

Wickham Forest Homeowner's Association

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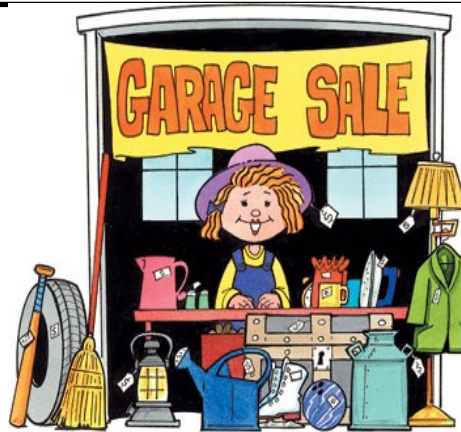
IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE WICKHAM FOREST PRESIDENT

ARE YOU READY FOR THE WICKHAM FOREST ANNUAL GARAGE SALE MAY 7, 2016 ?????

The Wickham Forest annual community garage sale will be held on May 7, 2016, from 8:00 AM–2:00 PM, and advertised in our newsletter, Next Door Wickham Forest, as well as Craigslist. Signs will be posted at our entrance by Friday afternoon..

The WF Board has arranged to have GOODWILL come into the community to pick up any unsold items that home-owners would like to donate. The truck will drive through the neighborhood after 2 PM for pick up on Saturday, May 7, 2016.

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



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<http://www.wickhamforest.com>

North Melbourne HOA Alliance
www.northmelbournehomewonersalliance.com

Wickham Forest HOA Board of Directors MEETING

DATE: March 9, 2016

Determination of Quorum: Ingrid Smith, Pres., Mary Greenfield, 1st VP, Nancy Phillips, 2nd VP, Ed Clark, Treasurer, Carol Smith, Secretary

Meeting convened at 7:05 PM Minutes of previous meeting approved

President's Report:

Dead/dying Maple tree at entrance on HOA property with bees nest that should be removed. Motion was made and approved to have the tree removed by Arbor-Tech.

Ingrid Smith and Pam Clark will update the rental list so HOA files can be completed.

An organizational meeting of the new Welcoming Committee was held March 3rd.

The current members are: Bernadette Pinto, Co-Chair, Karen Wood, Co-chair, Linda Charter, Christine Gallagher, Sharon Stolfus and Larry Wood. The committee will start greeting new neighbors in April.

1st Vice President's Report:

Mary Greenfield suggested we have M&M Ground Maintenance to hold off on replacing flowers, at the entrance, as a cost saving measure at this time. The HOA will review new landscaping options to freshen and update the entry at the April meeting.

The HOS's supply of American flags for the entrance has been depleted, Ed Clark made a motion to buy 3 new flags, seconded by Ingrid Smith, motion approved.

Mary Greenfield made a motion to investigate control of Brazilian Pepper trees at the entrance. Motion passed.

2nd Vice President's Report:

The following violation letters were mailed: 18 recycling bins in view, 1 roof mildew, 1 non-compliance with ARC, and 1 yard waste.

Treasure's Report: Approved as read

Old Business:

The house with violations for chain link fence is in foreclosure.

The board will continue its evaluation of mold on roofs, houses, driveways and sidewalks. Where needed notices will be sent out by the end of April.

WFHOA TREASURY REPORT

2-1-2016 -2-29-2016

INCOME: \$14,723.00

TOTAL \$14,723.00

OPERATING EXPENSES:

FPL \$73.61

Postage \$6.25

TOTAL \$79.86

MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:

Ponds \$290.00

Mowing \$450.00

TOTAL \$740.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$819.86

CASH ON HAND:

Chase Checking \$55,702.02

Chase Savings \$12,501.96

TOTAL \$68,203.98



There are still 21 homeowners that have not paid their annual dues. If you have not already submitted your Annual Fees; payment, it is now considered late. Make arrangements to pay this as soon as possible.

