

Wickham Forest Homeowner's Association

<http://www.wickhamforest.com>

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STREET PARKING: Our covenants state that street parking IS NOT 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 \$50.00 per day. There is no warning.

Parking on the street 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 therefore 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. This notice serves as a reminder to all homeowners to park their vehicles in their garages or driveways.

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WFHOA ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: September 28, 2016

Board Members present: Pres. Ingrid Smith, 1st Vice Pres. Mary Greenfield, 2nd Vice Pres. Nancy Phillips, Treasury-Ed Clark, and Secretary Carol Smith

Meeting convened at 7:05 PM at 2540 Red Maple Place.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

President's Report:

The Board now has quotes from three management companies. The Board is looking into whom is responsible for the Swale maintenance, and are also contacting the HOA attorney, for legal clarifications. A motion was made and approved to put an aeration pump on the common area behind Bent Pine Street, to help with pond scum. Plans/work are continuing for the entrance way.

1st VP Report: M & M has removed weeds and juniper from the island, and have removed the weeds from the flower beds. The Flag pole light will be moved at a later time.

2nd VP Report: The following letters of violations were mailed: 4-A/C unit; 6-Parking; 7-Lawn Maintenance; 1-Political Sign; 8-Swale Maintenance; 2- Playground equipment
Total—28

Treasure's Report: Report was read and approved.

Old Business: Motion was made and approved to select Leland Management Company. Motion was made and approved to raise the assessment the allotted 15%, effective with 2017 dues. The new amount will be \$128.00.

ECOR has treated the ponds. Bike path on Wild Wood Drive has been re-paved.

Ingrid made motion to adjourn, all approved.

The meeting adjourned at 08:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROL SMITH, Secretary

WFHOA TREASURERS REPORT

8-1-2016 - 8-31-2016

INCOME

Dues	\$258.00
Fees	\$50.00
Fines	
Returned CK	
TOTAL INCOME	TOTAL \$308.00

EXPENSES**Administrative Expenses:**

Corporate Report
Office Supplies
Newsletter
Bank Fees
Meeting Room
Accountant
Computer Maintenance

TOTAL \$0.00**OPERATING EXPENSES:**

Entrance Decorations	
FPL	\$75.55
PO Box Rent	
Insurance	
Postage	\$59.47
Legal Fees	
Web Hosting	
Garage Sale Ad	
Decorating Contest Winners	
Salary	
Holiday Decorations	
Holiday Bonus Arc	
County Taxes	

TOTAL \$135.02**MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:**

Flags & Repairs	
Ponds Only	
Ponds	\$290.00
Mowing	\$450.00
Entrance Landscaping (Tree Trim)	
Excavation Mowing & Repairs	
Entrance Stone Repair	\$2,980.00
Sprinkler Repair	
Pressure Washing	

TOTAL \$3,700.00**TOTAL EXPENSES \$3,835.02****CASH ON HAND:**

Chase Checking	\$52,192.07
Chase Savings	\$12,503.86

TOTAL \$64,695.93

Wickham Forest ARC Meeting Summary

Date: September 7, 2016

Members Present:

Linda Beckwith

Susie Nichols;

Dan Reichel;

Carol Theiler



Requests Approved:

2555 Red Maple Place: Replace all windows with white vinyl

4470 Sweet Bay Ave: Install rear patio with brick pavers

2443 Wild Wood Drive: Install brick pavers for front patio and walkway

Install brick pavers for driveway

2595 Wild Wood Drive: EXTERIOR HOUSE/TRIM PAINT

House—White Trim (Shutters) - Black

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 October 11, 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.

**Don't
Wait**



CHECK
the date!



**REPLACE SMOKE
ALARMS EVERY
10 YEARS**

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 9–15, 2016**

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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

FIRE TRUCK TRICK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 29, 2016

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fire Prevention Activities
Bounce House and Slide
At

Melbourne Fire Station 74
1500 S. Hickory Street
Melbourne, FL 32901





PARKING ISSUES:

Parking over the sidewalk is prohibited by the City of Melbourne. A anonymous e-mail can be sent to:

`codecompliance@mlbfl.org`.

They will need the street address and house number to send someone out. **Parking the wrong way on the street is a MPD issue.** A call can be

placed to the Melbourne Police department's non-emergency phone number at 321-608-6731.

