

Wickham Forest Homeowner's Association

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA—Be safe with your celebrations and be respectful of your neighbors.



We need help from our homeowners to call the Melbourne Police Department's non emergency phone number to report speeding issues in the neighborhood. The phone number is: (321) 608-6731. The more homeowners that make a call and get involved, the higher likelihood that

we can make a change in our community. Everyone is encouraged to help keep our community safe by reporting speeding issues.

In May, we published articles about how to clean mold, mildew, and rust stains from your roofs, houses, sidewalks, driveways, and fences. Please check your property and remedy the issues during this month if this pertains to you, Violation notices will be sent out the month of July. Summer is now upon us, and what better time to start working on our lawns! This would be the perfect time to plant grass plugs or re-sod any dead areas in your yard, to include the easement near the road. Remember to rake excess leaves and prune your trees and bushes. Please stay on top of your lawn maintenance to avoid any possible violations, maintaining your property is not an obligation but a measure to help keep our neighborhood looking our very best.

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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, Pennsylvania, 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 Katherine 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."

Calvin Coolidge, the 30th president, was born on July 4, 1872.

There were three of the first five presidents that died on the 4th of July. They were John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe. The second president, Adams, and the third, Jefferson, both died in 1826.

The Fourth of July became a legal federal holiday in 1870.

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.

The Philippines gained independence from the United States on July 4th, 1946.

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



Board Meeting

**THE NEXT WICKHAM FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE
AUGUST 16, 2017 AT 7:00 PM AT 4245 WOOD HAVEN DRIVE**

Wickham Forest HOA Board of Directors Meeting

DATE: May 17, 2017

Determination of Quorum: Nancy Phillips, President; Mary Greenfield, 1st Vice President; Ashley Bumgarner, 2nd Vice President; Ed Clark, Treasurer and Carol Smith, Secretary

Meeting convened at 7:00 PM at 4245 Wood Haven

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

President's Report:

Nancy read a copy of Leland Management Company's letter for the termination of the contract with Wickham Forest has been terminated. The effective date for the termination is April 30, 2017.

The board is presently looking into other management alternatives. In the meantime, the WFHOA Board of Directors will handle all governing matters.

1st Vice President's Report:

Mary informed the Board that the entrance landscaping needs fertilizing and that she will be in contact with the contracting landscaping company about the issue. Mary feels that the front landscaping needs more Wax Myrtles. Mary feels that the board should consider looking into a new landscaping contract.

Mary informed the board that she is waiting for a proposal from a sign company, once she receives the proposal, the Sanctuary sign will be redone.

2nd Vice President's Report:

The following violation letters were mailed: 4 Waste can violations and 1 vehicle parked on the lawn.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as read

Secretary's Report:

Carol introduced an article write-up about Recycling Bins/Garbage Cans being in view on homeowner's property and proposed that during the month of June that homeowners that are guilty of this covenant violation receive a violation notice. There is presently about 22 homeowners that this pertains to. Motion was passed.

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Wickham Forest HOA Board of Directors Meeting continued:

Old Business/New Business:

Looking to form a committee for possible traffic light—more talk about the issue will take place at the next Board meeting.

Looking for assistance from the City of Melbourne regarding speeding in the neighborhood.

Scan historical HOA documents—is in the process.

Review Covenants for updated proposal in energy device and materials.

With no other business at hand, Ed Clark 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 the street. It is not a covenant violation if you park your vehicle on the street the wrong way or block the side-

walk. However, it is a city ordinance violation and you are susceptible to ticketing by the Melbourne Police Department. **If you are parking on the street, know you are at risk at being fined \$50.00 per day.**

If you are parking 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 the garage or driveways.**

Wickham Forest ARC Meeting Summary

June 13, 2017

Members Present:

Susie Nichols Georgette McWilliams
Dan Reichel Carol Theiler

2290 Bent Pine Street:

INSTALL DECORATIVE SCREENING ON
EAST SIDE OF HOUSE TO HIDE GARBAGE
CANS

2770 Forest Run Drive:

INSTALL 18 PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR PANELS ON ROOF

2820 Forest Run Drive:

INSTALL PAVER DRIVEWAY, FRONT WALKWAY, AND REPLACE EXISTING PAVERS
ON SIDE OF GARAGE

2865 Forest Run Drive:

REPAIR CRACKED SIDEWALK TO FRONT DOOR, COAT DRIVEWAY, PLACE
UNDERGROUND PIPE FOR FLAGPOLE, REPLACE CURBING BORDER WITH
BRICK TO MATCH EXISTING FRONT BORDER

4450 Wild Oak Court:

REPLACE ROOF WITH ARCHITECTURAL SHINGLES

4565 Willow Bend Drive:

INSTALL HURRICANE PANELS/SHUTTERS

4595 Willow Bend Drive:

EXTEND DRIVEWAY 6' ON SOUTH SIDE WITH CONCRETE

4630 Willow Bend Drive:

INSTALL BRICK PAVERS ON SIDEWALK UP TO FRONT DOOR AND ON
DRIVEWAY



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Wickham Forest ARC Meeting Summary

2430 Wild Wood Drive:

INSTALL 7'x4.4" W x 7'3" D x 8'6.5" SHED IN BACK YARD BEHIND HOUSE

4400 Wood Haven Drive:

EXTERIOR HOUSE/TRIM PAINT - House—Shell Creek White -20YY 83/100

Trim—Blue Green Sea—90GG 35/153

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.

