# Forest Murmurs December 2016

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(-) Term Expiration Date

Matters concerning Forest Ridge policy should be referred to the Trustees.

#### Board of Trustees Meeting:

Third Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Forest Ridge Baptist Church on Union Schoolhouse Rd. Meetings are open to all FRA residents.

#### **Treasurer and Membership Chairperson:**

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#### FOREST RIDGE COMMITTEES

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Asset Management Committee: Chris Hummer, Chairman, Carol Wallace, & Jake Bontatibus

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Shelton Monger, Chairman, Carol Wallace, Jake Bontatibus, & Elizabeth Burke

Activities Committee: Jake Bontatibus, Chairman, and Lacey Soriero

Green Area Management Committee: Carol Wallace, Chairman, Mike Millisits, & Jake Bontatibus

**Pool Committee:** Shelton Monger, Chairman, Mike Millisits

**Recreation Committee:** Shelton Monger

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Audit Committee: Chris Hummer, Chairman, and Dan Freeman

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EMERGENCY		 	

Riverside	<b>Residents:</b>
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Non-Emergency Number	

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, ,	Jeremy Reeb

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#### Forest Murmurs Deadlines

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#### Forest Ridge Association Board of Trustees Regular Meeting October 17, 2016

**Trustees Present:** Shelton Monger, Greg Herman, Jake Bontatibus, Elizabeth Burke, Chris Hummer, Mike Milisits, Sue Hanley, and Lacey Soriero **Trustees Absent:** Carol Wallace

Chris Hummer called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**Police Report:** Sgt. Colon from the Riverside Police was present to discuss the monthly crime statistics. He said there were a couple thefts from vehicles. All incidents involved unlocked vehicles. He discussed an argument between two residents that he hopes is resolved. He reiterated that residents should lock their cars and not leave any valuables in the vehicles. Officers Reeb and Conrads from the Dayton Police Department were present to report on 6 crimes last month. The crimes included: 3 shoplifting, 1 theft from vehicle, 1 other theft and 1 receiving stolen property.

Visitors: Larry Ford, Mike Frye, Logan Fry, Kristyn Funner, Paula Stibich, Vicky Tischler

**Stebbins Student Council President:** Logan Fry, a student at Stebbins High School, discussed a collection event that the Stebbins Student Council is leading. He said that they are gathering cold weather clothing and supplies for the needy in Riverside. He would like to involve the Forest Ridge Association by printing out flyers and delivering them to every home. He would also like to put a donation box at the gazebo for the Halloween event. He is also considering a drop off time at the gazebo. He is also requesting advertising on Next Door and Facebook.

The board suggested doing a full page advertisement in the Murmurs instead of doing the flyers. Mr. Frye agreed. The board also suggested placing the box at the shed instead of the gazebo. There was no need for a vote, but the board agreed to support Mr. Frye.

**Minutes:** Greg Herman moved that the meeting minutes be accepted as corrected, Sue Hanley seconded.

#### Vote 8-0

**Open Forum for Association Members:** Paula Stibich stated that she was happy about the increased caring of the board and all the activities that the board has been supporting.

**Treasurer:** Dan Freeman, Treasurer, reported that the General Fund balance is \$41,342.76. Replacement reserve balance is \$77,807.78. We received no assessments in September, and we've received none so far this month; so there are 39 full and 4 partial assessments still open (\$8,996.00). This compares to 41 assessments (\$9,059.00) still open at the same time in 2015. Greg Herman moved that the October 17, 2016 Treasurer's report be accepted as submitted. Shelton Monger seconded.

#### Vote 8-0

**Assets and Maintenance:** Chris Hummer introduced the need to add a bathroom at the shed. Jake Bontatibus discussed the state of adding a restroom to the maintenance shed. One of the problems is the need to run a sewer line about 200 feet to the opposite side of Meadowsweet. They are still gathering information. Mr. Hummer also discussed the need to repair the roof on the storage shed. He said roof quote was around \$6,000, so they reviewed the possibility of replacing the shed. Mr. Bontatibus is working to gather information before making a recommendation.

Mr. Hummer said that he has been working to get a reserve study completed. He has one quote and is working gather two more, at which point he will share the quotes.

