

Wickham Forest Homeowner's Association

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Sidewalks, Driveways, Houses and Mildew:

Florida warm weather accompanied by rain increases the growth of mildew on sidewalks, driveways, roofs and houses. Not only does 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 adjoin 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. 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 not too hot.

Special Note: The WFHOA newsletter is available on the Wickham Forest website and the Next door Wickham Forest website 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 ARC Meeting Summary

Date: April 11, 2017

Members Present:

Linda Beckwith Georgette McWilliams
Dan Reichel Carol Theiler Susie Nichols

Requests Approved:



2285 Bent Pine Street:

REPLACE WINDOWS (6) WITH HURRICANE GLASS

2360 Bent Pine Street:

EXTERIOR HOUSE/TRIM PAINT

House/Garage Door—Behr Dusty Olive—PPU8-20

Trim— Behr—Delicate Lace—PPU5-11

2880 Forest Run Drive:

INSTALL INGROUND POOL, SPA AND SCREEN ENCLOSURE

2905 Forest Run Drive:

REPLACE ALL WINDOWS WITH HURRICANE GLASS

2570 Red Maple Place:

EXTERIOR HOUSE/TRIM PAINT

House—Sherwin Williams—Renwick Rose Beige—SW 2804

Trim—Sherwin Williams —Pueblo—SW 7711

4465 Wild Oak Court:

REPLACE FRONT WINDOWS WITH HURRICANE GLASS

4455 Willow Bend Drive:

PLACE 2 RAISED FLOWER BEDS 4X4 ON RIGHT SIDE OF HOUSE

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4580 Willow Bend Drive:

REPLACE ALL SECOND STORY SIDING

4205 Wood Haven Drive:

PAINT FENCE – DARK LEGACY GOLD

4209 Wood Haven Drive:

REPLACE ROOF WITH ARCHITECTURAL SHINGLES—Shakewood

4295 Wood Haven Drive:

REPLACE EXISTING FENCE WITH BOARD ON BARD FENCE

4360 Wood Haven Drive:

REPLACE GARBAGE CAN SCREEN WITH PVC VINYL MATERIAL

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 May 8, 2017, 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. All projects must be started within 6 months of the ARC approval or a new request will have to be submitted. Also, remember to check with the covenants or with a ARC member if you have any questions regarding exterior changes.



Board Meeting

**THE WICKHAM FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL MEET
MAY 17, 2017 AT 7:00 PM AT 4245 WOOD HAVEN DRIVE**



Memorial Day Facts: 13 Things To Know About The History, Origin of the Holiday—29 MAY

Memorial Day is a patriotic holiday intended to honor the Americans who have protected our country, and it was started as a way to remember the more than 620,000 people who died in the Civil War, which has been called the bloodiest conflict on U.S. soil. The first official Memorial Day observance took place in 1866 in Carbondale, Illinois, but the official “birthplace of Memorial Day” is Waterloo, New York, according to CNN. At the time, it was referred to as Decoration Day.

Memorial Day became a formal national holiday in 1971 and has been

observed ever since.

Cities like New York hold parades on Memorial Day while places like Washington D.C. hold concerts.

Under an act signed by then President Bill Clinton in 2000, Americans are supposed to pause and remember the deceased at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day.

More than 100,000 more Union soldiers died in the Civil War than Confederate soldiers.

Fewer than 5,000 people died in the Revolutionary War

Some people wear red poppies on Memorial Day to honor soldiers who have died.

Another tradition is to place coins on the graves of soldiers you visit. Different coins mean different things: Pennies mean you stopped by, dimes mean you served with the deceased and quarters mean you saw his or death.

About 30 people are buried at Arlington Cemetery every weekday.

Some states also celebrate Confederate memorial Day, during which they honor fallen Confederate soldiers. The states include Virginia, Texas and Alabama.

The Indianapolis 500 auto race is always held over Memorial Day weekend. This year is the 101th annual event.



PET CARE

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. Additionally, the Wickham Forest 2010 Covenants identifies failure to clean up after your pet as an infraction that can be assessed a fine of \$50 per violation if you are observed (Section 7.5c).



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 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 their garages or driveways.**

REMINDER: Annual assessments dues were due no later than March 31, 2017.
Late fees will start April 1, 2017.

How to Clean Rust From Your Driveway and Sidewalk:

Rust can come in contact with your driveway from a variety of sources. Concrete is porous, so rust stains penetrate the surface and require scrubbing to remove. Old or stubborn rust stains can be removed with Trisodium Phosphate or Oxalic Acid. Newer rust stains are often easily removed using natural cleaners such as lemon juice or vinegar.

