



WICKHAM FOREST

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May 2022

HAPPY
Mother's Day
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Benefits of Large Trees and Oak Tree Age Calculation

So many residents of Wickham Forest have been removing trees, particularly oak trees due to various reasons. Of course, if a tree is dead, or is jeopardizing the foundation of a home, that seems quite reasonable. But recently, a resident found a flyer at Erna Nixon Park, written by Joan DeGregorio, a Florida Master Naturalist, that discussed the value of large trees, and offered a calculation for determining the age of an oak tree. Large trees *improve air quality* and help to *fight climate change* by capturing and storing carbon in their roots, stumps, and branches. They also *improve water quality* by reducing erosion and storm water runoff which benefits the Indian River Lagoon. A mature tree can intercept about 100,000 gallons of rainfall a year. Large trees around your home can *help conserve energy by cooling the air*, and offer a buffer that can *reduce noise pollution*. They provide *wildlife habitat* which benefits a healthy ecosystem. A mature oak can be home to as many as 500 different species of birds, mammals, and insects. To calculate the age of an oak tree (calculations differ for other tree species), measure the circumference of the trunk about 5 feet from the ground. Divide the number of inches by 3.1416 (growth factor) and multiply that by 4. The large oak tree in our front yard on Wild Wood measures about 99 inches. $(99 \div 3.1416) \times 4 = 126$ years old. That means it was planted in 1896!! That's before my grandmother was born! Amazing, isn't it? Maybe we need to consider that before removing trees! After all.....we ARE Wickham FOREST!!!

HURRICANE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Hurricane are strong storms that cause life and property-threatening hazards such as flooding, storm surge, high winds and tornadoes.

Preparation is the best protection against the dangers of hurricanes.

What should I do?

Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio for critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS).

Check your disaster supplies, and replace or restock as needed.

Bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind (bicycles, lawn furniture).

Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters. If you do not have hurricane shutters, close and board up all windows and doors with plywood.

Turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and keep them closed as much as possible so that food will last longer if the power goes out.

Turn off propane tanks and unplug small appliances.

Fill your car's gas tank.

Talk with members of your household and create an evacuation plan. Planning and practicing your evacuation plan minimizes confusion and fear during the event.

Learn about your community's hurricane response plan. Plan routes to local shelters, register family members with special medical needs as required and make plans for your pets to be cared for.

Evacuate if advised by authorities. Be careful to avoid flooded roads and washed out bridges.

Because standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding, it's important to have protection from the floods associated with hurricanes, tropical storms, heavy rains and other conditions that impact the U.S. For more information on flood insurance, please visit the National Flood Insurance Program Web site at www.FloodSmart.gov.

Know the Difference

Hurricane Watch—Hurricane conditions are a threat within 48 hours. Review your hurricane plans, keep informed and be ready to act if a warning is issued.

Hurricane Warning—Hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours. Complete your storm preparations and leave the area if directed to do so by authorities.

What supplies do I need?

Family and emergency contact information

Extra cash

Emergency blanket

Map(s) of the area

Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)

Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)

Tools/supplies for securing your home

Extra set of car keys and house keys

Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes

Rain gear

Insect repellent and sunscreen

Camera for photos of damage

Continue listening to a NOAA

Weather Radio or the local news

for the latest updates.

Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding even after the hurricane or tropical storm has ended.

If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe.

What do I do after a hurricane?

Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges.

Keep away from loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company.

Stay out of any building that has water around it.

Inspect your home for damage. Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance purposes.

Use flashlights in the dark. Do NOT use candles.

Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until you are sure it's not contaminated.

Check refrigerated food for spoilage. If in doubt, throw it out.

Wear protective clothing and be cautious when cleaning up to avoid injury.

Watch animals closely and keep them under your direct control.

Use the telephone only for emergency calls.

If using a generator during power outages, be sure it is vented to the outdoors to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

For more information on disaster and emergency preparedness, visit RedCross.org.

There are no Minutes because the Board did not meet in April. The next WFHOA Board meeting will be Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at Joe's Club. As always, homeowners are welcome to attend.

HURRICANE NAMING INFORMATION
(NYTimes.com)

Atlantic hurricanes are named according to six rotating alphabetical lists maintained by the World Meteorological Organization.

This year's 21-name list is: *Alex, Bonnie, Colin, Danielle, Earl, Fiona, Gaston, Hermine, Ian, Julia, Karl, Lisa, Martin, Nicole, Owen, Paula, Richard, Shary, Tobias, Virginie and Walter.* This is the first time Martin and Owen have made the list, replacing Matthew and Otto, which were retired after the 2016 hurricane season. Hurricane names are retired when a storm causes history-making destruction or death, and reusing the name would be insensitive to people who were affected by the storm.

April 2022 Violations

Violation Type		Fines	Final Notice
Yard Trash	3		
Mildew/Mold	4		1
Fence Repair	1		
Vegetation / Mowing	12		
Rental Violation	1		
Trailer	1		
Ladder		1	
Non-ARC Approval		5	
Street Parking	2		

Thank you to Doug Smith for completing the painting of the endcaps of the west island on Forest Run. Painting of the other Forest Run island and the Wood Haven island was done previously by Nancy Phillips and Jim Spanogle. Thanks for making our islands more visible to motorists.



