

Wickham Forest Homeowner's Association

<http://www.wickhamforest.com>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

Be safe with your celebrations
and be respectful of your
neighbors.

THANK YOU NEIGHBORS

The WFHOA board members would like to thank all the residents that have responded quickly and positively to recent requests to remove mold and mildew and tend to needed yard maintenance. It has definitely made a positive difference in the neighborhood's appearance. All your hard work helps to protect the value and desirability of our subdivision.

IMPORTANT NOTICE—POND SAFETY

The HOA would like to remind residents that swimming in our ponds is not allowed. Doing so could put you/your children at risk of being exposed to *Naegleria fowleri*, a free-living amoeba commonly found in warm fresh-water. It can cause a rare but severe brain infection called primary amoebic meningoencephalitis. Most infections are fatal. Infection typically occurs when people go swimming or diving in warm fresh-water, such as ponds, lakes, or rivers. Such infections occur mainly during the summer months of July, August, and September. In its early stages, *Naegleria* infection may be similar to bacterial meningitis. There is no known cure so the only known way to prevent *Naegleria* infections is to refrain from water-related activities.

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Violation Policy:

The board has adopted the following policies regarding how violations are handled. These guidelines are provided for your information, to understand the process in which a violation is handled. We are all residents of Wickham Forest and wish to resolve any violations as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, please contact a board member—we want to work with you!

In general, a 1-2-3 letter policy is used for all violations, except parking on the streets/grass. By 1-2-3, a series of 3 letters will be sent out, separated by a period of time as described below, until the violation is corrected. If a 3rd letter must be sent, the homeowner will be notified at that time of any fines that may be accruing. If any fines reach \$1000 accrued value, the matter will be turned over to the Wickham Forest attorney to pursue civil action. Please know this the least desired outcome for all parties involved. Let's work together and keep Wickham Forest beautiful.

Parking on the streets and grass is an ongoing issue, and the parking policy has been stated numerous times in the past. The current board will continue implementing this parking policy. First-time parking violators will receive one letter, then, after 72 hours if the parking violation is not corrected, fines will start accruing. Repeat violators will not receive a warning letter—if a letter has to be sent to repeat violators, it will notify the homeowner of accruing fines.

Below are the general periods of time between letters for all violations.

Garbage/Trash outside home: 72 hours between letters

Paint/Mildew Exterior (house/roof): 30 days between letters.

Exterior Landscaping (overgrowth, trimming): 7 days between letters.

All other violations will be handled on a case-by-case basis. All violation letters will clearly state the timeline guide to the homeowner. This is a topic no one enjoys discussing - so let's have everyone do their part so this doesn't even have to be an issue.-

Architectural Approval Required Before Starting

Remember, Section 7.4.C of the Covenants and Restrictions for Wickham Forest states: No building, fence, wall, awning, shutter or other structure shall be commenced, erected or maintained upon any Lot, nor shall any exterior addition or change alteration, or interior modification which would change the exterior appearance be made until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, color, materials and location of the same have been submitted to and approved in writing as to the harmony of external design and location in relation to surrounding structure and topography by the ARC. **Failure to submit an application to the ARC before commencing any project is subject to an automatic \$100.00 fine.** Subsequently, application must be submitted to the ARC for written approval.

We encourage home improvements, but avoid a fine and get the approval before starting.

WFHOA TREASURY REPORT
5-1-2016 –5-31-2016

INCOME:

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| Dues | \$619.00 |
| Fees | \$150.00 |
| TOTAL | \$769.00 |

**TOTAL
OPERATING EXPENSES:**

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|--------------|-----------------|
| FPL | \$74.82 |
| Postage | \$130.81 |
| Web Hosting | \$13.99 |
| TOTAL | \$219.62 |

MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:

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|--------------|-----------------|
| Ponds | \$290.00 |
| Mowing | \$450.00 |
| TOTAL | \$740.00 |

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| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$959.62 |
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CASH ON HAND:

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|----------------|--------------------|
| Chase Checking | \$58,137.33 |
| Chase Savings | \$12,502.91 |
| TOTAL | \$70,640.24 |



Wickham Forest ARC Meeting Summary

Date: June 7, 2016

Members Present:

Linda Beckwith; Susie Nichols;

Georgette McWilliams; Carol Theiler



Requests Approved:

2530 Forest Run Drive: EXTERIOR HOUSE/TRIM PAINT

House—Behr—Cocoa Nutmeg—S190-5

Trim/Garage Door—Behr—Navajo White —MS-40

2490 Wild Wood Drive: Replace rear fence and front gate with same shadow box fence

2655 Wild Wood Drive: EXTERIOR HOUSE/TRIM PAINT

House—Behr—Ferrous—MQ4-37

Trim—Behr—Writing Paper—S310-1

4380 Wood Haven Drive: Extend driveway 4' on left side

Add slab in rear of screen porch

Out next meeting will be July 6, 2016, 7:00 P.M., at 4590 Willow Bend Drive

Most items are easily approved, and most questions 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 GUIDELINES

The HOA board understands that trends in house colors have changed over the years. However, the guidelines used by the ARC for evaluating color schemes remains the same, conforming to the guidelines in the Official Color Book for house, trim and accent (i.e. the front door). The selected colors need to be considered in relation to:

- * Roof Color
- * Any brick or stone color
- * Color of adjacent homes
- * Compatibility of house and trim colors

When submitting a request for house painting to the ARC the homeowner needs to include:

*Color name, number and manufacturer (if your color choice is already on a home somewhere in the neighborhood, the ARC chair can provide you with this information) along with a sample of colors attached to the form.

