




WICKHAM FOREST

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April 2021

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A Visit with Commander Carafano of Melbourne Police Department

At the March WFHOA Board Meeting, our invited guest speaker, Commander of Police Operations. Charles Carafano, spoke openly about recent crime in our general area. He first outlined his law enforcement career, most of which was crime involving narcotics. He gave several examples of frequent crimes in our area; the most common crimes are car break-ins. Always make sure your car doors are locked!! He encouraged residents not to give to panhandlers on street corners and at store fronts because it enables them, and there is very little punishment for trespassing. Residents MUST keep calling MPD when you witness drug or prostitution activity because more calls and complaints equal more police attention. MPD has weekly crime meetings about criminal activity in the city, and the greater the calls/reports from homeowners, the greater the police presence in that area. He encouraged residents to take pictures of cars/license plates if there is suspicious activity. This can lead police to criminals in our neighborhood, but also in other areas of our city and county. A homeowner asked if Ring security camera footage is helpful to police, and Commander Carafano said, YES, it can be very useful in crime prevention. Contact information for the Commander was given to all homeowners present. Encourage everyone to be observant and diligent in caring for our community. Please call MPD for any suspicious activity.

March 2021 Board Meeting

March 17, 2021

Board Members Present: Nancy Phillips (President), Mary Greenfield (1st VP), Frank Johnson (2nd VP), Janet Smith (Secretary), Jim Spanogle (Treasurer)

Others Present: Pam Clark (Admin Asst.), 9 homeowners, Commander Chuck Carafano (MPD)

Minutes

Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:01PM with a quorum of all board members present. A guest speaker, Commander Chuck Carafano of the Melbourne Police Department spoke to those present about the MPD activities in our neighborhood. Those notes are included in the April newsletter as a separate article.

Secretary's minutes from the Annual Meeting in February 2021 were approved as published in the March newsletter. Financial report for February, also in the March newsletter, was approved.

The weir (a fence-type enclosure that helps control the water flow) on the Red Maple retention pond, installed prior to homes being built about thirty years ago, and modified by the St. Johns River Water Management in 2007 needs some maintenance work. The City of Melbourne cleaned the drains on Sweet Bay, but it is the HOA responsibility to be sure the weir is working properly. The Board will inquire further about what needs to be done.

Mary reported that the stone work at the entrance Message Board is awaiting an estimate from another company and should be available in late March.

The Board has finalized a revised contract with Prolawn for mowing, trimming, and weeding at the entrance and the islands.

A question regarding home security signs (such as ADT) was posed by a homeowner. Based on the Covenants (Section 7.5f), these small signs are permitted without Board approval.

A suggestion had been made at the Annual Meeting to install solar cameras or speed humps on Forest Run to deter speeding. The cost for solar cameras is prohibitive, and speed humps would be a job for the City of Melbourne, not for the HOA.

Homeowners are reminded that ALL exterior changes to property must be approved by the ARC before work is started. THIS INCLUDES TREE REMOVAL. Quite a few homeowners have taken down trees recently without paperwork being submitted for ARC approval. Trees that are rotted or endangering the house DO need to be approved prior to removal.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57PM

The next WFHOA Board meeting will be held May 19, 2021. See May newsletter for location.



The ARC is in need of an additional Volunteer. They meet once a month to review and approve homeowners' requests for exterior changes to their properties. For more information, contact ARC chair, Nestor, at ncolonwfarc20@gmail.com.

While fishing in the retention ponds of Wickham Forest is not prohibited, it is discouraged. These are stormwater management ponds used to manage stormwater runoff to prevent flooding in Wickham Forest, and help to improve water quality in the Indian River Lagoon. Any fish caught must be released back into the pond. Also please be reminded that family, friends, guests, and tenants should not disturb the rights of those neighbors living on the ponds, as it is their backyard. Make sure that children are supervised by an adult when near the ponds. Permission must be given by the resident for anyone to fish in the retention pond directly behind their property. Thanks for showing respect for your Wickham Forest neighbors.



Please follow traffic rules by driving to the right side of the islands on Forest Run when entering the community. Remember that the speed limit on all streets within Wickham Forest is 25 mph.



March 2021 Violations

Violation Type	1st	2nd	Fines	Lien No- tice
Barking Dog	1			
Ladder	1			
Yard Waste	1			
Vegetation/ Mowing	1			
Mildew	21	9		
Garbage Cans	1	X		
Parking	1	X		



Recently a homeowner notified the Board that an alligator was spotted in the grass near one of the retention ponds in Wickham Forest. Please be aware that while alligators are not often residing in our ponds, that during spring, they are more active and visible. This mating season begins with courting in April, then mating in May through June. Although many Floridians have learned to coexist with alligators, the potential for conflict always exists. Serious injuries caused by alligators are rare in Florida, but if you are concerned about an alligator, call FWC's toll-free Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-392-4286. The FWC will dispatch one of its contracted nuisance alligator trappers to resolve the situation. Remember, never feed an alligator and keep your distance if you see one.

