



# Forest Murmurs

May 2017

## UPCOMING DATES

- \* **May 15: Trustees' Meeting** (details on back)
- \* **May 20: Fighting Fish Registration Open House** (details page 5)
- \* **May 20: Neighborhood Garage Sale** (details on back)
- \* **May 27: Pool Opening Day** (details pages 6-7)
- \* **May 27: Food Truck Rally** (details on back)
- \* **June 4: Running Creek Reserve Trail Clean Up** (details on back)
- \* **September 11: Fall Members' Meeting**

## President's Message

Spring has sprung and as the trees and greenspaces come to life we are all reminded of how blessed we are to be living in Forest Ridge. Please take the time to look through the new format for Murmurs. You'll find a number of familiar sections and some new. This old meets the new approach to updating our neighborhood newsletter is the one that this board has pursued with all decisions; to keep what has made Forest Ridge one of the most desirable neighborhoods in the Dayton area and expand appeal for current residents and future homebuyers to ensure that it will continue to be desirable for decades to come.

This year the activities committee is fully funded by your assessments and they have already hit the ground running. Engagement is critical to a thriving community and the committee is doing a fantastic job with the planning and execution of events, whether it be Easter or the upcoming Food Truck Rally. Please put the dates in Murmurs on your calendar so you don't miss out on an opportunity to meet your neighbors!

Neighborhoods simply survive or fully thrive based on the level of engagement and that's where we need your help. We need your help with activities and we need your help with directing the future of our neighborhood. Forest Ridge is at a crossroads. Many of the facilities throughout the neighborhood have or will soon reach their end of life. The board commissioned an independent assessment of our facilities called a Reserve Study and the results are in. Go to the link below or attend a monthly meeting and read it, even if you only read the executive summary. You'll quickly see that some big decisions must be made in the near future and we need you fully engaged to ensure that every decision the board makes reflects the will of our neighbors.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the other committee chairs with comments or concerns.

Chris Hummer

<http://forestridgeassociation.org/2017-reserve-report/>

## PASSES

- \* Available at the pool beginning May 27
- \* FRA assessment must be paid through 2017
- \* Bring photo ID to pick up your passes
- \* Passes from last year may be reused this year

## HOURS (some exceptions apply)

- \* 7 days a week including holidays, noon - 8pm
- \* Adult swim: Saturday 10 - noon, Wednesday 8-930pm

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**Forest Ridge Association  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
March 20, 2017**

**Trustees Present:** Chris Hummer, Jake Bontatibus, Lacey Soriero, Chris Hoopes, Kristyn Funner, Rick Schaub, and Shelton Monger

**Trustees Absent:** Mike Milisits and Elizabeth Burke

Chris Hummer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Police Report:** Officer Toscani, from the City of Riverside, presented crime statistics for the past month. He noted two car break-ins. He also said there were reports of gunshots recently and they spent some time trying to find the source, but were unable to find it. Additionally, the department has been issuing more citations for speeding and stop sign infractions.

Officer Reeb from City of Dayton police department reported on four incidents in March, three of which were shoplifting and one was assault. Officer Reeb is going to patrol the area near Amberwood and Silver Oak where the new playground will be set up.

**Minutes:** Jake Bontatibus moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Shelton Monger seconded.

**Vote 7-0**

**Visitors and Open Forum for Association Members:** Jesse and Renee Morgan were present.

**Committees:** Kristyn Funner volunteered to chair the communication committee. The board agreed. The board also agreed to combine the recreation and activity committees into the recreation committee.

Shelton suggested putting the swim team under the pool committee, while the rest of the recreation groups (soccer, etc.) will fall under the activities com-

mittee. The board concurred.

**Treasurer:** Dan Freeman, Treasurer reported that the General Fund balance is \$139,747.24. Replacement reserve balance is \$67,817.11. We received 614 full and 10 partial assessments in February (\$140,052.00), and we've received 4 full and now partial assessments so far this month (\$908.00); so there are 186 full and 3 partial assessments still open (\$42,506.00). This compares to 179 assessments (\$39,809.00) still open at the same time in 2016.

Chris Hummer made a motion to approve the treasurer's report for March 20, 2017. Lacey Soriero seconded the motion.

**Vote 7-0**

**Assets and Maintenance:** Kristyn Funner discussed the purchase of the playground equipment and said that they ended up selecting a new vendor due to price increases from the original vendor.

Chris Hummer said that the reserve study first draft should be delivered on Wednesday.

Chris Hummer discussed the bathroom at the shed. They will only need to run 15 feet of sewer line now, so the next step is for an engineer to draw plans for the sewer line.

Chris Hummer suggested that anyone begin looking at "low hanging fruit" for fixes (like painting) that could be done to association assets.

**Activities:** Jake Bontatibus and Lacey Soriero discussed the upcoming Easter activities planned at the shed. It will include an Easter bunny, Easter egg hunt and food. Jake also discussed the potential fitness challenge, but

more planning is necessary. He said the next big event planned is the garage sale/food truck rally.

