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http://www.wickhamforest.com



# From The President

Another reminder to check your homes, roof, sidewalks, driveway and fences for mildew and pressure clean if needed. Several lawns need "sprucing up" with weeding, watering, pruning, etc. It's only two months till the beginning of hurricane season. Now's the time to clean trees and shrubs of dead limbs.

Keep in mind the City of Melbourne restricts fertilizer on yards during summer months. If your lawn needs food, apply it during April and May.

Happy Spring Sprucing Up the Home and Garden Days.

-Nancy



# Wickham Forest is in need of a good mulching!

The HOA needs your help in landing the best deal on mulch for our neighborhood. If you have any ideas or contacts in the mulch industry please let the Board know!

The Board is also looking for volunteers to help mulch the entrance and islands on Forest Run.

Please contact a board member if you are able to help in any way.

## March 2018 Board Meeting (Extended)

March 21, 2018

#### **Board Members Present:**

Nancy Phillips (President), Mary Greenfield (1st VP), Kevin Rozanski (2nd VP), Ashley Bumgarner (Secretary)

#### Others Present:

Pam Clark (Admin Asst.), William Bumgarner (webmaster), two residents

#### <u>Minutes</u>

Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M. A quorum of four board members was present.

Mary motioned to accept the minutes from the Annual Meeting, seconded by Kevin, and unanimously carried.

1st Vice President's report was given by Mary:

Landscaping for the entrance and islands was determined to be in need of sprucing up. New flowering shrubs need to be planted at the entrance and a couple dead shrubs on the Sanctuary island need to be replaced. We need to evaluate what we can add without spending too much.

The entrance and islands have not been mulched in over a year and need to be remulched. The cost of mulch was discussed and Ashley took the action to solicit the community for mulch vendors and volunteers to spread it out. Pam took the action to estimate the area in which mulch is needed.

The entrance sign paint is peeling and should be repainted. The company that previously did the sign is out of business so another company will need to be found. The paint is a specialty kind that will need to be matched.

#### 2nd Vice President's Report was given by Kevin:

Street parking throughout the neighborhood is often for longer than allowed by the covenants

Trash cans continue to be a problem with several regularly visible from the road.

Numerous violations were discussed and Pam took the action to help Kevin use the violation templates.

A dead tree that was brought to the Board's attention at the Annual meeting was investigated and determined to be alive due to the presence of numerous blooms putting out new green foliage.

Nancy read a resident's letter about tree swings in front yards to the Board and was discussed. The Board will research the issue and consider adding it to the ballot for next year's annual meeting.

New board member training is needed for Kevin. The Board is looking into the most economical and convenient way to provide this training to new board members.

Ashley reported that the Wild Wood bike path has improved since the city was made aware of the uptick of incidents. Residents are encouraged to continue reporting incidents to the Melbourne Police.

The condition of pavement on Forest Run Dr was discussed. Potholes and the manhole cover near the entrance were identified as issues. Nancy and a resident will form a committee to evaluate how to get the City to repave it.

The community yard sale is scheduled for April 21st.

Ashley discussed the pricing for printing the newsletter. Vendor quotes were all determined to be too expensive and would limit the information that could be included in the newsletter.

Dog poop was brought up by a resident. Ashley took the action to include this in the next newsletter and on the website.

Advertising in the newsletter and website was suggested again and is being further investigated by Ashley.

Dumping in the conservation area was discussed. Mary will look into the wording and cost for signs to be posted.

Nancy put forth the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kevin. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

## Did you know?

Street parking has became a hot button issue in Wickham Forest and many neighbors are concerned about safety and the general appearance of our community.

Did you know that our covenants prohibit parking in the street? There of course are situations where its necessary to park in the street, and the community allows for these special circumstances. These circumstances include:



- When the homeowner, or a contractor, is engaged in maintenance of home, driveway, or yard.
- Special occasions and holiday get-togethers for a period not to exceed 6 hours.

For more on parking please refer to Wickham Forest covenants Section 7.5: Miscellaneous Use Restrictions.

## Pet Waste, Litter, & Leash Laws

- Your neighbors have noticed when pets are being walked and their business is being left behind. It is the responsibility of the pet's owner or person in control of the animal to dispose of or remove any excretions of the animal.
- Litter and dumping anywhere in Wickham Forest is prohibited. This includes the conservation areas and swales. The conservation area is the responsibility of the HOA and costs are incurred when these need to be cleaned up. Waste Management will pickup nearly anything on your curb as long as you call ahead to coordinate!
- **Dogs must be on a leash at all times when off of the owner's lot** (WF Covenants, Section 7.5(c)). The law states all animals must be leashed at all times when off the property of the animal owner. Keeping dogs on a leash keeps your pet and your neighbors safe. It's easy to tie

a waste bag onto the leash so you're always prepared when nature calls too!



Help keep Wickham Forest clean!

