUSE/TRIM PAINT House - Richards Almond Cookie - 3366 Trim - Richards Harvard Hill - 3364T Front Door - Richards Rare Happening - 0242



#### 4501 Willow Bend Dr:

REPLACE FRONT FENCE WITH PRESSURE TREATED BOARD ON BOARD EXTERIOR HOUSE/TRIM PAINT

House - Behr Burnished Clay - PPU18-09 Trim - Behr Graceful Gray - PPU18-12 Garage Door - White

#### 4320 Wood Haven Dr:

House - Richards Indian Hills - 0561 Trim / Garage Door - White

#### Our next meeting will be January 13, 7:00 P.M., at 4590 Willow Bend Drive

Most items are easily approved, and most questions easily answered. We are all working to make our Wickham Forest neighborhood the best and loveliest in the area!

Also, remember to check with the covenants or the ARC members if you have any questions regarding exterior changes. ARC committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

# KEEP WICKHAM FOREST BEAUTIFUL

# Wickham Forest Newsletter is now digital

Your copy of the Wickham Forest Monthly Newsletter is available each month online at www.wickhamforest.com. It is also available online at the NextDoor Wickham Forest website. Both sites will allow you to print your copy at home.

If you wish to receive a hard-copy of the WF Monthly

Newsletter, please notify the publisher by sending an E-mail to wickhamforest@gmail.com with your name and address, along with a brief message that you prefer to receive the newsletter on paper. Or contact one of the board officers, asking for a paper copy. Someone will be happy to deliver a copy to you.

#### **IMPORTANT Yard waste reminder**

Yard waste is collected by the City on Friday. WF covenants regarding yard waste have not changed. Trash and yard waste shall not be placed at curbside earlier than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, the evening before scheduled pick up.

<u>VIOLATION LETTERS WILL BE SENT WITH POSSIBLE FINES</u>. If you have telephoned the City for pick-up, please take a moment to notify the Board so you do not receive a viola-

tion notice.

If very large amounts of yard waste need to be removed, the city should be called (321.953.6302) as located on page 6 of this newsletter) to schedule a special pick up. If you hire someone to trim your trees/shrubs they are REQUIRED to haul the debris away. Unlicensed/uninsured vendors may not provide complete service and could present possible legal problems for the homeowner.

# **STREET PARKING - BEWARE OF PENDING FINES**

Our covenants state that street parking is NOT allowed except in special circumstances. Parking on the lawns is NEVER allowed (including the lawn between the sidewalk and street). It is not a covenant violation if you park your vehicle on the street the wrong way or block the sidewalk. However, it is a city ordinance violation and you are susceptible to ticketing by the Melbourne Police. If you are parking on the street, know you are at risk of being fined \$50 per day. The board will not be sending warning letters to homeowners who have received parking notices in the previous 12 months. The board will proceed directly to fines.

This notice serves as a reminder to all homeowners to park in their garages or driveways. Violators will start seeing letters and potential fines in the near future.



#### 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. <u>Yard trash is picked up on Fridays.</u> 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. Waste Management will NOT pick up any yard trash in plastic bags.
- 2. **Bulk Items:** 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. Only items in the recycling container will be picked up on Wednesday. Large loose items will be picked up on Friday.
- 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) 608-6731 (MPD1)

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** 

**Bus Transportation (321) 242-6497** 

## Important WF Reminders

# <u>IMPORTANT NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS REGARDING LEASES AND WF</u> RENTALS

All WFHOA homeowners were asked in February 2014 to vote on an amendment to the WFHOA Declaration of Covenants. The Amendment to the WFHOA Declaration of Covenants passed by a majority vote. Please refer to your copy that was mailed to you in June 2014 for your files. This information can also be located online at wickhamforest.com, under covenants, sec11.1. The Amendment requires all WFHOA landlords to submit a copy of each lease agreement to the WFHOA Board in a timely manner. While most WF landlords have complied, a few lease copies are still outstanding. If you are a landlord, please make certain to comply with the directives as quickly as possible to avoid incurring fines. If you have a second address but your property is NOT leased or rented, please notify the board with that information, as well. THE WFHOA BOARD THANKS YOU FOR ASSISTING WITH ALL UPDATES TO PROPERTY RECORDS.

# IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAYS, HOUSES AND MILDEW

THANK YOU WICKHAM FOREST FOR BEING PRO-ACTIVE!!! Many WF sidewalks and driveways are now in need of pressure cleaning due to a warm, rainy and humid summer. Please be pro-active and clean before letters are sent.

## Sidewalks and Driveways

The WFHOA will begin its review of houses, roof, sidewalks and driveways in our neighborhood which are moldy and/or stained with iron. Reminders for cleaning will soon be mailed.

Very dark mold and/or iron stains can be tenacious and difficult to remove. Several neighbors have reported that chlorine brushed on prior to pressure cleaning yields satisfactory results. Others report home improvement stores offer other solutions to cleaning concrete. Call home improvement sores for solutions to remove iron stains. IF you are unable to get the work done right away, please notify the HOA with a call or email indicating that you are aware of the issue and have a plan to see the work complete.

#### **Houses and Roofs**

Letters of reminder will soon be mailed regarding **mildew on houses and roofs**. To avoid receiving such a letter, check NOW and clean these areas, as well. If you have already taken care of this, thank you for being pro-active and considerate of our neighborhood.

# For Your Information

# City of Melbourne



**Engineering Department** 

900 E. Strawbridge Avenue • Melbourne, FL 32901 • (321) 608-7300 • Fax (321) 608-7319

October 26, 2015

Dear Home Owners Association Registered Agent or Member:

This request is part of the City of Melbourne's NPDES stormwater pollution prevention campaign, aimed at reducing pollutants entering Melbourne's waterways, including the Indian River Lagoon. The City is seeking your assistance in communicating important facts regarding the impacts of stormwater runoff to your homeowners.

Stormwater pollution comes from our homes, yards, and streets. For example, substances such as detergents, pesticides, oil, lawn clippings, fertilizer, and soil erosion from lawns pollute our waterways. Every time it rains, these substances run off of the land and flow through our storm drainage systems directly to our lakes, streams, and rivers. This process causes more than half of the pollution to our water bodies. This is why we need your help!

As you may be aware, the City of Melbourne must address environmental issues related to stormwater runoff as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II Program (NPDES). One of the six required elements of the permit is Public Outreach and Education, and one of the City's goals is the involvement of local Homeowners' Associations.

Hurricane season is nearly over and while hurricanes are scary and cause major stress, so does flooding. The attached brochure has tips and pointers for home owners to help alleviate flooding concerns in their subdivision year-round. These simple steps can also help keep our local water bodies clear of pollutants, debris and harmful chemicals.

Please consider adding the attached brochure to your upcoming newsletter. We believe that with your help, we can provide stormwater education to homeowners that will truly make a difference!

We would love to know if you have used this brochure in your HOA publication! If so, feel free to email a copy to our new Regulatory Compliance Coordinator, Tammy Mayfield. If you have any questions or would like to get ahold of Tammy, please call her at (321) 608-7341 or email her at tmayfield@melbourneflorida.org.

Sincerely,

Jenni Lamb City Engineer



Do you have a lot of furry friends in your community that take daily walks with their humans? Do smelly "gifts" often get left behind? If so, call us today to schedule a

visit from our pollution prevention professional. After a brief presentation to your homeowners, we will provide your homeowners an easy and convenient way to clean up after their pet during walks and outings – free of charge!