**Recreation:** Jesse Morgan discussed the upcoming spring soccer season. He discussed the low turnout in the fall, and it appears that they may have a low spring turnout as well. He said that if the turnout continues to be low, they may need to make some changes like operating a team that competes in another league. Kristyn Funner offered to help advertise and publicize the group.

Shelton Monger said that the swim team program now has enough volunteers to operate.

**Communication:** Kristyn Funner discussed the need to change communications to get residents more engaged. She's working on establishing goals and unifying the message across all the outlets. She is also working on reducing costs.

**Greens Areas:** Chris Tooley, Green Area Manager, submitted the following report:

Projects this month:

Picked up maintenance parts for small equipment (chain saws, trimmers, etc.)

Picked up trash

Cleaned up tree damage at Little Park from drunk driver

To Do:

Prepare all equipment

Prepare soccer fields

Fertilize 1<sup>st</sup> round of pre-emergent

Chris Hummer asked about the tree removal. Jake Bontatibus said they have prioritized what trees need to be removed, and they are working on getting quotes.

**Pool:** Ellie Monger, Pool Area Manager, said she has her schedule for the season nearly done. Opening day is May 27. She discussed all of the actives scheduled throughout the season. Once the weather cooperates, she will begin preparing for opening. Chris Hummer asked about the floor in front of the office as he noticed it is coming up. Ellie and Shelton noted that any fix would be expensive and require tearing out concrete.

Shelton Monger discussed continued issues with getting tiling work done.

**Bylaws:** Shelton Monger discussed the status of the activities of the bylaws committee. He said he is waiting to hear back from committee members, but he is planning on scheduling a meeting. After the committee agrees with the content, he is going to bring it back to the board for review.

**Old Business:**

No old business.

**New Business:**

No new business.

**Adjournment-** Lacey Soriero moved to adjourn the meeting. Jake Bontatibus seconded.

**Vote 7-0**

Meeting ended at 8:35 pm

### Attention new residents

If you haven't received your welcome packet yet, please let us know so we can bring one by! It has some useful information to help you get your bearing a little bit faster. Call Chris Hummer at 513-295-5396.

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## You are invited to join the Forest Ridge Fighting Fish Swim Team!

**Swim Season:** May 30 – July 23, 2017

Open House at the Forest Ridge Pool May 20: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**There are 8 dual meets from June 13 – July 13. Meets are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

**Championships:** Saturday, July 22    **Awards picnic:** Sunday, July 23

**Cost:** **FRA** – \$65 registration fee per swimmer (family max. \$165) – includes a swim cap a team shirt

**Non-resident of Forest Ridge Association** - \$75 fee per swimmer (family max \$195)\*  
- includes a swim cap and team shirt

*\* This fee does not include membership to the FRA pool or use of the pool other than for swim team practice, meets and special events.*

## **We're Growing!!! Invite your swimming friends!!!**

Children ages 5-18 (as of June 1, 2017), who can swim the length of the lap pool, are eligible to join the team. If you aren't sure your swimmer can swim the length of the pool they can come to the first week of practice on a trial basis.

- o The swim team is associated with the *Miami Valley Swim Association*-  
[www.mvsaswim.org](http://www.mvsaswim.org).
- o The team travels to 4 pools each summer.
- o Swimmers participate throughout the season in pool parties, fundraisers and special events like our ice cream social.
- o Fundraisers include a concessions stand at every home meet, the July 4<sup>th</sup> pool party and the End-of-Summer pool party. **The Swim-a-thon** is our major fundraising event.

Adult help is essential. Parents or caregivers are required to volunteer to fill the manpower needs of all home meets, away meets and to participate in the fundraisers. Everyone can be trained for every job at a swim meet.

*We will have an open house on **May 20<sup>th</sup>** so you can talk with coaches and members of the swim team committee. You will also be able to try on and order the **team suit**. Payment is due at the time of your order.*

Registration will be online via the website at <https://frff.swimtopia.com>, but payment will be in person. The registration form should be available on the site by May 1.

Please email [frffswim@gmail.com](mailto:frffswim@gmail.com) or visit the website for more information.

*Go Fighting Fish!*

# Let's go

## Admittance

- \* Everyone must have a pass or be an authorized guest
- \* Admission may be refused based on health concerns observed by staff (illness, etc.)
- \* All swimmers under age 7 must be accompanied by a guardian or the guardian's designee who is age 13+. To make a designee, the guardian must accompany the swimmer on the first trip to the pool and supply written permission and an emergency contact number.
- \* Children ages 8-12 may come swimming alone with written guardian permission. Guardian must accompany swimmer on first trip to the pool to supply written permission and an emergency contact number.
- \* During adult swim hours, only persons ages 18+ will be admitted. No children of any age will be admitted.