Drive to the right side of the islands on Forest Run whichever way you are heading!

Speed limit on ALL streets in Wickham Forest is 25 mph. SLOW DOWN!!



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 3rd, First Friday Event at Wickham Park Pavillion - Every first Friday of the month -

Live music, food trucks 5-9pm

Friday, May 27th—Free Cars Under the Stars in the Park 5-9pm

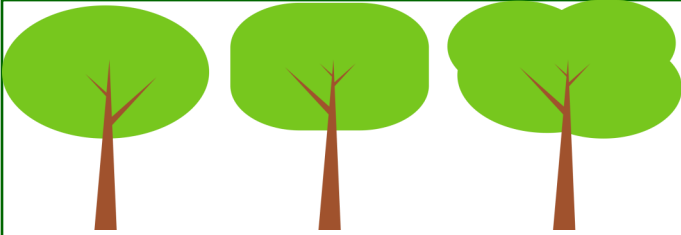
Movie event featuring “Venom: Let There Be Carnage”

Brevard County Farmers' Market—Wickham Park Horse Stables Year Round Market Hours: EVERY Thursday, 3pm - 6pm



An additional volunteer is needed on the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). If you can donate one short evening the second Wednesday of the month to serve your neighborhood, please contact the Wickham Forest Board at: wickham-forest@googlegroups.com





ARC

Wickham Forest Architectural Review April 2022

Members Present: Blain Morgan, Reda Rozanski, Ronda Kopelanski

Approved Requests

2520 Bent Pine Black Chimney on backside of house Black shadow Shingle	2610 Wild Wood House= Halation; front door Blue bayberry; trim white
2675 Wild Wood Replacing 45' of fence, board on board Fence	4300 Wood Haven 6" white PVC Fence
4325 Wood Haven Antique Silver shingle	4600 Willow Bend Tree removal
4205 Wood Haven Replacing white Backyard patio awning with bronze	2520 Forest Run Cobblestone shingles
2300 Bent Pine Estate gray shingles	2570 Wild Wood Replacing Soffits & gutters with new white material
2540 Bent Pine House fascia, gutters & soffits= light truffle; trim= swiss	2540 Bent Pine Sand dune shingle
4465 Willow Bend Silver Burch shingle	4505 Willow Bend Paint wall keystone Gray, door white Flour, trim & Garage white, Add Sod

Our next meeting will be May 11, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

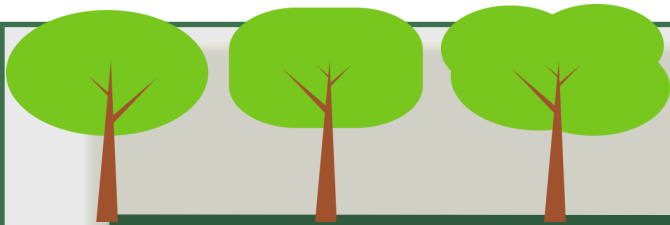
Most items are easily approved, and most questions easily answered. We are all working to make our Wickham Forest neighborhood the best and loveliest in the area! All projects must be started within six months or a new request will have to be submitted. Also, remember to check the covenants or with the ARC members if you have any questions regarding any exterior changes.

Chairperson: Blain Morgan

E-mail: arc-wf@googlegroups.com

Susie Nichols • Ronda Kopelanski • Dolores Leach • Reda Rozanski (alt.)

The WF Board thanks Bob Bruno and Joan Scott for their excellent faithful service to the ARC for the past few years. Best of luck to them in future activities. Welcome to Reda Rozanski, Dolores Leach, and Ronda Kopelanski for volunteering to serve on the ARC.



Banking Summary

April 2022

INCOME

Income Dues	2,365.00
Interest Income	7.73
Late fees	245.00
Other	175.00
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	2,792.73

EXPENSES

Admin Assistant	1,050.00
Banking Fee	25.00
Electricity	106.80
Entrance Light Repair	138.69
Landscaping	700.00
Office Supplies	351.66
Postage	109.86
Retention Ponds	420.00
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	2902.01

BANK ACCOUNTS	
BUS SELECT HY SAV	8,029.51
BUSINESSSELECT CHKG	64,247.39
TOTAL Bank Accounts	72,276.90



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Welcome New Residents!

The WF 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 (yellow lid) 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. **Applications for ARC approval are available on the website at wickhamforest.com**
6. In case you haven't heard, Wickham Forest residents have a great opportunity to stay informed with what is happening in our subdivision, as well as in the surrounding area. Join your neighbors in **NextDoor** with many new features added. **NextDoor** includes Classifieds, Crime and Safety, Sale/Free items, Lost and Found, Recommendations, Businesses, Groups, and Public Agency notifications. You can even read the Wickham Forest HOA monthly newsletters in the WF Monthly Newsletter group. It's fast, easy, and free. Go to <http://www.Nextdoor.com> to create your account.



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



MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBERING & HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