Trisodium Phosphate Method:

1. Wear goggles and rubber gloves to protect your eyes and your hands. Trisodium phosphate is an irritant to your skin and eyes. It can also be harmful if inhaled or ingested.
2. Mix 1/2 cup of trisodium phosphate into 1/2 gallon of hot water until the trisodium phosphate has dissolved.
3. Pour enough of the solution onto the rust stain to fully cover it and leave it for about 15 minutes so that the trisodium phosphate can penetrate the rust.
4. Scrub the area with a wire brush. Use a circular motion when scrubbing and apply firm pressure to the brush to loosen all of the rust within the concrete.
5. Rinse the trisodium solution away with clean water. Repeat the application of the solution and scrub once more if the rust hasn't fully disappeared.

Oxalic Acid Method:

1. Wear goggles and rubber gloves to protect your eyes and your hands. Oxalic acid is extremely caustic.
2. Mix 4 ounces of oxalic acid into a quart of water. You can buy oxalic acid in crystal or powder form at most paint stores.
3. Apply the solution over the stain with a mop and leave it to penetrate the concrete for about two hours.
4. Rinse the area with clean water and scrub the stain with a stiff brush. Repeat application of the oxalic acid solution if the stain isn't fully removed. You may have to treat the area several times depending on the severity of the stain.

Lemon Juice or Vinegar Method:

1. Pour undiluted lemon juice or vinegar over the rust stain. Make sure to cover all parts of the rust stain. Use caution when treating rust stains near grass or plants.
2. Allow the lemon juice or vinegar to penetrate the surface for about 15 minutes. This gives it time to break down the rust stain, which makes scrubbing it away easier.
3. Scrub the area with a wire brush. Use a circular motion when scrubbing and apply firm pressure to the brush to loosen all of the rust within the concrete.
4. Rinse the lemon juice or vinegar away with clean water. Repeat application and scrubbing if the stain isn't fully removed.

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



TREE TRIMMING 101

WHY, WHEN AND HOW TO DO IT

In addition to keeping your yard looking its best, proper tree trimming and pruning is an important part of home maintenance that will keep your home and your family safe.

Storms strike Florida year-round, which can use loose, unstable and dead branches to wreak havoc on your home. Every year, falling trees and limbs cause millions of dollars in damage, according to the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety.

Why Do I Need to Trim and Prune Trees? You should trim and prune trees for the safety of you and your family, as well as tree health and aesthetics. **SAFETY:** Remove branches that could potentially cause damage to your home or your property if they fall. **TREE HEALTH:** Prune dead branches to help the overall health of the tree. This will also strengthen the tree, making it more resistant to storm damage. **AESTHETICS:** Trim trees to help accentuate how it looks and improve flower or fruit production.

You should highly consider hiring a professional arborist for any major trimming or pruning jobs. They have years of experience and will get it done safely and efficiently.

When Should I Trim and Prune Trees? The Arbor Day Foundation recommends pruning trees once a year during the winter, when they are dormant. However, a more immediate pruning may be necessary if a tree has any of the following:

Cracks on the trunk or large limbs

Hollow or decayed areas. Mushrooms growing on the bark may indicate a decayed or weakened stem.

A lopsided look or notable lean

Branches hanging near your house or over the roof

Limbs touching a power line

V-shaped forks rather than U-shaped ones. V-shaped forks are more likely to split.

Crossing branches that rub or interfere with one another

Tree Trimming and Pruning in 3 Simple Steps: 1. About 3 inches away from the collar (the thick spot where the parent and child limb intersect), make a cut 1/3 of the way through the underside of the limb. 2. Cut slightly beyond the first slice, going straight through the limb. 3. Make a final cut through the remaining portion of the limb, as close to the collar as possible, without touching the collar itself.

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TREE TRIMMING 101 COTINUED: For the most part, it's not necessary to seal the stump that remains after tree trimming. However, if you're pruning an oak, birch or elm tree, varieties that are prone to disease, you may want to consider applying a non-asphalt-based pruning sealer.

Caring for Trees Before and After A Storm:

Cut weak branches that could easily become flying missiles. To reduce the risk of weak branches in the future, trim any branches that are more than 5 feet long and remove Spanish moss. Remove branches hanging over your home. Contact the local utility company to trim limbs close to power lines. Have an arborist inspect your trees to assess their resistance to future storm damage.