FALL CLEANUP:

Now would be a good time to spruce up your yard while the weather is still cooling down and is not as hot. Keep the lawn in good order and repair with sodding, seeding, watering, mowing and edging. Consider fertilizing the lawn, but remember it is illegal to apply fertilizers within 10 feet of any water body or to apply them if rain is likely.

Keep all trees and shrubbery pruned and clean out of with weeds/grass with replacement of 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, and easement to the street.

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!!



On September 1, 2016 Florida saw its first hurricane in 11 years. While it is critical to always be aware and prepared, there is still two months left of the hurricane season. Here are some expert tips to Prepare before a storm strikes:

Put away “ Missiles”: Put away all objects that are outside your house and not attached to the ground, like barbecue grills, trashcans, umbrellas, patio furniture and flag posts. Many Florida homeowners underestimate the risk of damage from outdoor flowerpots. Unfortunately, flowerpots can be picked up and tossed around by heavy winds, turning them into “flying missiles.” That potted fern may seem innocent, but you will think differently when it is flung through the air at 100mph.

Entryway Chandeliers: Many homes in upscale Florida neighborhoods have entryway chandeliers. Unfortunately the only thing usually holding it in place is an electrical cord and a skinny chain. To prevent your entryway chandelier from becoming a projectile: Disconnect the chandelier, OR Tie the chandelier to one of the concrete poles holding up the portico. In the event that the chandelier breaks loose, it will hit the ground, rather than through someone’s car window or the house across the street.

Trim your tees: Trimming our trees reduces the likelihood of a tree falling down or catching wind, potentially causing additional damage to your home. Trees that are big and bushy, like black olive trees, can easily fall over and take out your roof or car.

Prepare your Generator: If placed in your garage, carport or near your house, the genset may release carbon monoxide into your home. To prevent the risk of CO poisoning, place the genset away from your house where it gets a nice breeze. Also connect a chain from your genset to a nearby structure or tree to prevent it from being stolen. Never place electrical cords near a mud puddle or water source. If you’re running an electrical cord from the genset to your house, make sure it has a clean path where it’s not going to get rained on.

Continuation—Hurricane Season Preparation

Pace Yourself: Personal safety is paramount in the event of a hurricane. Most injuries occur after a hurricane from people trying to overdo things, such as installing shutters and chain sawing fallen trees branches, because they are not used to the increased level of physical excursion. To prevent the risk of throwing out your back or landing in the ER for a severe injury, pace yourself, or consider hiring a company to do the “heavy lifting” for you.

Here are 5 common hurricane myths and the truths behind them:

1. Taping your windows is the best way to prevent them from shattering during a hurricane.
Tape cannot withstand flying debris caused by hurricane-force winds. Opt for tested and approved storm shutters or emergency plywood instead.
2. It’s “only” a tropical storm. Tropical storms, even tropical depressions still pose a serious hazard. They often generate widespread, torrential rains of more than 6 inches, which may result in deadly and destructive floods.
3. Before a storm, fill bathtubs and sinks to use as drinking water reserve in case the power goes out. Water stored in a bathtub can be used for washing clothes, bathing or flushing toilets. Unfortunately, **it’s not considered sanitary enough for drinking purposes**. Opt for bottled water instead.
4. Crack your windows open to *stabilize pressure* during a hurricane. This is one of the worst things you can do in a storm. If you let strong wind into your home, it’s going to look for a forceful way out, breaking your windows upon impact. In addition, buildings are not airtight. Your home is constructed with enough small openings to prevent pressure from causing anything to explode.
5. *Using sandbags* prevents water intrusion. While sandbags can redirect water away from your home, they are not the end-all-be-all solution. To ensure optimum sandbag water mitigation, fill sandbags half way, tap into place and do not stack sandbags more than three layers high.

Please use extreme care and caution when turning left onto Wickham Road from Forest Run Drive. There have been times when 2 or more vehicles have been spotted pulling into the median, at the same time, while waiting for a traffic clearing, to enter

Wickham Road. This is quite dangerous and obscures the vision of all who are involved. Wait your turn. Please do not add to the traffic dilemma at this site. Be a solution and not a problem. **Also, please remember that the speed limit within Wickham Forest subdivision is 25 MPH.**