*Color garage door is to be painted

* Fascia, soffit and rain gutter color, if applicable (generally, these are left white, unless the trim is a pale neutral that matches the roof)

*Front door color, if applicable

In most cases, if new or unusual color combinations are being requested, samples of such color will need to be painted on the house so they can be evaluated for confirmation to the standards. A tiny swatch of color in the paint store under fluorescent light may seem lovely, however, when it covers a whole house it can become overwhelming.

Some helpful tips when preparing to select house colors:

*non pastel shades and tones of a color look better with a white or cream trim.

*garage doors are not considered trim and should generally be painted the house color (doing so tends to make the house look larger) with the exception of:

If the house is a deeper tone with white trim, the garage door can be the trim color.

If the house is painted a light and medium shade of a single color (i.e. A light grey and a medium grey) the garage door can be painted the trim color.

*houses with double trim bands

*Paint both bands the same color

*Paint them two shades of the same color

* Do not paint unrelated colors.

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 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 FastAccess DSL Technical Support: (888) 321-2375
Bright House Customer Service (321) 254-3300
Bus Transportation (321) 242-6497

Learning About Lightning Safety Tips:

Florida has often been called the lightning capital of the world, and while that distinction actually belongs to Rwanda, we hold the record for the highest number of lightning storms, and related fatalities in the United States. Central Florida from Tampa to Titusville is known as “Lightning Alley,” for good reason, since we experience lightning storms an average of 100 days each year.

Here are some lightning safety tips from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA):

What You Need to Know

*NO PLACE outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area!!!

*If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you. Lightning often strikes more than three miles from the center of the thunderstorm, far outside the rain or thunderstorm cloud. “Bolts from the blue” can strike 10-15 miles from the thunderstorm.

*When you hear thunder, immediately move to a safe shelter: a substantial building with electricity or plumbing or an enclosed metal-topped vehicle with windows up. Remember, when lightning strikes a vehicle, it goes through the metal frame into the ground. Don’t lean on doors during a thunderstorm.

*Stay in safe shelter at least 30 minutes after you hear the last sound of thunder. Many Lightning casualties occur because people do not seek shelter soon enough or leave it too early.

Indoor Lightning Safety

*Stay off corded phones, computers and other electrical equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity.

*Avoid plumbing....including sinks, baths and faucets...they can conduct electricity.

*Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches. Windows are hazardous for two reasons, First, wind generated during a thunderstorm can blow objects into the window, breaking it and causing glass to shatter. Second, (in rare instances) in older homes, lightning can enter through cracks in the side of windows.

Last Resort Outdoor Risk Reduction Tips

If caught outside with no safe shelter anywhere nearby the following actions may reduce your risk:

*Immediately get off elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges or peaks *Never lie flat on the ground. Lying flat increases your chance of being affected by potentially deadly ground current. If you are caught outside in a thunderstorm, you keep moving toward a safe shelter.

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Lightning Safety Tips Continued:

- *Never shelter under an isolated tree
- *Never use a cliff or rocky overhang for shelter
- *Immediately get out and away from ponds, lakes and other bodies of water
- *Stay away from objects that could conduct electricity (barbed wire fences, power lines, windmills, etc.).



Request for a new Webmaster:

Many thanks to Duane Charter for sharing his time over several years as a volunteer WFHOA Webmaster. Due to other commitments, Duane will no longer be able to serve in this role and he has asked that the board replace him with another volunteer.

If any Wickham Forest homeowner has experience as a webmaster and would consider volunteering approximately a couple hours a month in this role for Wickham Forest, please send an email to wickham-forest@googlegroups.com. Include your name and experience along with contact information as soon as possible. Again, thanks Duane for all your years of service.

Independence Day—Fourth of July Facts

Independence Day of the United States, also referred to as Fourth of July in the U.S., is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, by the Continental Congress, in Philadelphia, PA., declaring the 13 colonies free from England. The 13 colonies became a nation called the United States.

The patriotic poem “America the Beautiful” was published on July 4, 1895 by Wellesley College professor Katharine Lee.

Who was July named after? The month of July (Julius in Latin) was named in the Roman Empire to honor Julius Caesar.

The Fourth of July has since the late 19th century become a major focus of leisure activities and a common occasion for family get-togethers, often involving fireworks and outdoor barbecues. The most common symbol of the holiday is the American flag, and a common song is “The Star Spangled Banner.”

Which denomination of US currency is a symbol of the 4th of July? The Two (2) dollar bill has a depiction of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on the back.

Whatever your activities may be for this day be safe and respectful of your neighbors.