

The logo for Wickham Forest Living. It features a stylized tree with yellow leaves on a green base that curves into a swoosh. The text "WICKHAM FOREST" is in green and red, and "Living" is in green below it.

Wickham-forest@googlegroups.com

**June 2022**

A graphic for Happy Fathers Day. It features a large, stylized "H" in the shape of a blue flower. The text "HAPPY Fathers Day" is written in a blue, cursive font.

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**NOTE: The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) has changed it's meeting date to the 3rd Wednesday of each month, meeting at Joe's Club on Wickham Rd. Starting in July. This will coincide with the WF Board meeting held at the same location on the same dates. All homeowners are welcome to attend these meetings. If you are having difficulty with the ARC forms, please attend the meetings and the ARC members will be glad to assist you with preparing them.**

**The Summer Ban on fertilizer is now in effect. It runs from June 1—September 30 each year. This regulation is enacted in order to keep harmful nutrients from washing off from lawns into storm drains and ultimately into the Indian River during the rainy summer months. It is ALWAYS illegal to blow grass clippings into the streets and storm drains, gutters, and ponds. Blow them back into the yard or compost them. Penalties include a fine of \$200 for violating these ordinances.**



## 2022 Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

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

**Others Present:** Blain Morgan (ARC Chair)

### Minutes

Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:01PM with a quorum of all board members present.

Secretary's minutes from the meeting in March were approved as published in the April newsletter. Financial reports for March and April, as published in the April and May newsletters, were approved.

Mary reported that the copper plants at the entrance are not thriving. Weeds and trash continue in the islands, and the new plants at the Ligustrum trees are also not doing well. She will contact the landscape company to check on the irrigation system.

Frank researched the possibility of traffic cameras at the islands. It is not feasible both financially and logistically.

The dumpster for the strip mall at the entrance continues to have overflow and no covering. Wildlife have been spotted removing debris and scattering it along Forest Run properties and the adjacent undeveloped parcel to the south. **The Board urges residents to contact Mr. Ambrose at [David.ambrose@mlbfl.org](mailto:David.ambrose@mlbfl.org) and his supervisor at [Jennifer.wilster@mlbfl.org](mailto:Jennifer.wilster@mlbfl.org) to complain about this persistent problem.** It is both unsightly and a health issue. A homeowner has expressed interest in picking up garbage if the Board would purchase a 'grabber'. This shouldn't be a resident's responsibility, however it was voted and approved to investigate this possibility if the City isn't responsive.

Jim has been in contact with the Message Board company. The replacement door arrived but was not the aluminum replacement that was ordered and paid for. Additionally, it did not fit the Message Board. The corrected replacement has been ordered and delivery is anticipated.

Closing of the bike path is still on hold for approval from the City of Melbourne. Plans to at least replace the chain link that was removed by unknown, unapproved persons are being explored further, because the initial estimate given for repair seemed quite high.

There has been no communication from BSE on the scheduling of the pond weir inspections.

Pepper trees growing on the Bent Pine weir area have been removed.

The diseased shrubs behind the Message Board on the fence have been cut back and appear to be growing back.

Brevard County was contacted about the possibility of a "No U-Turn" sign on the northbound side of Wickham at the entrance to Wickham Forest. Apparently, it is not feasible at this time, but will be kept as a possibility. **The Board would like homeowners to send emails** to the County Commission requesting this signage, as it would help to improve the safety of vehicles exiting Wickham Forest.

Janet will contact a homeowner who expressed interest in helping with the Christmas decorations at the entrance to determine whether she would chair a committee using the budgeted funds for purchase of updated decorations. Volunteers are welcome to assist. Please contact the Board at [wickham-forest@googlegroups.com](mailto:wickham-forest@googlegroups.com) if you are interested in helping.

Each Board member is asked to contact lawn maintenance companies for estimates for mowing, edging, weeding, fertilizer, insecticide, and irrigation maintenance to be presented at the June meeting.

(May 2022 Board Minutes, continued)

Blain Morgan, the ARC chair reviewed the process for ARC approval. Basically, it's request made, approval at meeting, work completed, follow-up by a member to verify compliance with the approval. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Frank, agreed to assist with follow-up for the ARC.

The ARC requested a change of meeting dates from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, to coincide with the Board's meetings. This way both groups could utilize the facility at Joe's Club, minimizing the cost of using the facility to once a month. This will take effect in July 2022, with both meetings occurring on the third Wednesday of the month.

The Board voted to increase estoppel fees to coincide with the fees charged in neighboring developments.

As a reminder to all Wickham Forest homeowners and residents, the Board requires two Board members to verify violations before letters are sent out.

Currently, when homeowners remove a tree on their property, it is strongly suggested that a replacement tree is planted. The Board is looking at making this policy a requirement. Wording will be drawn up and submitted to the lawyer for approval to "remove a tree, plant a tree" on the ballot for a Covenant change in the next annual election.