**Bylaws**: Shelton Monger said that he sent out a copy of the bylaws to committee members with some suggested changes. He emphasized that it will be a lot of work and it will take time. Their first meeting is scheduled for later this month. Mr. Monger said that the bylaws need to be updated because we cannot get a quorum at the general membership meetings which makes innovation extremely difficult. Also, the existing bylaws were written in the 1960s without any revisions since then. He also explained the need to work within the confines of the new Ohio Revised Code for Associations. **Activities:** Jake Bontatibus discussed the upcoming Halloween event and the various parts within the event. He has not done anything with regard to Christmas Planning to date. Sue Hanley discussed the status of the Christmas Cookies for First Responders. She said the collection dates will be the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of December.

Elizabeth Burke discussed the Senior Resident Engagement, and said they are looking for a venue where Seniors could get together for activities. She will be putting something on Next Door and the Murmurs next month.

Shelton Monger discussed his desire to see the Luminaires continue even if Greg Herman's church is not going to be doing it. Jake Bontatibus said that the Activities committee will have a plan by November to offer Luminaires. **Green Areas**: Mike Milisits discussed the ash trees that need to be removed. He said someone from a lumber mill is going visit to see if any of the trees that need to be removed will be of value. He also discussed the lights by the pool and he is comparing the current cost to making some changes. Greg Herman suggested removing some of the lights altogether.

Kristyn Funner discussed the status of the playground fundraising. She stated that they have raised \$1,095.44 of \$2,500. She said they are working on selling teal pumpkins as a fundraiser. Sue Hanley asked about posting information about donations on the social media outlets before the event. Chris Hummer said that he signed the information for the playground grant. Chris Tooley, Green Area Manager, submitted the following report: Projects this month:

• Regular Maintenance (i.e. blades & grease)

• Waiting to repair batwing mower

Property

- Mowing
- 2/3<sup>rd</sup> done with spraying weed killer
- Mulched 3/4<sup>th</sup> of Boulevard with wood chips
- Cut down tree in Boulevard near Gazebo
- To Do:
  - Finish spraying for weeds
- Leaves
- Prepare for Halloween

**Pool and Outdoor Recreation:** Shelton Monger discussed the tile repair at the pool. He said that there was a misunderstanding with the contractor and the original quote. He is planning on getting updated quotes for the Spring. Mr. Monger discussed the need for swim team help and the efforts to get more volunteers. Mr. Hummer suggested using social media. Mr. Bontatibus suggested adding the number of hours required to volunteer positions. He said that that "requirement" could stretch across many volunteer-type positions in the Forest Ridge Association.

Mr. Hummer discussed potentially adding various recreation leagues, and said that he would discuss some of his ideas directly with the committee. Ellie Monger, Pool Area Manager, said that she only has a few things left to close out the pool.

#### Social Media and Publicity:

Website: Greg Herman reported on the websites. He reported that he updated the website with new board members' information. He reported that 699 neighbors had signed up for NextDoor.com. The Forest Ridge Facebook page had 1111 likes.

Murmurs: Sue Hanley talked about the upcoming November Murmurs. The theme will be the Halloween Parade results. The pertinent articles will be the Halloween Parade and Next Door. The deadline for articles is October 28, 2016. The delivery date will be the first weekend in November.

**Welcome Packets:** Chris Hummer has not recently delivered any welcome packets, but is working on updating the packet. Once he finishes updating the packet, he will be delivering the packets to new residents. **Old Business:** No old business.

#### New Business:

Chris Hummer presented three estimates for the electrical work at the Gazebo. He said that Jeff Bonham Electric was the cheapest and he put a motion to have them complete it for the quote of \$449.00. Sue Hanley seconded.

#### Vote 8-0

Chris Hummer suggested changing the meeting time to 7:00pm to 8:30pm. He made a motion to change the time as stated. Lacey Soriero seconded.

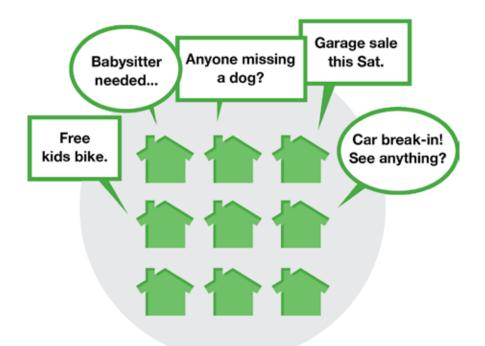
#### Vote 7-1

**Adjournment:** Chris Hummer moved that the meeting be adjourned. Shelton Monger seconded.

The meeting ended at 9:03 p.m.

