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September 2023



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Recently the WFHOA Board has received complaints that some displays of the US Flag in Wickham Forest are not following proper flag etiquette. As a symbol of the country and its people, the flag should be treated with respect and be honored when on display. In order to treat the flag with the dignity it deserves, the following display guidelines are recommended.

- The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.
- The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored so that it might be easily torn, soiled (dirty), or damaged in any way.
- However, when the flag is torn or in a condition that is no longer a fitting emblem, it should be destroyed in a dignified and ceremonious fashion, preferably by burning.
- Most American Legion posts will conduct an annual ceremony, often on Flag Day (June 14) to retire old or worn flags; contact your local chapter if you are not able to dispose of the flag yourself. You could also ask your local Boy Scout or Girl Scout troops about retiring your flag.

This includes both flags on upright poles, those on brackets extending from the house, and the little flags that were placed beside mailboxes by a local team as a fundraiser. If that flag is touching the ground, it should be adjusted or moved.

Thanks so much for honoring our flag, our country, and the many veterans who live here that have served our country.

**Wickham Forest Community
Yard Sale
October 14, 2023
8am—3pm**



August 2023 WFHOA Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Board Members Present: Nancy Phillips, (President) Kevin Rozanski (1st VP), Sandi Melkonian (2nd VP), Janet Smith (Secretary), Jim Spanogle (Treasurer)

Others Present: Pam Clark (Admin. Asst.), 17 homeowners.

Minutes

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

The secretary's minutes from the meeting in June 2023 were approved as published in the July newsletter.

The financial reports for June & July 2023 were approved as published in the July & August newsletters.

The President reported on the duties of the Administrative Assistant that were requested at the previous meeting. It was requested that a list of those responsibilities be distributed to all Board members.

It was strongly suggested that no disruptions should occur in this meeting. No sidebar conversations, and personal respect will be expected of all those present.

The Irrigation contract for inspection of the irrigation system with BLB twice yearly was approved.

The Board appreciates the volunteer service of Jake Nichols who undertook repairing and repainting the Wickham Forest entrance sign.

2nd VP reports that a homeowner has complained about the disrespect of the American flag by some residents. Some flags are torn, moldy, or touching the ground. An article about flag etiquette will be included in the next newsletter to inform about proper care for the American flag.

Homeowners asked what validity checks are in place prior to violation letters being mailed. When a complaint is received from a homeowner, a Board member always verifies the complaint prior to a letter being sent out. Sandi also reported that a verification of the legality of the violation letters was recently discussed with the Board Attorney who reports that the letters are compliant.

The secretary reports that the next Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 14th.

Many of the larger letters used at the Message Board are warping in the heat and will need to be replaced. It was decided to proceed with placing an order for the replacement letters.

The Treasurer reports that there are still five properties with unpaid dues and three with partial payments. Fines and interest are accruing for those past due accounts.

There is no update from the City of Melbourne on closing the Wild Wood bike path. A discussion on purchasing chain link fencing to repair it was tabled for further discussion after a suggestion was made to place large heavy wooden planters in place of the fencing that would block vehicles from using the path but would still allow walkers and bikes to navigate. Chain link would probably be vandalized again if used.

The fine appeal by a homeowner on Willow Bend will be sent to the Attorney to proceed with legal action.

Board members were asked to respond via email to Nancy after reviewing all documentation on an appeal request. A vote on whether to proceed will occur at the next meeting.

Homeowners whose properties back onto a swale are reminded that they are responsible for maintaining those areas to the rear of the property, as referenced in the homeowner packet received after closing on the property.

Fencing repair or replacement options for the Bent Pine pond were tabled until further estimates can be obtained.

Kevin will pursue obtaining a contract for landscaping from Sophia's and spoke with Jorge about his workers dumping weeds instead of removing them from the islands. He will also contact Brevard Excavating for an updated contract for the services they provide.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned at 7:46 by a vote of 3 – 1 to allow for a cool-down for those who were demonstrating heated behaviors. It was reconvened at 7:49 and once again adjourned at 7:54 due to disrespect and name-calling by a Board member.

