Wickham Forest Homeowner's Association

http://www.wickhamforest.com

JANUARY 2018

* Wickham Forest Annual Dues*

Dues are due February 1st, 2018. 2018 dues amount is \$142.00. Dues letters will be mailed out January 15, as a courtesy. If you do not receive a dues letter by January 24th, please contact pamwfhoa@gmail.com. Regardless if you receive the letter or not it is the responsibility of each homeowner to pay your dues on time. Late payment of \$25 will be applied on any dues received or postmarked after February 28th for each month late. No late fees will be waived.

Wickham Forest Homeowners Association Annual Meeting

Please plan to attend the next annual meeting on February 21, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Besides voting for the Board of Directors, the proposed budget for 2018 will be on the ballot.

Location: Candlewood Suites, 2930 Pineda Plaza, Melbourne, Fl 32940 Please mark your calendars for this important date.

Go past Pineda Causeway on Wickham and turn right on Pineda Plaza Way. Hotel will be on the left.

All Wickham Forest Homeowners are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Wickham Forest Meeting. Ballots are due by this date—either by mail or hand-delivery.

Christmas Decorating Contest Winners!

1st Place–DiFilippo– 4680 Willow Bend Drive 2nd Place-DeVinney-4208 Wood Haven Drive 3rd Place-Spanogle-4290 Wood Haven Drive

Congratulations to the winners for outstanding decorations!

Thank you Rick & Ingrid Smith, assisted by Bernadette Pinto, Mary & Roy Greenfield and Simpson Smith for helping with the entrance Christmas decorations. Wickham Forest Homeowners Association, Inc. PO Box 410621 Melbourne FL 32941-0621 FAX: (888) 851-4645

<u>CONTACTS</u>

Association Board

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Nancy Phillips, President (321) 426-6047

Mary Greenfield

1st Vice President
(321) 253-0328

Ashley Bumgarner, 2nd Vice President (816) 787-7118

Carol Smith, Secretary (321) 525-9517

Ed Clark, Treasurer (321) 292-1946

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- Susie Nichols
- Linda Beckwith
- Bob Bruno
- Bernadette Pinto (alt)
- Georgette McWilliams

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Wickham Forest Website

http://www.wickhamforest.com

North Melourne HOA Alliance

www.northmelbournehomewonersalliance.com

Wickham Forest Board of Directors Meeting

DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2017

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

The meeting convened at 7:00 P.M. at 4245 Wood Haven Drive.

A motion was made by Ed Clark to approve the minutes from the last board meeting. Mary Greenfield seconded the motion. The motion was considered approved and carried.

The purpose of this meeting was to go over and approve the WFHOA 2018 Proposed Budget.

Ed Clark read over the report. Motion was made by Carol Smith to approve the 2018 Budget and it was seconded by Mary Greenfield. Budget was approved. Dues for year 2018 will be \$142.00, approved at this meeting.

Ed Clark made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 07:15 P.M., and it was seconded by Nancy Phillips. Meeting was adjourned.

There will be no Board Meeting in the month of January 2018, next meeting will be the Annual Board Meeting, on February 21, 2018 (See front page of newsletter).

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Smith, Secretary



<u>Important Yard Waste Reminder</u>

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 the scheduled

pick up. 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 homeowners.

Income/Expense by Category - Last month 11/1/2017 through 11/30/2017 (Cash Basis)

12/28/2017

Category	11/1/2017- 11/30/2017	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME		
Income Fees	400.00	400.00
Interest Income	0.31	0.31
TOTAL INCOME	400.31	400.31
EXPENSES		4 000 00
Admin Fee	1,000.00	1,000.00
Banking Fees	78.00	78.00
Bonus	800.00	800.00
Electricity	95.50	95.50
Fences	727.00	727.00
Light Repair	289.85	289.85
Mowing	450.00	450.00
Postage	49.00	49.00
Security Cam Bike Path	319.98	319.98
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,809.33	3,809.33
OVERALL TOTAL	-3,409.02	-3,409.02

12/28/2017

Account Balances - As of 11/30/2017

Account	11/30/2017 Balance
Bank Accounts	
BUS SELECT HY SAV XX5720	12,508.57
BUSINESSSELECT CHKG XX1800	33,078.77
TOTAL Bank Accounts	45,587.34
OVERALL TOTAL	45,587.34



More than 41 million people have been the victims of identity theft, but there are steps you can take to be proactive in keeping your information secure. Along with creating strong, varied passwords for every online account, consider these Cyber security tips.

- 1. **Keep software up to date:** Tech companies are constantly monitoring their software for weak spots or security breaches and often release updates to help fix those issues. Set up your devices for automatic updates.
- 2. **Install antivirus software and a firewall:** Both are a great baseline in the battle against cybercrime; antivirus software detects malicious infections, while a firewall fends off outside access. Although a variety of free options exist, you may want to invest in a paid version that offers more updates.
- 3. Check web addresses: Anytime you're providing financial information, such as credit card numbers, double-check the web address: It should begin with "https" and display a padlock sign, meaning you are securely transmitting information. Remember, if you're using a public network, your information is more vulnerable.
- 4. Never click on suspicious links: Cyberthieves are masters at creating emails that imitate trusted vendors and sites. If an email is asking to verify personal information, demanding money or promising a refund, visit the website directly or call its customer service line to check its legitimacy. If you hover over a hyperlink in an email, a phishing scam will often reveal an unusual URL or one with a slight misspelling. (Continued on page 5)

Cyber Safety Continued:

- 5. **Rely on two-factor authentication:** Another powerful tool that adds an extra layer of security to log-ins and helps discourage cybercrime is two-factor authentication. It requires a username and password for the first factor and another piece of personal information, such as a security question or a onetime code sent to your phone, as the second factor.
- 6. **Don't send personally identifying information in email:** Never email your credit card information, Social Security number, driver's license number or other financial or identifying information—especially if your email is unencrypted, Email is an easy way for hackers to snatch sensitive information..

There was no ARC Meeting in December. The next ARC Meeting will be held on January 9, 2018, at 4590 Willow Bend Drive, at 7:00 p.m.

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 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 streets 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 the project.

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 you home. Contact Carol Smith at wickham-forest@googlegroups.com.



JANUARY FUN FACTS:

One fun fact about January is that it was named after Janus, the Roman God (the God of the doorway); who was always shown as having two heads. He looked back to the last year and forward to the new one.

Fun Facts about January:

January's gem is garnet which represents constancy.

January birth flower is the carnation or snowdrop.

The zodiac signs for January is Capricorn (December 22—January 19) and Aquarius (January 20-February 18).

On January 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by Abraham Lincoln.

On January 2, 1788, Georgia ratified the Constitution.

On January 4, 1896 Utah became the 45th state.

On January 6, 1912 New Mexico became the 47th state.

January 8 is Elvis Presley's birthday.

On January 8, 1798 Amendment 11 to Constitution ws proclaimed which modified the Supreme Court's power. On January 10, 1920 the League of Nations was established.

January 11 -National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in the United States.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr in the United States – Third Monday (January 15, 2018-observed).

On January 26 -Republic Day in India

January is observed as the National Blood Donor Month; National Braille Literacy Month; National Hobby Month; National Soup Month; National Staying Healthy Month and the International Coffee Gourmet Month.

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