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#### Nextdoor Forest Ridge



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Get to know your neighbors • Share local recommendations • Lend, borrow and give away • Keep the neighborhood safe • Stay informed

# December 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	Have a wonderfu	l holiday season!				
4	5	6	7 City of Riverside Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Work Session 7:30 Meeting	8	9	10
			Pearl Harbor Day			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 FRA FRA Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m. Forest Ridge Baptist Church	20	21 City of Riverside Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Work Session 7:30 Meeting Winter Solstice	22	23	24 Hannukah Begins Christmas Eve
Prace Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

# TREATS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

The First Responders are anxiously awaiting all the goodies that will be coming their way. The Dayton Police gave us the ultimate compliment at the Trustees Meeting saying we are the best neighborhood to work in. Let's show them how great we are.

Delivery Dates and Times: December 17 from 10-12 December 18 from. 11-1

Packaging: if you can divide your donation into 5 bags/boxes that will help. If not we can do it after it is delivered. I am going to make 2 small bags also for the officers that attend the trustees meetings.

Boxes; if they could be delivered to me by December 15 that would be wonderful Cards: I will take these as soon as they are ready.

Delivery Address: 4073 Quail Bush Drive. 937-236-7141. mahjonggsue@sbcglobal.net

Monetary Donations: make check payable to FRA and Mail to the above address.

Thank you to the Wiedlunds for their generous donation.

Thanks to Larry and Maria Ford who will be Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Jake Bontitibus and his son will deliver to the Riverside Fire Department.

Special holiday wishes and thanks to all the neighborhood bakers.

Susan Hanley

# **Republic Trash Collection 2017 Holiday Schedule**

## **Holiday Schedule**

### Republic Services of AWS - DAYTON, Holiday Schedule

To acknowledge our nation's holidays and allow our employees time with their families, we do not provide service on the following days:

#### THANKSGIVING - November 24,2016

Residential, Business (2-8 yd container) and Industrial - Service will run one day late.

#### CHRISTMAS - December 25,2016

Residential, Business (2-8 yd container) and Industrial - Service will run one day late.

#### NEW YEAR - January 01.2017

Residential, Business (2-8 yd container) and Industrial - Service will run one day late.

#### **INDEPENDENCE DAY - July 04,2017**

will run one day late.

#### LOCAL HOLIDAY 1 - December 24,2016

Residential, Business (2-8 yd container) and Industrial - No interruption of service. Office will close at noon.

#### LOCAL HOLIDAY 2 - December 31,2016

Residential, Business (2-8 yd container) and Industrial - No interruption of service. Office will close at noon.

#### MEMORIAL DAY - May 29.2017

Residential, Business (2-8 yd container) and Industrial - Service will run one day late.

#### LABOR DAY - September 04,2017

Residential, Business (2-8 yd container) and Industrial - Service Residential, Business (2-8 yd container) and Industrial - Service will run one day late.

If you have questions about your trash or recycling pickup schedule or other services, want to add new services, or need to change your service, please contact Republic Services of AWS - DAYTON.

Republic Services of AWS - DAYTON 800-543-1339.



We'll handle it from here."

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Dear Neighbors, Due to the increase in interest regarding volunteer activities involving many of our green areas and recreational facilities the board adopted and passed in May 2016 the following green area policy and required waiver form. This information is also available on the Forest Ridge website under the 'More Information - Bylaws and Policies' section. Please visit the website for updates to these policies at www.forestridgeassociation.org. Sincerely, The Board of Trustees.

## FOREST RIDGE GREEN & RECREATION AREA VOLUNTEER LIABILTY WAIVER FORM

NAME		
ADDRESS		
PHONE	EMAIL	

Rules and decisions governing the Green & Recreation Areas will be made by the board of Trustees. I agree to abide by any decisions made by the board of The Forest Ridge Association. I have read and agree to abide by the rules and policies set forth by the board. I understand that failure to abide by these rules will result in forfeiture of my volunteer privileges.