Next WFHOA Board Meeting will be April 20, 2016, 7:00 PM at 2540 Red Maple Place.

Next ARC Meeting will be April 13, 2016, 7:00 PM at 4590 Willow Bend Drive.

Remember that April 18, 2016 is the date for finalizing and filing your 2015 taxes.

Wickham Forest ARC Meeting Summary

Date: March 8, 2016

Members Present:

Susie Nichols;

Dan Reichel;

Carol Theiler



Requests Approved:

2415 Wild Wood Drive: Replace existing fence with vinyl fence privacy and picket fence—Rosewood color

2425 Wild Wood Drive: Replace existing fence with vinyl privacy fence— Rosewood Cedar color

2505 Wild Wood Drive: Remove two trees in front yard

4209 Wood Haven Drive: Install white vinyl privacy fence in rear of property with a 4' gate

4560 Willow Bend Drive: Replace vinyl siding on second story with stucco

4590 Willow Bend Drive:

EXTERIOR HOUSE/TRIM PAINT

House—Richards—Ozark Mountain—3286-D

Trim/Garage Door—Richards—Queen Anne's Lace—0558

A FRIENDLY REMINDER: The ARC Committee is unable to consider requests for painting without a color sample. We cannot take just a name or “same as before”. Requests submitted without proper documentation just delay the approval of your request. Thank you, for all of your cooperation.

Our next meeting will be April 13, 2016, 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 covenants or the ARC members if you have any questions regarding exterior changes. ARC committee meets the 2nd week of each month.



Volunteers Needed for the Appeals

Committee:

If interested contact any board member or send an email to the Wickham Forest Homeowners' website: wickham-forest@googlegroups.com

A timely message for WFHOA from the City of Melbourne. **Change your lawn watering schedule.** During Daylight Saving Time irrigation is limited to no more than two days per week on scheduled days. Residential irrigation is allowed on Wednesdays and Saturdays at address that end in an odd number or have no address and on Thursdays and Sundays at addresses that end in even number.. Nonresidential irrigation is allowed on Tuesday and Friday. For more information about watering restrictions, visit the [St. Johns River Water Management Website.](#)

Garbage and Garbage Containers: It has been brought to the attention of the WFHOA Board of Directors that some Homeowners are leaving garbage containers/recycling bins in view from the street or placing garbage at curbside before designated times. Please be mindful that there should not be **VISIBLE TRASH CONTAINERS ON YOUR DRIVEWAY AND/OR FRONT YARD or SIDE YARD. (VIOLATION).** Trash, refuse and garbage shall not be placed at curbside earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the evening before the scheduled pickup. REFER TO THE WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS ARTICLE-Page6

Please refer to the Declarations of Covenants and Restrictions for Wickham Forest Subdivision, Section 7.5: Miscellaneous Use Restrictions (STATE COVENANT).

a) **Trash, garbage or other waste shall not be kept on any Lot except in sanitary containers or garbage compactor units. Garbage containers, if any, shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition, and shall be so placed or screened as not to be visible from any road or adjacent property within sight distance of the Lot.** Trash, refuse and garbage shall not be placed at curbside earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the evening before scheduled pickup. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to conflict with State, County or City Rules, Ordinances or Statutes. **Notice of Violations letters are being sent out!!**

To avoid a violation notice and possible fine, be sure to contact the board with notice that you have requested from Waste Management a special pick up for a large amount of waste. You will find this addressed in most issues of the WF Newsletters as well as on the WF webpage.

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 need to call Waste Management to schedule a pickup bulk items (including furniture). These items can be placed at the curb on Fridays. For 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, if you call Waste Management early in the week. **Plastic bags do not recycle.**
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.
6. Waste Management trucks are automated, maned by only one employee. Therefore, any trash articles NOT in the garbage bin WILL NOT be picked up. The driver is not supposed to leave his truck.