## **Spring Community Garage Sale**

The community garage sale is scheduled for April 21st. Here are a few tips to help make this years sale a huge sucess:

- The more people at our community yard sale the better! The HOA will put up signs and advertise, but individually we can all help by spreading the word via social media and friends.
- Be sure to have plenty of small bills on hand to make change, as well as some extra bags so that people can take home their new treasures Publix sacks are great!
- Keep prices clearly marked, on stickers on top of your items not on bottom. A good price is about 1/4 of what the item costs new.
- Put some effort into your sale, clean items and arrange them nicely make everything attractive.
- Even if you have the nicest dog in the world, it might be a good idea to keep Rover inside for the garage sale. It can be dangerous with increased traffic in the neighborhood, and you never know when an overenthusiastic toddler might pull their tail! Ouch!
- Put your most interesting items at the end of the driveway to lure people in.
- Make sure to put away items you don't want to sell, maybe even rope off the inside of your garage to keep people out of places you keep items that aren't for sale.

Have fun and never underestimate the power of a Floridian with a newspaper, a map, and a fanny pack full of small bills on a sunny Saturday morning!

# The next WFHOA Board Meeting will be held on May 16, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at 4245 Wood Haven Dr.

# Agenda

- 1. Update on creating responsibilities of each Board office position Training for new Board members
- 2. Update on resurfacing Forest Run efforts
- 3. Wording for conservation area signs.
- 4. Advertising for newsletter
- 5. Discuss mailing of newsletters and costs Report on Wickham Forest website update

We hope to keep the constructive dialogue from the Annual Meeting going at every meeting!

All residents are welcome to attend.



Wickham Forest Architectural Review Summary March 13, 2018

#### Members Present:

**Bob Bruno** 

Georgette McWilliams

Carol Theiler

Our next meeting will be April 10th, 2018 at 7:00 P.M., at 4590 Willow Bend Dr.

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! All projects must be started within six months or a new request will have to be submitted. Also, remember to check the covenants or with the ARC members if you have any questions regarding exterior changes.

Wickham-Forest-ARC@googlegroups.com

### **Approved Requests** 2525 Bent Pine St: 4450 Wild Oak Ct: Replace fence with the same wood fencing Exterior home/trim paint currently installed. House – Sherwin Williams – Mega Greige – 243-C3 Trim – Sherwin Williams – Agreeable Gray – 243-C1 2475 Forest Run Dr: 4590 Willow Bend Dr: Replace current fencing with tan vinyl fencing. Replace five front windows and three sliding glass doors with double pane glass. Color- White 2545 Forest Run Dr: 4625 Willow Bend Dr: Install pavers 2' on each side of driveway, and Replace roof with metal shingles – Old Hickory walkway to front door, including door stoop. Install accordion hurricane shutters Pavers will not extend past sidewalk.. Color -Sierra 2740 Forest Run Dr: 4785 Willow Bend Dr: Repaint driveway – In Good Taste 0505 Replace fence with the same wood fencing currently installed. 4545 Sweet Bay Ave: 4399 Wood Haven Dr: Exterior Home/Trim Paint Replace roof with asphalt architectural shingles. Color – Pristine Oyster Home– Richards– Chinese Cherry– 0041 Trim/Garage Door- White 4610 Sweet Bay Ave: Install pavers on driveway, front of home, walkway to garbage cans. Color- tan/gray

## **Small Business Spotlight**

On Board Creations is a locally owned business where customers stain and paint custom wood signs. I was recently invited to a party there and had a wonderful time sipping wine and creating a fun project with my friends. Since my visit they have partnered with Pound the Grape, inside the Melbourne Square Mall. With this exciting move the Owner, Amber is now



able to offer wine tasting with every ticket that you buy. Classes will include 6 samples of wine and so many options for those that are not wine lovers. As well as sparkling cider for the kids during family events.

They offer private parties, walk ins, as well as in home parties. Wickham Forest will be scheduling a party in the coming months, for residents to get together and have fun creating a piece for our homes.

Melbourne's first DIY wood design party! onboardcreations.com onboardcreations1@gmail.com

#### 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 at wickham-forest@googlegroups.com.

A few reminders regarding our Covenants:

- 1. Garbage is picked up on Tuesdays and Fridays. Recycling is picked up Wednesday. Trash, garbage or other waste shall not be kept on any Lot except in sanitary containers or garbage compactor units. Garbage containers, if any, shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition, and shall be so placed or screened as not to be visible from any road or adjacent property within sight distance of the Lot. Trash, refuse and garbage shall not be placed at curbside earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the evening before scheduled pickup.
- 2. Yard trash is picked up on Fridays. Yard trash should not be placed at the curb until the night before pickup. 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.
- 3. For Bulk Items: Contact Waste Management to schedule a bulk items pick up (including furniture). These items can be placed at the curb on Fridays. The truck that picks up the yard trash will return later in the day to pick up bulk items. For more information contact Waste Management at 321-723-4455.