Homeowners present requested the opportunity to speak after the adjournment. That request was granted, but the meeting was not reconvened.

The next meeting of the WFHOA Board of Directors will be held September 20, 2023 at 7pm at Joe's Club. All homeowners are invited to attend. The ARC meeting will occur simultaneously.

NOTICE: You should expect a response to emails sent to the WFHOA Board or the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) within 48 hours. If you do not receive a response in that time, please check the email address and resend.

Special THANKS to homeowner Jake Nichols who volunteered and completed patching and repainting the Wickham Forest sign at the entrance!! We love our homeowner volunteers!!

There have been no updated sightings of the potentially rabid raccoon as of today (Friday). Please be diligent to notify the Board so we can alert the neighborhood if it surfaces again. DO NOT FEED your own pets outdoors, fenced or unfenced, as it invites wild critters to dine on your property and they will return expecting to be fed. **DO NOT feed any wildlife:** raccoons, rabbits, armadillos, or possums as it can become a potential danger to all neighbors, and is against the law for some animals.

August 2023 Violations

Violation Type	1st	2nd	Fines
Outdoor Storage	4		1
Mildew/Mold	1		
Garbage Cans	8	3	
Parking	8		
Mowing/Edging/	12		1
Yard Waste	3		
Commendations for House Beautiful	18		

Drive to the right side of the islands on Forest Run whichever way you are heading! Remember that the speed limit on ALL streets in Wickham Forest is 25mph! SLOW DOWN!!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, September 15th, 6pm at Wickham Park—Free Concert Series featuring “Bella Donna Project”
Free parking and admission, food trucks

Saturday, September 16th, 3pm— 6pm Downtown Melbourne Fall Sip & Shop - Tickets \$25/person available at www.downtownmelbourne.com

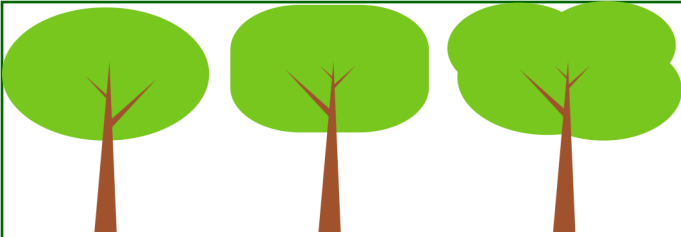
Thursday, 21st at 6pm at Green Gables 1501 S. Harbor City Blvd. Open Casting Call for volunteers to be part of Green Gables Halloween Haunt—“Dead & Breakfast” Scare actors, decorating help, make-up, tech support, and more! Must be 16 years or older, and available October 19-22 & 26-29 for event nights.

Saturday, September 23rd from 9am - 3pm FREE Green Gables Annual Harvest Festival & Craft Show on the grounds of historic Green Gables at 1501 S. Harbor City Blvd., Melbourne Vendors of all kinds, delicious baked goods, arts & crafts, food for purchase, children’s area, raffles, live entertainment
Guided tours of Green Gables will be available for a \$10 donation, kids under 12, free.

Friday, October 5th from 5pm - 9pm Wickham Park Pavilion 1st Friday Event
Food Trucks and Live Music

Sat./Sun. October 7 & 8 Melbourne 3rd Annual Art and Craft Expo at Wickham Park from 10am - 4pm
Free Admission and Parking
250+ booths with exhibitors from all over FL and the US. Live music, yummy food, Kids Zone

Saturdays AND Sundays every weekend in October beginning with October 7th 10am—3pm BOO at the ZOO
Family fun Halloween event, different themes each weekend, Trick or Treat stations, photo ops, special performances. Free activities with paid zoo admission.



