

Wickham Forest Homeowner's Association

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Message from WFHOA President

As we enter the fall season in Florida we can begin to expect cooler, dryer weather. Fall is a great time to tackle all those yard / home maintenance issues (before the holiday season) that have been waiting for attention all summer.

After the very rainy, hot summer, there is an increase in mold and mildew on roofs, houses, sidewalks and fences. The HOA has had several complaints about mold in the neighborhood over the past few weeks and will shortly be reviewing and confirming them. The mission of the HOA is to keep our neighborhood a desirable place to live. This is achieved by keeping our homes and gardens in good repair. Whether you are planning to sell your home or stay forever, good curb appeal keeps your home's value up.

Just like mold, weeds love hot, wet weather. Please keep in mind when weeding and trimming your yard to store the collected waste out of sight until Thursday 5:00 PM for the Friday pick up. If you maintain your own yard, be sure to trim/edge the grass along the sidewalk. And as always, do not blow grass clippings into the road, drains or ponds, blowing them back into the yard will allow nutrients to return to the soil. As of October 1st, Brevard County will suspend the ban on yard fertilizers. If you live around one of our ponds, please do not fertilize near the water (a 20 ft. buffer zone is adequate). There have been frequent issues with algae/pond scum over the past year. Limiting the nutrients that run off our yards can only be beneficial in reducing the problem. Please consider phosphate-free nutrients for your lawn to assist in controlling algae.

Remember: Clean houses, clean sidewalks, clean roofs and clean lawns add to curb appeal

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BE AN ACTIVE RESIDENT OF WICKHAM FOREST

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



ROOF AND HOUSE MILDEW REMOVAL

There have been several complaints about mildew on roofs and sides/fronts of houses. Be pro-active and clean your home now, if needed. Abundant rains have definitely increased our mildew. Violation letters will soon be mailed.



HONORING OUR MILITARY, ACTIVE AND RETIRED

Wickham Forest is honored to offer congratulations to Mr. Frank Johnson, a Wickham Forest resident. Mr. Johnson was selected by Space Coast Honor Flight for a day trip to Washington, DC to visit the Service and Campaign Memorials. Thank you, Mr. Frank Johnson for your service in protecting our freedom.

(If you know a Wickham Forest resident who is an active or retired military person and who deserves to be recognized and honored in the WFHOA Newsletter, please send information to Nancywfhoa@Gmail.com. We honor each of you and thank you for your service and sacrifices.)

WFHOA TREASURERS REPORT

8-1-2015 - 8-31-2015

INCOME

Dues	\$4,326.00
Fees	\$350.00
TOTAL INCOME	TOTAL
	\$4,676.00

EXPENSES

Administrative Expenses:

Office Supplies	\$6.00
TOTAL	\$6.00

OPERATING EXPENSES:

FPL (2 months)	\$168.23
Postage	\$26.94
TOTAL	\$195.17

MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:

Ponds (2 months)	\$580.00
Mowing (2 months)	\$900.00
Entrance Land-scaping	\$423.00
Excavation Mowing	\$975.00
Sprinkler Repair	\$334.50
Pressure Washing	
TOTAL	\$3,212.50

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$3,413.67

CASH ON HAND:

Chase Checking	\$44,302.15
Chase Savings	\$12,499.83
TOTAL	\$56,801.98

Wickham Forest ARC Meeting Summary

Date: September 8, 2015

Members Present:

Carol Theiler
Georgette Mc Williams
Susie Nichols
Linda Beckwith

Requests Approved:

2490 Forest Run Drive
EXTERIOR HOUSE / TRIM PAINT:
House - Behr - PPU6-9 - Polished Perl
Trim/Garage Door - White
Front Door - Red



4645 Willow Bend Drive
EXTERIOR HOUSE / TRIM PAINT
House - Richards - 3286D - Ozark Mountain
Trim / Garage Door Richards - 3282P - Cotton Muslin

2675 Wild Wood Drive
REPLACE BACK, FRONT LEFT AND RIGHT FENCE WITH PRESSURE TREATED WOOD
REPLACE SWING SET WITH CEDAR WOOD

Our next meeting will be October 14, 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 2nd Wednesday of each month.

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**KEEP WICKHAM FOREST BEAUTIFUL**

## Wickham Forest Newsletter is now digital

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## 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.

**VIOLATION LETTERS WILL BE SENT WITH POSSIBLE FINES.** If you have telephoned the City for pick-up, please take a moment to notify the Board so you do not receive a violation 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. **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. **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 FastAccess DSL Technical Support: (888) 321-2375  
Bright House Customer Service (321) 254-3300  
Bus Transportation (321) 242-6497



## Important WF Reminders

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS REGARDING LEASES AND WF 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](http://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.

### **SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAYS, HOUSES AND MILDEW**

**THANK YOU WICKHAM FOREST!!! Most WF sidewalks and driveways have been cleaned. What a difference it has made in appearance!**

#### **Sidewalks and Driveways**

The WFHOA has completed its review of sidewalks and driveways in our neighborhood which were moldy and/or stained with iron. Reminders for cleaning these have been 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. 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

**Back page Newsletter CLASSIFIEDS SPACE IS NOW AVAILABLE** Should any Wickham Forest resident business owner wish to promote his/her own business by offering a special discount on a temporary 3-month opportunity, please send a short word-ready advertisement with all details to Nancywf-hoa@Gmail.com. Please know that publishing the promotion is at the discretion of the publisher.

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## HURRICANE /STORM SEASON IS HERE!! BE PREPARED WEEKS PRIOR TO STORMS!

With hurricane season upon us and the PEAK of the storm season is rapidly approaching, please 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. The old saying "better safe than sorry" is true.

### Be prepared. 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.

Locate shelters ahead of time. Make arrangements for your pets. It's very important to trim trees and shrubbery NOW as these become deadly during strong winds. Place all loose items inside a protected area. Check local weather and newspapers for a more comprehensive guide to storm preparation.



**STORM PREPARATIONS Trimming trees and shrubs in the last days prior to storm arrival is dangerous. If the City Waste Management cannot pick up the lawn trash, winds WILL pick it up and cause great damage to your home and your neighbor's homes. DO YOUR TRIMMING LONG BEFORE THE STORM THREATENS.**