## Pool Grounds Rules

- \* No glass containers
- \* No pets
- \* No food in the pool
- \* Please place trash in proper receptacles
- \* No alcoholic beverages
- \* Smoking in designated areas only
- \* Destruction of pool property will not be tolerated
- \* No loitering. Anyone causing a disturbance will be asked to leave.
- \* No profanity
- \* Bikes must be parked in the bike rack area ONLY
- \* FRA is not responsible for loss, theft or damaged property. Please lock up your bikes!
- \* No running, pushing, wrestling or rough-housing
- \* No fighting—will result in immediate suspension
- \* Staff may stop any unsafe action taking place

## General Swimming Policies

- \* Please wear proper swim attire
- \* During periods of peak activity, staff may limit the number of swimmers in the pool.
- \* Flotation devices allowed at staff discretion
- \* All swimmers may be required to pass a basic swim test at the discretion of staff in order to determine if swimmer is safe in water over his or her head.
- \* A rest period may be required if fatigue or chill is observed
- \* Adult swim (18+) will occur 15 minutes before the hour and will last for 15 minutes, excluding the last hour of operations. An adult may bring one child age 6 or under into the L-shaped pool during this time.
- \* DIVING BOARD: may be closed at staff discretion. Front dives only. No horseplay or swimming in the diving area.
- \* WADING POOL: ages 6 and under only. MUST be accompanied by guardian or person ages 13+ AT ALL TIMES. Lifeguard duties do not extend to wading pool.
- \* LAP POOL: 2 lanes will be open for laps at all times. During peak times, pool may be opened for general use. After 4pm, adults swimming laps receive preference in use.

## Discipline Procedures

- \* 1st offense: warning
- \* 2nd offense: sit out for 20 minutes
- \* 3rd offense: Introduction of suspension policy
- \* First suspension: 3 days
- \* Second suspension: 5 days
- \* Third suspension: 7 days
- \* Fourth suspension: review by pool committee for possible seasonal expulsion

In case of serious infractions, pool staff may escalate discipline procedure as needed. Upon suspensions, parent signature will be required for reentry after penalty period has passed.

This overview of pool policies is not intended to encompass all rules. For a complete list of rules and policies, please visit <http://forestridgeassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Pool-Policies-2016.pdf> adopted to secure safe operation in accordance with Ohio Sanitary Code. ALL RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. The Board of Trustees has empowered the Pool Committee for maintenance, weather, sanitary reasons, or other emergencies as needed with or without advance warning. The pool may also be closed to general use for FRA sanctioned events.

# Swimming!

## Lessons

- \* Register at the pool or call pool manager, registration closes 1 day prior to session start
- \* Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced classes
- \* 2 sessions: June 19 - June 30 & July 10 - July 21
- \* Sessions are 2 weeks in duration with lessons Monday through Friday in the morning
- \* \$40 per session
- \* No refunds after second day of class
- \* Minimum of 6, maximum of 8 students per class
- \* Manager may cancel classes without 6 participants
- \* Instructors may move students into a more suitable class at their discretion
- \* Private lessons available, contact manager
- \* The pool will ONLY be open for lessons in the morning. No other swimmers will be allowed.
- \* Only 1 support person on pool deck per student

## Guest Passes

- \* 10 free daily guest passes available per season
- \* Daily guest fee \$3, \$1 for ages 6 and under
- \* 1 non-swimming adult guest in street clothes is free
- \* Pool manager may limit the number of guests admitted per member at one time
- \* Weekly (\$10), monthly (\$25), and seasonal guest passes (see manager) are available to house guests or baby sitters ONLY and are limited to 4 per lot.

## Private Parties

- \* Scheduled by written request to the manager
- \* Start after 8pm and must end by midnight
- \* 2 hour minimum duration
- \* \$65 deposit to reserve date, balance due by start of party
- \* Cancellations must be received 3 days in advance for a full refund.
- \* FRA initiated cancellations will receive full refunds.
- \* Normal pool rules apply during parties.
- \* Fees will be on an hourly rate as follows:
  - <25 people — \$65/ hour
  - 26-50 people — \$75 / hour
  - 51-100 people — \$85 / hour
  - 101 + — \$95 / hour

## 2017 Special Pool Dates

- \* May 27th: Opening day
- \* 4th of July 12 - 5 : Independence Day Party - Food, fun and games. No charge for guests!
- \* August 5th 7 - 10: Family Raft Night - Food, fun and games. No charge for guests!
- \* September 4th: Last day of season
- \* September 5th: Doggie swim 6-8pm

The pool may have special operating hours at the beginning and / or end of the season due to lifeguard availability. Special hours will be posted at the pool entrance in advance.



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### 2017 Registration

Community Garden Season: May 2017- May 2018

Registration Price: \$40 per bed

Renewal Price: \$20.00 per bed

Registration Deadline: **May 1, 2017**

Late Registration Price: \$50 per bed

Late Registration Deadline: **May 15, 2017**

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

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## Running Creek Reserve Trail Clean Up

On **Sunday June 4th** we need volunteers to help clean up the trails in the nature preserve behind the pool. We will be meeting at the entrance off Country Haven Court right off Valley Street at 1 pm. Make sure to bring gloves pruning shears, and any saws you might have. Let's get out there and open up this beautiful piece of nature that is right on our backyard!



## Keep in Touch

Trustees' meeting is 7pm on the 3rd Monday of each month at Forest Ridge Baptist Church, 6890 Union School House Rd. Residents are encouraged to attend and there is an open forum near the beginning of the meeting during which anyone may address the Board.

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