Upcoming Events at Wickham Park

Every Thursday from 3—6 pm - Brevard County Farmers Market at Wickham Park Horse Stables

Vietnam and All Veterans Reunion Sunday, April 11—Sunday, April 18, 2021

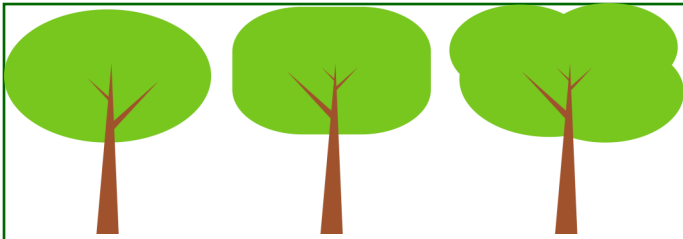
We welcome all veterans young and old at our events. The Vietnam Traveling Memorial, The Some Gave All Moving Tribute, and other static displays are on display for the free 4 day event.
For more information: www.floridaveteransreunion.com

36th Melbourne Art Festival - April 24—25 starting at 10am

The Melbourne Art Festival is a fully Volunteer staffed, nationally recognized event, held each year on the last full weekend of April at Wickham Park in Melbourne, Florida. Melbourne Art Festival offers FREE admission, FREE parking, FREE children's art projects and FREE live entertainment throughout the weekend.

Free Drive-In at Wickham Park Featuring Star Wars: Episode V—Empire Strikes Back

April 23, 2021 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Location: Wickham Park Regional Pavilion



ARC

Wickham Forest Architectural Review February 2021

Members Present: Nestor Colon, Bob Bruno, Susie Nichols, Joan Scott

Approved Requests

2260 Bent Pine St. Replace windows: Replace 18 windows with PGT impact rated windows without grids, color: White	2280 Bent Pine St. Remove tree: Remove large oak from backyard due to it being a hazard to home
2540 Bent Pine St. Install fence: Board on board wood fence connecting to existing fence on left side of home and back fence line with 5' gate on left side of house. Color: Natural wood	2575 Bent Pine St. Replace roof: Certainteed Landmark shingles, color: Mojave Tan
2790 Forest Run Dr. Install solar panels: Install 17 Peimar SM325M solar panels, 9 facing south and 8 facing east	4535 Sweet Bay Ave. Replace driveway and walkway: Replace with concrete, color: Natural concrete
2675 Wild Wood Dr. Repaint house: Behr paint, color: Main: Intercoastal Gray #MQ5-23, Trim: Whisper White #HDC-MD-08, Garage Door: Whisper White #HDC-MD-08, Front door: No change	4770 Willow Bend Dr. Install shutters: Accordion storm shutters, Bertha clear on 3 front windows and metal panels on remaining windows and glass sliding doors
4250 Wood Haven Dr. Remove trees: Remove 4 trees on west side of home due to hazard to home	4315 Wood Haven Dr. Repaint house: Behr paint, color: Main: Perfect Taupe #PPU18-13M, Trim: White #52U, Garage door: White #52U, Front door: Rarewood #MQ2-39D

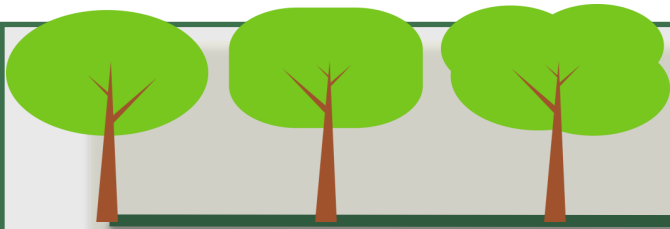
Our next meeting will be April 14, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. 4400 Wild Oak Ct.

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 any exterior changes.

Chairperson: Nestor Colon

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Susie Nichols • Linda Beckwith • Bob Bruno • Joan Scott



Banking Summary

March 2021

INCOME

Fines	100.00
HOA Dues	19,210.13
Interest	0.14
Other	1,042.42
TOTAL INCOME	20,352.69

EXPENSES

Admin. Asst.	1,000.00
Banking Fees	25.00
Electricity	96.34
Retention Ponds	400.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,521.34

OVERALL TOTAL 18,831.35

Bank Accounts	
BUS SELECT HY SAV	8,007.81
BUSINESSSELECT CHKG	54,027.47
TOTAL Bank Accounts	62,035.28
OVERALL TOTAL	62,035.28



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 Community and Covenants:

1. **Garbage is picked up on Tuesdays and Fridays. Recycling is picked up Wednesdays.** 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 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. **If you have very large piles of branches and clippings, always call Waste Management ahead of Friday pickup to notify that you have a large amount. ALSO CALL DAVID AMBROSE—City of Melbourne Manager of the Waste Management contract. (321) 608-5081.**
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.
4. Waste Management trucks are automated, manned by only one employee. Therefore, any trash NOT in the garbage bin WILL NOT be picked up.
5. **If you are planning to paint your home or plan any exterior changes, to include Roofs and Fences, 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, regardless of the current color.

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Important Contacts	
Emergency for Medical, Fire, Police	911
Melbourne Police Dept. (non-emergency)	(321) 608-6731
Fire Department (non-emergency)	(321) 752-4642
Melbourne City Manager	(321) 608-7200
Melbourne Code Compliance	(321) 608-7902
City of Melbourne Water Department (repairs)	(321) 674-5726
City of Melbourne Water Department (Emergency)	(321) 255-4622
Report a Pothole: City of Melbourne	(321) 953-6231
FPL Power Outages, Meter Checks	(800) 468-8243
Florida City Gas leaks, odors	(888) 352-5325
Waste Management	(321) 723-4455
David Ambrose - City of Melbourne Manager of Waste Management Contract	(321) 608-5081
Bus Transportation	(321) 242-6497
Brevard County Animal Control (This number may redirect to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office.)	(321) 633-2024