Our next meeting will be July 11, 2017, 7:00 PM., 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. All projects must be started within 6 months or a new request will have to be submitted. Also, remember to check with the covenants or the ARC member if you have any questions regarding exterior changes.

SAVE THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON: How You Can Help

We all have a role to play in protecting the Indian River Lagoon, especially when maintaining our lawns. Certain practices are particularly detrimental to the lagoon and have been banned in the City of Melbourne.

Do Not Use Fertilizer June 1 thru September 30

It is against the law to apply fertilizer to your lawn in the City of Melbourne from June 1 through September 30. This regulation was enacted in order to keep harmful nutrients found in fertilizer from washing off from lawns into storm drains and ultimately into the Indian River during the rainy summer months.

Do Not Blow Grass Clippings Into the Street/Storm Drains

It is illegal to blow grass clippings into City Of Melbourne streets and storm drains, gutters, ponds or water bodies. Instead blow them back into your yard or bag or compost them.

Penalties include a FINE of \$200 for violating these ordinances.

Questions? Call the Storm water Hotline: (321-608-7441.

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

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 \$1000.00 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 on going 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 Cans/ Recycling Bins outside of home/garage in site of viewing lot: 72 hours between letters

Paint/Mildew/Mold/Stains-Exterior (house, roof, driveways/sidewalks): 30 days between letters.

Exterior Landscaping (overgrowth, trimming, edging, pruning of trees, mowing, and trimming , etc.) 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 have to be an issue.

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

DANGER MOSQUITOES—HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

To reduce the number of mosquitoes by hundreds, empty any standing water so mosquito larvae will not have time to hatch into bloodsuckers. Keep goldfish in rain barrels that are not completely closed, to eat the larvae. Frogs can add a few thousand tadpoles that will also eat the larvae in the summer. Both keep the water cleaner.

If you have neither of these, you can gather Spanish moss and put it in any of your containers and it will kill most of the mosquito larvae. A little crushing of the moss will open cells to release their properties in the water. The moss also adds nutrients to make the water a fertilizer solution.

You can buy and put in the water in rain barrels mosquito dunks, solid donuts of *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) that lasts for up to 30 days, or selective microbial insecticides granules that work quickly but usually need to be replaced every 7 to 14 days. Keep a large container of the granules for broadcasting. Sometimes mosquitoes even hatch in wet potting soil. In which case, that also gets a sprinkling of granules. These can be used in fishponds and bird-baths without any harm to anything except larvae and caterpillars.

Dump anything that holds water twice a week. Birdbaths, non-chlorinated wading pools, garbage can lids, and pottery will all attract breeding mosquitoes. Be sure to empty the saucers under flower pots even if you put clean water right back in.

Work wisely. There will be many more mosquitoes in the shady parts of the garden than in the sunny parts. Wait for the sun to dry the rain or dew before you work in the shade. Don't do evenings at all if possible. That is when the mosquitoes are the worst. Evenings are good for bike riding. If you move fast enough, they won't bother you.

Invite nature's help. Feed birds or put up a bat house. Keep clean water for both. A mature bat can eat several hundred mosquitoes every night. Encourage frogs, toads, dragonflies to take up residence by planting tall grasses and native plants around ponds and streams.

Citronella: Candles or torches filled with oil offer excellent protection in smaller areas, such as on the patio, while dining or entertaining. A fan on the porch is also effective. Mosquitoes don't like windy conditions. Make the most of any breezy times we have.

It is only the females that add our blood to their diet of nectar. They lay eggs on the surface of stagnant water that hatch four to 14 days later into wriggling larvae that begin to feed on water dwelling microorganisms including fungi, bacteria, and algae. Try to get all of that water dumped on the roots of the roses before they hatch into mature mosquitoes.

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Wear long pants and high socks in the garden, long sleeves if you can. Before you go out splash on some homemade orange oil on your arms and around your face. To make orange oil, cover a pan full of citrus peels with water and bring it to a boil. Then sit it on simmer for one to two hours and then let it cool for several hours or overnight. Strain the liquid through a colander. It is really not oily, but more of an emulsion. Keep it in the refrigerator or freeze some for longer use. When Florida's citrus season has passed, you can still buy citrus from California in the summer and save the peels in a plastic bag in the refrigerator until you have enough to fill a pan 3/4 full.

Use the plants that repel mosquitoes. Herbs can help. There are many plants that can be used to repel mosquitoes. The more garlic you eat, supposedly the less the mosquitoes bite you. They like blood that is sugary. Pinecone ginger is another plant which starts to flower July 4, when the cones or bracts are apple green. The little flowers are almost all gone by the time the cone turns red, but most of the value of this plant is the lanolin-like liquid that comes when you squeeze the pinecones.

Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*) is one of those wonderfully fragrant herbs, and if you rub some of the leaves on your skin, it can help repel mosquitoes. You can put rosemary leaves in any meat, fish, or game dish, vegetables, cheese, eggs, and dry beans.

Basil (*Ocimum basilicum*) plants, especially some of the strongest varieties such as African tree basil and the holy basil will keep the mosquitoes away and can also be used to make essential oils that can be applied to the skin as repellents. Mosquitoes don't like the scents of any type of basil. Neither do other pesky insects. Eat basil in salads and casseroles. They are also a good poultice for any bites or stings.

Mints, Cuban oregano (*Plectranthus amboinicus*), and beautyberry (*Callicarpa* spp.) leaves are also helpful. You can eat the mint and oregano.

The better your nutritional diet is the less the mosquitoes will bother you. They like to eat blood with lots of sugar and such.

