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The November newsletter wouldn't be the same without the many photos of the parade participants.

Thank you Doug Seidl for sharing your beautiful photos with your neighbors.

President's Message

Every year, Halloween creeps up on us, and in the Ridge, it can be an even bigger event than the Christmas holiday season- and every year, I'm always impressed with the effort, the generosity, the creativity, and the enthusiasm that gives this neighborhood the sense of community that made us want to purchase our home here.

The Halloween events grew enormously this year, with our Haunted Hayrides expanding to three nights with three rides per night and well over 200 participants rolling through our spooky woods and past the new Peanuts-themed Great Pumpkin patch. Hot cider and sweets were there to warm everyone up, and there were rave reviews from everyone! I did promise that your patience with the overgrown community garden would pay off, and the feedback on NextDoor tells me you were as thrilled with our Pumpkin Patch as I was. Our Fright Night movie night on Friday was geared especially towards the younger Ridgers, and tubs of popcorn went perfectly with Alvin and the Chipmunks meet Frankenstein. Our Dayton police came out with ice cream for the kids (young and old!) and led a group of very enthusiastic kiddos through their cruiser. Our Annual Parade kicked off with a chilly and overcast start on Saturday, yet I was still thoroughly impressed with the number of attendees, both walking and on the side as spectators! Forest Ridge Baptist Church was kind enough to bring a VAT of coffee and plenty of donuts to keep everyone going and cozy. We wrapped the week with our Annual Halloween Party held over at the Sheds at Meadowsweet, and I think we're ALL still coming down from the sugar high from all the goodies so generously donated by our wonderful residents and provided by your Board.

The thank you list could sound like an Oscars speech, so I'll try to keep it short, and please forgive me if I miss anyone- I'm pretty sure I haven't slept in the last week. First and foremost, huge thanks go out to Jake Bontatibus and the Greens Crew, led by Chris Tooley- this event simply would not have happened without them. In many ways, they ARE this event. Countless hours went into construction, decorating, cleaning, and preparation, and those guys couldn't possibly have bigger hearts and more love for this neighborhood and its community. Andrew- you were positively the coolest Grim Reaper driving a tractor the world has ever seen, and you absolutely MADE this event for a lot of folks. Jackie Shepard came out to help me with painting the Peanuts pumpkin patch.

I need to thank the Riverside fire department, Riverside police, Dayton police, and the Riverside public works department. As always, the Stebbins Marching Band was one of our biggest highlights and gave the parade some pep in our steps. The Forest Ridge Baptist Church came with coffee and donuts, and I can't even begin to name the number of people who donated sweets, both homemade and store-bought, for all of the events. We had several local dignitaries attend the parade and it was wonderful to have them there to celebrate with us. Emma Hoopes and Jackie Suhr were our other two judges and we were all delighted with the creativity and enthusiasm in the costumes this year. I also need to thank your intrepid Board members, especially Rich Spielman and Shane Knick, who were there with me every night of the last week to make sure things went off without a hitch.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for making Halloween 2018 in the Ridge another magical year, and please, if you enjoyed the events, please consider coming out to help us next year. A lot of work falls onto a few people, and we need strong backs, smiling faces, and sometimes just a warm body to help.

Onward and upward to the holiday season!

Your President, Heather Gwin

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**Forest Ridge Association
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
August 20, 2018**

Trustees Present: Larry Ford, Chris Hoopes, Shelton Monger, Heather Gwin, Youssef Elzein, Charles Mahan, and Emma Hoopes

Trustees Absent: Rich Spielman

Larry Ford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Introduction: Larry Ford said that he will be resigning from the Board after the September semi-annual meeting due to health issues. He also introduced the meeting stating that the assessment discussion will be held at the end of the meeting and asked that the discussion remain civilized.

Minutes: Heather Gwin moved to accept the July minutes. Christopher Hoopes seconded.

Vote 6-0-1

Treasurer: Dan Freeman, Forest Ridge Association Treasurer, the Treasurer's report for July. The balance of the general fund is \$98,220.74. The balance of the replacement reserve is \$51,843.75. There were 11 full and 2 partial assessments received in July (\$2,568.00) and 2 full and 1 partial so far in August (\$512.50). There are 103 full and 3 partial assessments still open (\$24,195.50). Shelton Monger made a motion to accept the report and Emma Hoopes seconded.