There was a discussion about the possibility of guest speakers at Board meetings. This would occur when a potential topic is presented on an 'as needed' basis.

Discussion about the possibility of planting shrubs inside the fence at the Bent Pine Pond to eventually replace the wooden fencing when it fails. Checking with both the City of Melbourne and the railroad to determine if that would be legally possible.

There are two homes delinquent on annual dues from years prior to 2022. Legal action is forthcoming for liens on those properties.

Possibility of adopting Neighborhood Watch for Wickham Forest was tabled to a future meeting.

According to Florida Law, **homeowners have the right and responsibility to trim back overgrowth from the preserve areas TO their property line but CANNOT dump the debris from trimming into the conservation area.** It should be placed curbside on Friday for yard waste pickup.

The Board thanks Doug Smith for painting the yellow poles at the entrance to the Wild Wood bike path and painting the west island curbs on Forest Run.

Relocation of the entrance flagpole to the south side of Forest Run as suggested by a homeowner is not feasible. This was investigated previously, and the city setbacks, permits, and cost make it unreasonable.

Cutting down of a dead tree behind a home along the conservation area will be tabled until the June meeting.

Some residents have reported a young male individual wandering into their yards and around numerous properties. Homeowners are encouraged to call police if any unauthorized unknown persons are trespassing on their property.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

**The next WFHOA Board meeting will be held at 7pm at Joe's Club on June 15, 2022. All homeowners are welcome to attend. The ARC meeting will occur simultaneously.**





May 2022 Violations

Violation Type		Fines
Trailer Parking	1	
Parking on Grass	2	
Junk Storage	1	
Yard Waste	2	
Vegetation	2	
Mowing	2	
Garbage Cans	1	
Boxes in Street	1	
Rental Fine		1

The Board thanks Susie Nichols for her years of service on the ARC Committee. Who will ‘step up’ to help fill the vacant position? The Board is seeking two volunteers to fill recently ‘retired’ positions on the ARC Committee. PLEASE contact the Board at wickham-forest@googlegroups.com to express your willingness to serve. The ARC meets ONE Wednesday night each month!

A committee is being assembled to assist in preparations for decorating the entrance of Wickham Forest for the Christmas holidays. Please consider helping to plan, design, create and set up our holiday décor! Send an email to wickham-forest@googlegroups.com to enlist in this fun and festive activity.



Florida Tax Relief Days this Summer !! SHOP AND SAVE !!

Take advantage of the many tax relief opportunities available this summer:

- May 14 - August 14, 2022 Children’s Books (Summer is a GREAT time to READ!!)
- May 28—June 10, 2022 Disaster Preparedness (Hurricane Supplies)
- July 1 –7, 2022 Event Tickets and Recreational Equipment (called Freedom Week)
- July 1, 2022 –June 30, 2023 Children’s Diapers / Baby Clothes and Shoes / Energy Star Appliances
- July 1, 2022 –June 30, 2024 Impact Resistant Windows, Doors and Garage Doors (Home Hardening)
- July 25 –August 7, 2022 School Supplies, Clothing, Shoes, and Backpacks

The Wickham Forest Board requests homeowners and residents to advocate for two items that are impacting our subdivision:

- 1.) Contact Brevard County to request that a “NO U-TURN” sign be erected on northbound Wickham Road at the entrance to Wickham Forest. This won’t solve all the issues with exiting our development, but would help. District 4 Commissioner Curt Smith (vice-chair) 321-633-2044 is the representative for our area. The email for contacting him is: D4.Commissioner@BrevardFL.gov
- 2.) Contact David Ambrose at David.ambrose@mlbfl.org and his supervisor Jennifer.wilster@mlbfl.org to complain about the litter and garbage spreading into yards and around the entrance from the uncovered dumpster for the strip mall at the entrance to Wickham Forest. This is both unsightly and a health hazard. The Board has been in contact with them, but more voices may result in action.

## SUMMER FUN ACTIVITIES

Do you have a library card? Visiting your local library isn't just for checking out the latest books, magazines, or movies. This summer through September 12, 2022, you can go to your local library and check out a REAL FLORIDA READER DAY PASS. This will give you free admission to one of Florida's 175 State Parks for a carload of people! Each library branch will receive a limited number of the Real Florida Reader Day passes, so if you want to take advantage of it, and have a date in mind to visit a state park.....ask about it at the library. You will need to return the pass to the same library branch you checked it out at so another family can use it. There are a few exceptions that happen to be popular parks in the Tampa Bay Area. The Real Florida Reader Day Pass does not include Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, Skyway Pier State Park, or Weeki Wachee State Park.

### Tom Petty / Stevie Nicks Tribute. Wickham Park Concert Series

Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> 3 PM

Wickham Park, 2500 Parkway Dr

### Cars Under the Stars: Movie in the Park – “Ghostbusters Afterlife”

Audio will be available through car stereo and external speakers .