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 Fast Access DSL Technical Support: (888) 321-2375
Bright House Customer Service (321) 254-3300

Wickham Forest HOA BOARD of Directors Meeting-CONTINUED

New Business:

Ed Clark made a motion to approve the current ARC membership. Nancy Phillips seconded the motion, motion approved. The current ARC members are: Carol Theiler-chairperson, Linda Beckwith Susan Nichols, Dan Reichel and Georgette McWilliams.

Ed Clark made the motion to approve the annual community garage sale on May 7, from 8AM to 2PM. Mary Greenfield seconded, motion passed. Mary will contact Goodwill to pick up any unwanted items after 2PM.

With no other business at hand, Ingrid made the motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Seconded by Mary Greenfield and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Smith, Secretary

STREET PARKING: 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 parked on the street, or over city sidewalks know you are at risk of being fined \$50 per day. There is no warning.**

Parking on the streets and/or lawns has been such a problem in the past, creating safety for the entire neighborhood. There have been situations where ambulances, fire trucks, and/or garbage trucks have had trouble getting past cars parked in the street when on route.

While a vehicle parked on the grass doesn't impede traffic, it is listed as a violation under our parking covenants and therefor must be enforced as stringently as vehicles parked on the street. For homeowners with multiple vehicles occupying the driveway, juggling vehicles to keep them off the street is probably not easy. Other homeowners in similar situations have widened their driveways to alleviate their problem. If you decide to widen your driveway, please obtain approval from the ARC before beginning. 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.



Sidewalks, Driveways, Houses and Mildew:

It seems our Florida warm weather, accompanied by rain has increased the growth of mildew on sidewalks, driveways, roofs and houses. Not only do mildew and other stains impair the appearance of your property; when wet, mildew as well as leaves and acorns can become slippery, a potential danger for those walking by. Please check your property and remedy the issues. Please keep in mind that cleaning the sidewalks adjoining or on your property is the homeowners responsibility. The WF Board will have members coming thru to check out homeowner's property for mildew and mold on sidewalks, driveways, houses and roofs, soon, Notices of violations of these issues will be forthcoming.

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 improvements stores offer other solutions to cleaning concrete. Consider cleaning up any mildew or mold on the sidewalks, driveways, houses, or roofs that you may have on your property, while the weather is still nice.

SPRING CLEANUP:

Now would be a good time to spruce up your yard while the weather is not too hot. Keep the lawn in good order and repair with sodding, seeding, watering, mowing and edging. Fertilizing can be applied now, but remember it is illegal to apply fertilizers within 10 feet of any water body or to apply them if heavy rain is likely. You may use irrigation to water in the application of fertilizer.

Keep all trees and shrubbery pruned and remove weeds/grass in flower beds and replace dead or damaged vegetation. Be mindful of plants and grass growing over sidewalks, interfering with walkers. If you maintain your own yard, be sure to trim/edge the grass along the sidewalk.

It is **ILLEGAL** to blow grass clippings into the street, gutter, ponds, or any other type of water body. Instead by blowing them back into your yard it will allow nutrients to return to the soil. Blowing grass clippings into the street, gutter, or pond is prohibited by the City of Melbourne Fertilizer Ordinance (Section 27,, Article IV) and can cause issues with algae or pond scum. The property owner and the person responsible for violating the ordinance can be fined \$200.00.

Please keep in mind when mowing, weeding and trimming your yard to store the collected waste out of sight until Thursday 5:00 PM for the Friday pick up.

LETS KEEP WICKHAM FOREST BEAUTIFUL!!

Volunteers needed for **Trash Bash 2016**

Saturday, April 16 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Free supplies and food provided!

Gather your friends, family
members and co-workers to
help us beautify our community
by picking up litter.

Multiple sites available for cleanup throughout Melbourne.

Please pre-register to receive a free T-shirt.

Contact Jennifer Thompson at 321-608-5082 or
jthompson@melbourneflorida.org. Check Melbourne's
website for location information and details at
www.melbourneflorida.org.