I understand that The Forest Rige Association is not responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless The Forest Ridge Association for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with my volunteer activites by me or my guests. I understand all these rules and regulations and promise to follow them in good conscience.

NAME (Print):

SIGNATURE: DATE: \_\_\_\_

# **Green Space/Recreation Area Policy**

Article VIII (Powers and duties of the Board of Trustees)

Section 1. Powers The Board of Trustees shall have power:

(a) To adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the property of the Association, and the personal conduct of the members or their guests...and establish penalties for the infraction thereof.

#### **Green Space/Recreation Area policy:**

In accordance with the Code of Regulations of the Forest Ridge Association, Article VIII (see above)

The green areas and recreation facilities are for the common use and enjoyment of the residents of Forest Ridge and their guests. The Board of Trustees is responsible for the management and maintenance of these common areas.

Any projects affecting these areas or facilities must be approved by the Board of Trustees before any such projects are undertaken. Failure to do so could possibly result in criminal charges, depending on the gravity of the situation. All people involved (including Trustees) in any communal area projects will be required to sign a liability waiver. Any person or group not obtaining approval shall be subject to penalties, which may include: Repair of any damage to grounds/gardens or payment for the repair thereof, suspension of privileges, or possible legal action.

# **Delinquent** Assessments

The listed properties below owe at least 2 years of assessments.

	• •	•	
5525	Corkhill Dr.	4906	Silver Arrow Dr.
5501	Corkhill Dr.	4960	Silver Arrow Dr.
5429	Corkhill Dr.	3931	Silver Oak St.
3951	Forest Ridge Blvd.	3801	Silver Oak St.
4100	Forest Ridge Blvd.	4842	Silver Oak St.
4929	Honeywood Ct.	4145	Slipperywood Pl.
4818	Leafburrow Dr.	4500	Strathaven Dr.
4849	Leafburrow Dr.	4701	Strathaven Dr.
4161	Meadowsweet Dr.	4950	Sweetbirch Dr.
4394	Meadowsweet Dr.	7431	Union Schoolhouse Rd.
4108	Quail Bush Dr.	4121	Walshwood Ct.
4042	Quail Bush Dr.	4711	Whitewood Ct.



If you have moved in during the year, you have the opportunity to receive a welcome packet. This packet has lots of useful information in it which can help you get your "bearings" a little sooner, and with less effort. When a house is sold, we can easily find out who is there and when they got there. When a rental property has new tenants, it is much more difficult for the Welcome Committee to get that information. New to the area? Need information? Call Chris Hummer at 513-295-5396. We are in the process of updating the packets. If you have questions please call!

# FIGHTING FIGHTING Help Wanted

The Forest Ridge Fighting Fish are looking for people to fill out a Swim Team Advisory Committee. The positions needing to be filled are:

Team Representative • Secretary • Treasurer Concessions • Duty Roster Equipment • Score/Awards/Records Fund Raising/Spirit Wear • Officials' Representative

Actual job descriptions can be found online at https://frff.swimtopia.com/team-handbook. If we cannot fill these roles there will not be a swim team this coming summer. Please consider helping out, especially if your child has enjoyed the summer swim program. For more information please contact Ellie Monger at 236-7326 or Kellie Jobe at kjobe4@gmail.com. Thank you!

# Winter is Coming!



Winter is coming... If possible, please move your cars off the street when expecting the plow to clear the streets... It will be easier on the plow driver, for you to get out, the streets be clearer, and the path wider.

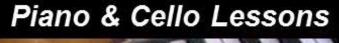
In Forest Ridge, many of the north/south streets are uphill/downhill. On days when the roads are snowy/slushy/icy, the uphill drivers have more difficulty in starting to move and continuing to move, so we request that downhill drivers yield the right of way to the uphill drivers. This will help traffic to move more steadily in the Ridge.

# The Annual Home Owners 2017 Assessment

...Will be \$227.00 per lot and is due February 28, 2017. Assessments postmarked after that date will be charged a late fee of \$45.00.

Your letter will be sent to you near the end of December.