**FREE Drive-In event the whole family can enjoy from the safety of your vehicle.**

Fri., June 24<sup>th</sup> 6 – 9 PM

Wickham Park, 2500 Parkway Dr

### Green Gables Art Exhibit

Sat Jun 11, 10:00 AM – 2PM

Dr. Michael Shelton exhibits his paintings on the grounds of Green Gables.

Sat, 10 AM – 2 PM

Green Gables, 1501 S Harbor City Blvd Melbourne, FL

**Green Gables Open House EVERY Saturday 10am – 2pm Tours \$10/adult**

### Brevard County Farmers Market at Wickham Park Community Center

2815 Leisure Way Melbourne, FL

Come Visit Us on Thursdays from 3-6pm each week! The Brevard County Farmers Market was created to provide a direct-marketing outlet for local growers and producers, and to provide a place for consumers to purchase goods from local farmers and producers.

### Fireworks Viewing at Green Gables July 4<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 10 pm

\$10 per car in advance \$15 at the entrance

Music, Free Parking, Food Booths, Bring your own chairs

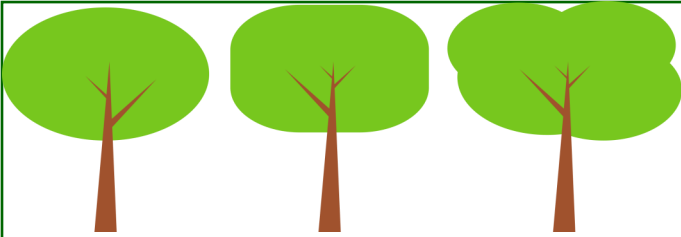
No alcohol or smoking

### Great American Celebration 4th of July Fireworks in Viera Florida

Monday July 4, 2022 at 9:00 pm

USSSA Space Coast Complex

6092 Stadium pkwy, Melbourne



# ARC

## Wickham Forest Architectural Review May 2022

Members Present: Blain Morgan, Susie Nichols, Ronda Kopelanski, Dolores Leach

### Approved Requests

<b>2520 Bent Pine</b> Brick addendum	<b>2645 Forest Run</b> Roof replacement: George town gray
<b>4205 Wood Haven</b> Pergola	<b>4325 Wood Haven</b> Antique Silver shingle
<b>2520 Wild Wood</b> Solar install	<b>2545 Red Maple</b> Same as existing, Main: Classic Taupe, Trim sandstorm, garage & Door white, fascia gutter/soffit White
<b>2525 Red Maple</b> Same as existing, Main/garage Behr Everlasting (light blue), Door Annapolis Blue, trim Nano white Antique Silver shingle	<b>2880 Forest Run</b> Paint, main Ellie Gray, trim white, door/garage summit Gray
<b>2680 Forest Run</b> Pavers for driveway and front walk, widening drive 2'.	<b>2565 Wild Wood</b> Burnt sienna shingle
<b>2600 Forest Run</b> Front yard Sod/flagpole placement	New owner: Not approved new fence until sale is final

Our next meeting will be **June 8, 2022** at 7:00 P.M. at 2545 Red Maple Pl.

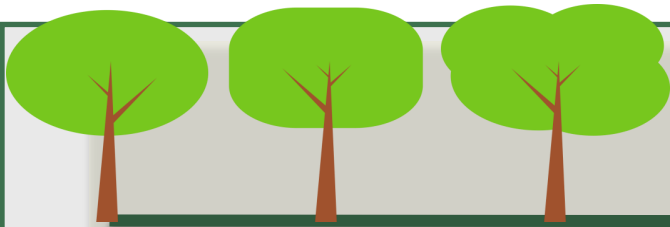
Most items are easily approved, and most questions easily answered. We are all working to make our Wickham Forest neighborhood the best and loveliest in the area! All projects must be started within six months or a new request will have to be submitted. Also, remember to check the covenants or with the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

**Chairperson: Blain Morgan**

E-mail: arc-wf@googlegroups

Susie Nichols • Delores Leach • Ronda Kopelanski • Reda Rozanski •

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MONTHLY ARC MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CHANGED STARTING IN JULY TO THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT JOE'S CLUB!**



# Banking Summary

May 2022

INCOME

Income Dues	215.00
Interest Income	0.14
Late Fees	50.00
Other Income	525.00
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	790.14

EXPENSES

Admin Fee	1,050.00
Attorney's Fees	200.00
Banking Fees	25.00
Conservation Area/ Swale Maintenance	1,905.00
Electricity	93.05
Landscape Maintenance	700.00
Meeting Room	50.00
Retention Ponds	400.00
Software Updates	69.99
Update Landscaping/ Entrance-Islands	1,000.00
Website Hosting	14.95
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	5,527.99

<b>BANK ACCOUNTS</b>
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8,029.65
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59,509.40
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>
67,539.05



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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](mailto: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](http://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

