

Wickham Forest Homeowner's Association

<http://www.wickhamforest.com>

December 2016



December Facts:

The birthstone of December is turquoise.
The birth flower for December is the narcissus.
The Zodiac signs for December are Sagittarius (November 22—December 21) and Capricorn (December 22—January 19).
World's AIDS Day is celebrated on December 1st.
December 3 is International Day of the Disabled Person.
On December 3, 1967, the first heart transplant was completed.
On December 4, 1791, The Observer newspaper (the first Sunday newspaper) was first published in Britain.
On December 7, 1941, The United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor was attacked by Japanese planes which killed more than 2,300 Americans.
December 12 is Poinsettia day
On December 14, 1791, the Bill of Rights was passed.
On December 17, 1903, the Wright Brothers made their first flight.
On December 20, 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed.
Christmas Day is celebrated on December 25.
December 27th is National Chocolate Day.
On December 29, 1862, the bowling bowl was invented.

Special Note: The WFHOA newsletter is available on the Wickham Forest website and the Next Door Wickham Forest for your viewing OR at your request, a printed copy can be delivered to your home. Contact Carol Smith at Wickham-forest@googlegroups.com.

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Wickham Forest Board of Directors Meeting

DATE: November 28, 2016

Board Members present: Pres. Ingrid Smith, 1st Vice Pres. Mary Greenfield, Treasurer-Ed Clark, and Secretary Carol Smith

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM at 2550 Red Maple Place.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

President's Report:

The Oak tree at the entranceway needs to be removed for safety reasons. Mary has been working with Arbor Tec and it should be down soon. Once the tree has been taken down Christmas lights will be put out. If there is any volunteers who would like to help put up the Christmas lights, please call a board member.

1st VP Report:

Loss of the oak tree is necessitating some minor changes to the landscaping update to the entranceway.

Motion was made and passed to accept the new proposal to raise the fee from \$250 to \$400, with ECOR to treat the ponds for algae.

2nd VP Report:

The following letters of violations were mailed: 2-Parking, 1-Commercial vehicle.

Treasurer's Report:

Report was read and approved.

New Business: The board is preparing a letter to go out all homeowners explaining the reasoning for going to a management company.

Ingrid made a motion to adjourn, all approved.

The meeting adjourned at 07:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROL SMITH, Secretary

WFHOA TREASURERS REPORT
10-1-2016 - 10-30-2016

INCOME

Dues		
Fees		\$100.00
Fines		
Returned CK		
TOTAL INCOME	TOTAL	\$100.00

EXPENSES

Administrative Expenses:

Corporate Report		
Office Supplies		\$14.38
Newsletter		
Bank Fees		
Meeting Room		
Accountant		
Computer Maintenance		
	TOTAL	\$14.38

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Entrance Decorations		
FPL		\$79.42
PO Box Rent		
Insurance		
Postage		\$15.99
Legal Fees		
Web Hosting		
Garage Sale Ad		
Decorating Contest Winners		
Salary		
Holiday Decorations		
Holiday Bonus Arc		
County Taxes		
	TOTAL	\$95.41

MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:

Flags & Repairs		
Ponds Grly		
Ponds		\$290.00
Mowing		\$450.00
Entrance Landscaping (Tree Trim)		\$400.00
Excavation Mowing & Repairs		
Entrance Light Repair		\$948.01
Sprinkler Repair		
Pressure Washing		
	TOTAL	\$2,088.01

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,195.80
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CASH ON HAND:

Chase Checking	\$51,195.20
Chase Savings	\$12,504.49
TOTAL	\$63,699.69

Wickham Forest ARC Meeting Summary

Date: November 8, 2016

Members Present:

Susie Nichols Linda Beckwith Georgette
McWilliams Dan Reichel Carol Theiler

Requests Approved:



2265 Bent Pine Street: Installation of an in-ground pool

2620 Forest Run Drive: Install pavers on front porch

2720 Forest Run Drive: Replace rear fence—wood board on board

2805 Forest Run Drive: Replace roof—30 year shingles, Amber color

2870 Forest Run Drive: Replace wood fence—6' on sides, picket fence in rear of property

2530 Red Maple Place: EXTERIOR HOUSE/TRIM

House/Garage Door—Richards—Nuevo Verde—3453P

Trim—Richards—Cottonseed Cream—100

2465 Wild Wood Drive: Replace fence with wood board on board

4765 Willow Bend Drive: Replace fence with board on board, including additional 50" up to side Garage door

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 January 10, 2017, 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 the covenants or the ARC members if you have any questions regarding exterior changes.