At your home with a professional musician trained in the P. I. Tchaikovsky Conservatory of Music. No age requirements. References are available. Please contact Anna by e-mail: anpolbross@yahoo.com



Effective 1 January 2016

#### Free Ads For Forest Ridge Residents:

Garage Sales

Sale of personal property with a value under \$1000. Volunteer Activities that involve Forest Ridge residents. Babysitting, yard work, etc. for Forest Ridge residents 18 and younger.

#### Paid Ads: Forest Ridge residents at \$3.50 per month. Includes all ads not covered under Free guidelines.

Non-Forest Ridge residents at \$5.00 per month. Items for sale over \$1000 will be charged \$3.50 per month. Ads run for **one month** unless specified otherwise when placing ad. All ads and payment must be submitted to:

Sue Hanley; mahjonggsue@sbcglobal.net

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Deadline as listed in the Murmurs.

Category of ad will be decided by the staff if a dispute arises.

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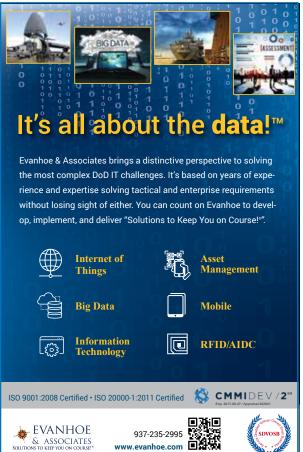
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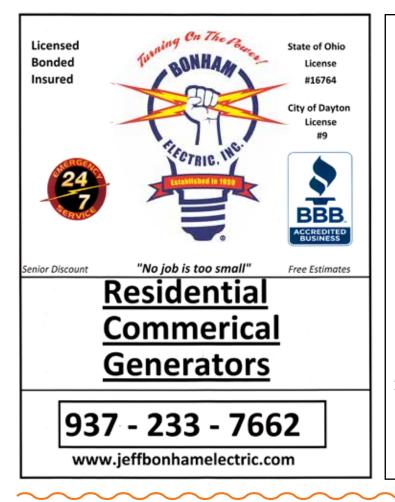
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#### Handyman Service: Neighborhood resident

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**General handyman services:** Any size job. Many references from the Forest Ridge area available. No job too big or too small. Call Mark at 829-1363. [Through May 2017]

Handy Man: Interior doors, painting, and other specialty work. Call Dana at (937) 237-0267. [Through May 2017]

Lawn Care: Neighbors Lawn and Landscape is located in Forest Ridge offering mowing, edging, and trimming, as well as flower bed clean ups, shrub

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That's right everybody, for the first time (in recent memory at least) Santa and Mrs. Claus will be coming to see all our little Ridgers. He has a special Forest Ridge checklist and he'll be checking it twice.

So come on down to the Forest Ridge Greens Sheds at 4312 Meadowsweet Dr. (You remember where that is, where the Halloween Party/Fright Night, and the Haunted Hayride was.) We'll have a Christmas Movie starting at 2:00 p.m. and then the Clauses will arrive at 4:00 p.m.

Additionally, our Greens Team will be taking over the Luminaria sale this year. Setting out rows of Luminaria candles on Christmas Eve to light the way for the Christ child is an old Christmas tradition. Forest Ridge will continue this tradition of decorating the neighborhood with Luminarias at dusk on December 24th. They are small white paper bags, anchored with sand and contain small votive candles. Each kit contains 10 bags, 10 candles, and enough sand for each. The bags are to be spaced out on the grass between the sidewalk and the street and then lit at dusk. Join us and help continue the tradition of the street and then lit at dusk.

the sidewalk and the street and then lit at dusk. Join us and help continue the tradition of the Luminarias.

Come on down to the sheds and pick up a set for your place, if you've never seen them out they really are beautiful. Let's light up the Ridge on Christmas Eve! If you can't make the 18<sup>th</sup> pick up date, you can stop by Jake's house on 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or the 21st from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 per set, and corner lots get two



sets for the price of one.

Now, for Jake's solicitation for help. We really have basically no budget for this event. We could use a little help. If anybody out there has some extra decorations they'd be willing to lend or donate that would be wonderful. The idea here is to turn the shop into Santa's workshop. Since this is our first year doing this weekend we have nothing right now. Also, sweets and treats for the movie and Santa. Rumor has it he loves chocolate chip cookies.

I'll be posting more on Next Door and Facebook, but feel free to email me at jbontatibus@ gmail.com.