IMPORTANT Yard Waste reminder

Yard waste is collected by the City on Friday. Wickham Forest covenants regarding yard waste have not changed. Trash and yard waste shall not be placed at curbside earlier than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, the evening before scheduled pick up. **VIOLATION LETTERS WILL BE SENT WITH POSSIBLE FINES.** If you have telephoned the City for pick-up, please take a moment to notify the Board so you do not receive a violation letter.

It only takes a few moments to haul a garbage can to the curb. If very large amounts of yard waste need to be removed, the city should be called (321-953-6302) as located on page 7 of this newsletter to schedule a special pick up. If you hire someone to trim your trees/shrubs, they are required to haul the debris away. Unlicensed/uninsured vendors may not provide complete service and could present possible legal problems for the homeowner.

How to Remove Black Streaks from Shingles on Roof?

Many homeowners are surprised to discover that the once clean asphalt roof shingles have been slowly covered with a form of **roof mold** or **mildew**, that appears as a light discoloration and spreads down the roof toward the gutters. The black roof stains are caused by a form of algae that has been around for years, but now this black algae is termed a roof shingle algae because of the annoying discoloration on a asphalt shingle roof.

The roof algae (*sometimes called a roof mildew or shingle mold*) actually feeds on the crushed limestone that is present in shingles from most asphalt shingle roof manufacturers. The roof algae is spread by wind and animals from roof to roof and is almost impossible to prevent.

How Can Black Roof Stains Be Removed From Shingles?

Roof Stain removal is possible! The two common roof cleaning solutions are:

You can do it yourself roof cleaning, with a roof cleaning product; or use a roof cleaning service from a professional roof cleaning business.

A *roof cleaning business* has experience at the shingle cleaning techniques and appropriate pressure to use with roof wash products. *Pro roof cleaner's* years of experience will typically result in more complete removal of roof stains.

Do It Yourself Roof Stain Removal:

Search for "*Roof Cleaning products*" to find *roof cleaner* suppliers who offer roof cleaning chemicals, but be careful to know the company and what products they offer. Trust roof cleaner supply companies that offer multiple formulas, and preventive solutions as well.

When you clean you own roof shingles be prepared to set aside an afternoon, and get your ladder out. There is no magic bullet when it comes to Roof Cleaning, and you will at least need a ladder to get up to the level of the gutter. The closer you are to the roof stains, the better your Roof Stain Removal Products will work.

So black stains on roofs can be removed, just choose a quality roof cleaner product or your local roof cleaning professional and make your roof look better!!!

Do not pressure wash a roof with black roof stains on it. Pressure washing roofs can blow off the granules that are there to protect the asphalt in the shingle from the UV rays of the sun.

Products to use for cleaning the black stains off a roof are:

Roof-be-Clean Stain Away; Roof Sparkle; Wet & Forget; Spray & Forget; Zinsser Roof Cleaner; Amazing Roll-Off Cleaner; Roof Shingle Cleaner Ox 3000; and 30 seconds Outdoor Cleaner.

Most of these products can be found at any hardware store!!

SPRING CHECKLIST FOR A HEALTHY HOME:

Check your fire extinguisher pressure gauge; replace device if needed.

Replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Prevent fires by cleaning your dryer ducts. Begin by pulling the dryer away from the wall and remove the exhaust tube from the unit and the wall. Use a brush to loosen the debris inside and finish with a vacuum to clean it out. Reattach the hose and carefully push the dryer back without crushing the tube.

Check faucets, hoses and toilets for leaks.

Don't let your electrical cords and cable become a fire hazard!! Do not leave multiple items plugged into an extension cord. Check for exposed wires throughout your house. Immediately unplug and replace any cords that have damage.

Clear drains in showers, tubs and sinks using a half-cup baking soda and a half-cup white vinegar, wait 10 minutes, then rinse with boiling hot water.

Check grout around sinks, showers and tubs for cracks; re-grout if needed.

Replace cracked or broken windows, doors and weather stripping.

Give your Blinds a bath. Take down your blinds, lay them flat in your bathtub, and soak them in a simple solution of equal water and vinegar for about an hour. Then, rinse them off with water and hang back up to dry.

Use Pillowcases to Dust Ceiling Fans. Use an old pillowcase to wipe off fan blades without dropping dust everywhere. Cover fan blades with the open end of the pillowcase and pull toward you. All the dust will collect inside the pillowcase, not on the floor. When you're done, just toss the pillowcase in the wash, and voila!!

Empty debris from outdoor grates, bird baths, gutters and spouts.

Check roof, chimney or exterior skylights for damage. Hire someone to clean your chimney to prevent creosote buildup.

Clear yard of dead trees or broken limbs that could cause damage to your home or property.