

FOREST RIDGE ASSOCIATION
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Dear Neighbor,

The Board of Trustees joins with your Forest Ridge neighbors in welcoming you to Forest Ridge. We think you will be glad you chose to live in our great neighborhood when you discover the resources and opportunities available to you as a member of the Association. This neighborhood is a diverse group of people who voluntarily combine their talents and energies to provide counsel and support to youth sports; a newsletter, the Forest Murmurs; neighborhood improvements, and beautification projects. We are very happy and pleased to have you and your family as part of our community.

As Trustees, we are your elected representatives to the Forest Ridge Association. Our volunteer positions charge us with the well-being and management of our public areas, resources, and employees. We meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Ridge Baptist Church on the third Monday of each month to conduct the community business. Your attendance and input is welcome at the monthly meetings, as well as at our two semi-annual general membership meetings.

In addition to the Board meetings, the neighborhood activities mentioned above hold regularly scheduled meetings where your attendance would be most welcome. Enclosed you will find a FRA Resident Information Sheet, the Code of Regulations of the Forest Ridge Association, the Pool Rules, a map of Forest Ridge, a booklet on "The Care and Feeding of Our Green Areas", a recent copy of the Forest Murmurs contact page, and information from several of the groups with information on their activities. If you are a new resident, please fill out the information sheet and mail it to the FRA Treasurer at the address of the sheet. This will ensure that you have your pool passes when you visit the pool. Take a moment to read this information, and then plan to enjoy the activities that interest you. It is a good way to meet some very friendly neighbors.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call any of us as listed in the Forest Murmurs. Again, we welcome you to the community and hope you will get involved in our activities

Sincerely,
The Board of Trustees
Forest Ridge Association

Forest Murmurs

Forest Murmurs is the newsletter of the Forest Ridge Association, published ten times a year by a dedicated staff. Page two of the Murmurs contains important information for Forest Ridge Residents. The trustees are listed with their telephone numbers. The Forest Ridge Staff, the Forest Murmurs Staff and Forest Ridge Associations are listed with appropriate contacts. It also gives the emergency number 911 for Police, Fire/Ambulance along with their non-emergency numbers. The balance of the publication provides timely information on things of interest to the Ridge residents. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Forest Murmurs, call the editor's number.

Forest Ridge Web Page

The Association maintains an active web page at www.forestridgeassociation.org. Please visit and acquaint yourself with the information available.

Forest Ridge is on Facebook

Check us out at www.facebook.com/forestridgeassociation

Neighborhood Watch

Forest Ridge has an active Neighborhood Watch Program. It relies on everyone being observant of their area and reporting anything that appears suspicious. Both Dayton, 333-2677, and Riverside, 233-2080, have non-emergency phone numbers for reporting this. For information on the Neighborhood Watch program, please contact: Ty Tyson, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at tysons@woh.rr.com

Friends of Forest Ridge

Welcome! If you are anxious to become an active part of our community, we hope you will join us. "Friends of Forest Ridge" is a dynamic group whose purpose is to create pride in our neighborhood, promote friendship among neighbors, and increase community awareness. We currently meet seven times a year, offering interesting programs covering everything from gardening, decorating, and crafts to home and health subjects.

We improve our neighborhood by maintaining shrubs and flowers in the green areas and at the pool. Our biggest project was the gazebo located on Forest Ridge Blvd. We feel confident you will feel comfortable with our easy-going, fun filled gatherings. For information about upcoming events call the contact listed on page 2 of the Forest Murmurs.

Running Creek Reserve

Running Creek Reserve is a 23-acre nature area with walking trails that you can use to observe the wonders of nature during the various seasons of the year. It was initiated as a community project by Girl Scout Troop 223 in 1977. Many other troops and Eagle Scouts have accomplished conservation projects to maintain it through the years. Attempts at keeping the

beautiful sign and trail markers in place have been impossible due to vandalism. Despite this, it is a peaceful place to walk. The attached map will acquaint you with the location and pathways of this reserve. The entrance to the reserve can be reached by entering from Country Haven Circle off Valley Street just past the pool entrance. Treat yourself by enjoying and learning the changing seasons by taking a walk in Running Creek Reserve. You will be glad you did! For more information, the contact is listed in the Murmurs, page 2.

Lost & Found/Pet Patrol

Have you lost your keys, cat or dog? Has someone else's pet adopted you? You may be in luck. We do not take in lost pets or items, but do try to connect the owner with the finder. Please call the contact listed on the second page of the Forest Murmurs or post on our Facebook page.

Halloween Parade

The Halloween Parade is annual traditions here in the Ridge on the Saturday before or on Halloween, providing a bright spot as we transition into the fall season. This event is designed purely for the fun of kids of all ages.

The parade begins at the end of Forest Ridge Blvd, near the gazebo. While the parade has lots of excitement provided by fire trucks, police cars, and a marching band, the costume contest is always the biggest hit. The creative minds of the Ridge residents really go to work when it comes time to put together novel versions of the classic and contemporary Halloween characters. Contestants are separated into groups (witches, monsters, super heroes, etc.), and prizes are awarded for the best costumes in each category. Look for details in the September and October editions of the Forest Murmurs.

Join the Fighting Fish

The Forest Ridge Fighting Fish swim team is a well established summer activity for Forest Ridge youth. If your child can swim at least 1 length of the pool, is 18 years old or younger, (there is no minimum age requirement), and wants to meet a lot of friends, then the Forest Ridge Fighting Fish swim team is the group to join. The season runs from after Memorial Day to the beginning of August with swim practice every morning except weekends. There are several swim meets during the season, some here in the Forest Ridge pool and some at other Miami Valley locations. The season finale is a championship meet with electronic timing equipment and great competition. Forest Ridge Fighting Fish team members always perform well and show off the skills learned throughout the season. Our main objectives are to teach team spirit, , improve swimming skills in a low pressure and low stress environment, and provide fun for the entire family. The coaches and parents give lots of encouragement to the children and the team members all feel a sense of achievement. Parents quickly see vast improvements in their children's swimming skills.

To find out more about the Forest Ridge Fighting Fish, please call the contact listed on the second page of the Forest Murmurs or take a look at the team web site at <http://forestridgeassociation.org/fish>. Be sure to watch for the sign-up dates published in the April and May issues of the Forest Murmurs and for the signs posted around the neighborhood.

FRA Recreational Soccer

Forest Ridge offers a recreational soccer league to all residents 6-13 years of age. We offer two sessions per year to play, Spring and Fall. Practices and games are held only in Forest Ridge so you don't have to feel like a "Soccer Mom or Dad" traveling to various locations. Our purpose is to introduce the game and develop soccer skills, but our main objective is to have FUN! Registration forms and additional information may be obtained from the Spring and Fall issues of the Forest Murmurs. For additional information, please call the soccer league chairman listed on page 2 of the Forest Murmurs.