ARC

Wickham Forest Architectural Review August 2023

Members Present: Blain Morgan, Ronda Kapelanski, Joanne Osbourne, Reda Rozanski, Salpie Kasbar

Approved Requests

2250 Bent Pine

Tree removal due to structure damage and hazard as per application.

2495 Forest Run Dr.

Owens corning roof replacement with Sand Dune asphalt shingle as per application.

2520 Wild Wood Dr.

100% of all Landscaping removal and changes for all items on the front and side of house as requested

2540 Red Maple Pl

Replacing garage door with almond hurricane door as requested on application.

2540 Wild Wood Dr.

Painting with Richards Main: Let it rain 0518 (light gray) as per application.

2570 Red Maple Pl

Installation of 154ft of 4ft height aluminum fence as depicted in quote and survey.

2630 Forest Run Dr.

Replacing front, side, and patio door with white doors as requested on application.

2545 Red Maple Place

Changing to river rock, and river stone Boarder under and around two trees.

Our next meeting will be September 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at Joe's Club

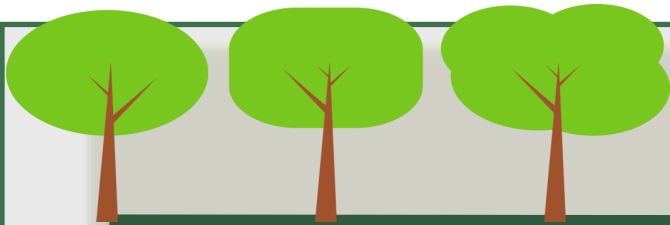
Most items are easily approved, and most questions easily answered. We are all working to make our Wickham Forest neighborhood the best and loveliest in the area! All projects must be started within six months or a new request will have to be submitted. Also, remember to check the covenants or with the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

Chairperson: Blain Morgan

E-mail: hoarcchair@gmail.com

• Dolores Leach • Ronda Kapelanski • Reda Rozanski • Joanne Osborne • Salpie Kasbar





Banking Summary

AUGUST 2023

INCOME

Fines	200.00
Dues	245.00
Interest Income	.07
Other Income	500.00
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	945.07

EXPENSES

Admin Fee	1,050.00
Banking Fees	25.00
Conservation Area/ Swale Maintenance	2,055.00
Electricity	41.92
Landscape Maintenance	700.00
Meeting Room	50.00
Miscellaneous	93.00
Office Supplies	119.71
Postage	191.48
Retention Ponds	920.00
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	5,126.40

<u>BANK ACCOUNTS</u>
Business Select HY Savings
8,061.43
Businessselect Chkg
62,485.70
TOTAL Bank Accounts
70,547.13



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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

STAY AWARE

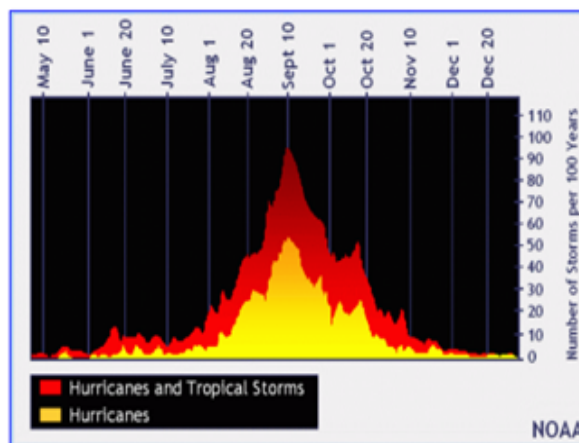
The Peak of

Hurricane

Season is upon

us!!

Number of Tropical Cyclones per 100 Years



The official hurricane season for the Atlantic Basin (the Atlantic Ocean, the Caribbean Sea, and the Gulf of Mexico) is from 1 June to 30 November. As seen in the graph above, the peak of the season is from mid-August to late October. However, deadly hurricanes can occur anytime in the hurricane season.