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT: This is the time of the year in which each and every one of us should take time to be thankful for the many blessings we have in our lives. We should take time to be with our families, friends, relatives, loved ones and neighbors, for no one knows what tomorrow will bring upon us. Take time to get to know a new neighbor, for they may become a good friend. Take time to remember that we live in the United States, the land of the free. Also remember to take time to be thankful for our Armed Forces Service members who are fighting to protect our great country . Plus, remember what the real meaning of Christmas is all about.

THE WHOA BOARD WISHES:

BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!

Nextdoor Wickham Forest— A Neighborhood Communication Tool:

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 in security. 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 a classified ad 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 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. WFHOA monthly newsletters can be viewed on this website: www.WickhamForest.NextDoor.com Invite your WF friends and neighbors to become a member of Nextdoor Wickham Forest to keep current with local news and events.

Currently there are 210 Wickham Forest residents, 18 nearby neighborhoods, and 1556 nearby neighbors subscribed to Nextdoor.

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 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.
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
Bus Transportation (321) 242-6497



Annual Christmas Decoration Contest

Wickham Forest will continue our Annual Christmas Decoration contest again this year. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 homes decorated for the holiday season. Homes that won in the last 2 years are not eligible to win again this year. Judging will be at 7 PM on December 20, 2016.



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 the 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 \$50.00 per day.** If you are park-

ing on the sidewalk, any homeowner can send an anonymous e-mail to: **codecompliance@mlbfl.org** They will need the street address and house number to send someone out. A call can be placed to the Melbourne Police department's non-emergency phone number at 321-608-6731; for anyone parked on the street the wrong way. **This notice serves as a reminder to all homeowners to park their vehicles in their garages or driveways.**



When walking your dog, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Leaving the waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria

and nutrients to wash into the storm drains. Besides being inconsiderate to your neighbors, it is a violation of Melbourne Ordinance, and Wickham Forest Covenants.

Maintain Your House This Winter With The Following Tips:

Prepare your pool: Vacuum the bottom, empty the filters and remove surface debris. Take adequate precautions against algae, which can still bloom during winter months.

Inspect doors and windows: Visually inspect all your doors and windows to ensure they are properly sealed and that there are no drafts.

Insulate exposed outdoor pipes: If you live in an area of Florida where freezing can occur, consider insulating outdoor exposed pipes to keep them from freezing and bursting.

Clear dead leaves and brush: As fall comes to an end, it's the perfect time to clear dead leaves and brush from around your home, on your roof and in your gutters.

Inspect your air ducts: For maximum energy efficiency, inspect your air ducts to ensure they are properly sealed and insulated.

Reverse your ceiling fans: Reduce heating costs by reversing your ceiling fans to push warm air down-your fan should run at a low speed in a clockwise direction.

Cycle your heat: When the weather permits, cycle your heating unit by turning the heat up very high for five minutes. This burns off excess dust and debris from the heat strip.

Change your HVAC filters: A dirty air filter causes your heating and cooling system to run inefficiently and drives up expenses.

Inspect your attic: Do a close inspection of your attic for water leaks, which can create serious damage.

By following these simple steps, you can prepare your home for a wonderful, safe and festive winter.

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

Holiday season is upon us and during this time it is a prime time for criminal activity. Shoppers and residences become easy targets as the criminals use the holidays to target victims who may be distracted by the busy season. Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else as it's an opportunity for crime. The following tips from the Melbourne Department Crime Prevention Unit can help you be more careful, prepared and aware during the holiday season. Taking a few prevention measures can help keep your holiday season joyous:

- *Appear confident and alert in parking lots—Criminals seek out preoccupied shoppers.
- * Park in a well lit area .
- *Close your car windows and lock your doors.
- *Avoid carrying large amounts of cash (Use credit cards when possible).
- * Carry purses close to your body, not dangling by the strap.
- *Men should carry their wallets in a front or inside pocket.
- *Don't hang purses on the back of a chair.
- *Keep packages inside trunk....out of sight.
- *Dress appropriately, avoiding flashing clothes and jewelry.
- *Place gifts where they can't be seen from the outside.
- *Limit the amount of packages you carry.
- *Keep packages locked in your car trunk while shopping.
- *Move your car to a different location each time you pack in more items.
- *Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.
- *Don't announce your new high-dollar purchases after the holidays. Break down the boxes of TVs, stereos, computers, etc. and turn them inside out before putting them in the trash.

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. It is important 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.