Vote 7-0

Police Report: Sergeant Vance was present from the Riverside Police Department to discuss the activity over the previous month. He said there weren't a lot of issues this month. He also asked that residents fill out the anonymous survey on Facebook.

Officer Conrads from the Dayton Police Department was present to discuss the activity over the previous month. He said there were only 4 total calls – 2 shoplifting, 1 menacing, and 1 simple assault. He said there are new recruits that will be starting soon. He said last month he made 77 traffic stops and issued several warnings and citations. A resident asked for some details about bicycle laws. Officer Conrads gave some details including travel lanes and rules for motorists passing bicycles. The resident also asked what to do about barking dogs. Officer Conrads said that they can post the issue on the Dayton Police website.

Communication: Christopher Hoopes said they are looking for a new committee chairperson.

Greens Areas: Chris Tooley, Green Area Manager, presented the following report.

Projects this month:

Mowing

Cut down dead trees at the gazebo

Mulched the Blvd flowerbeds

Weed spraying

Upcoming:
Prepare the soccer fields
Mowing
Edging
Flowerbeds

Activities/Recreation: Heather Gwin discussed said they are already preparing for the Halloween parade. She would like to have a movie night and some other events if she can get additional community assistance.

Pool: Shelton Monger discussed the possible contract with SwimSafe. He said that the contract is down to about \$81K now after some negotiation and staff removal. He made a motion to award the contract to SwimSafe. Charles Mahan seconded.

Vote 7-0

He also discussed some electrical repairs that will be done in the Fall. Ellie Monger said that the season has gone well outside of one minor issue that has been rectified. She also said there are no more parties planned.

Emma Hoopes said the swim team season is over and that there was a good turnout and it was a successful season.

Soccer: Jesse Morgan said that the soccer season is wrapping up and reminded everyone that this is his last season.

Electronic Voting: The board discussed the use of electronic voting in the upcoming election. Larry Ford said he has begun the process for setting up the voting accounts but has not completed the process. He said he was waiting until a time that we would use it first. After discussion with the board the group will move forward with electronic voting.

New resident packages: Larry Ford said that he has given out 3 welcome packets.

Bathroom at Shed: Larry Ford said that he has called companies for quotes.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Resident Discussion: The board members each introduced themselves to the residents.

Larry Ford began the discussion about the possible increase in assessment fees. He discussed several options posted on Next Door by concerned residents for either spreading out increased assessments or decreasing expenses.

Shelton Monger discussed the possibility of selling memberships

and mentioned several issues including required costly upgrades to meet ADA mandates.

Terry Chandler thanked the board members. He then asked about adding additional homes to the association. The board discussed the difficulties with adding additional homes. Terry also asked about the pool contract. Shelton said that they are saving some money by using SwimSafe.

Tom Lewis suggested that many options be presented for vote.

Jake Bontatibus discussed the possibility of paying monthly.

A resident asked what the proposed the increase is. The board said the proposed assessment increase is \$156.

Larry Ford reminded everyone that the increase could not possibly be voted on until the March meeting at the earliest. He also said this would only be \$156 one time increase and then future year increase would be only the CPI.

Shelton Monger discussed the facilities needs and how funding will be used to work on improvements.

William Branch discussed his concerns with the 40-year plan. He also suggested that a lower amount of about \$86 or \$56 is appropriate.

Jake Bontatibus asked what assets have a lot of life. Youssef Elzein suggested that the planning document is a tool and that we need to use it to plan, but not evidence of pending doom. Jake suggested that there are multiple assets that have significant issues. Youssef suggested that there are issues with the planning document.

Roberta Havholm said that she is concerned about recruitment to accomplish the projects.

Charles Mahan said that he wants to provide future boards with tools necessary to accomplish the projects.

Doug Benbow suggested that we need better convincing the

residents that the amenities are important and the cost to keep up the amenities is required.

Angie Nick said that she agrees in the need and said that we need to do a better job selling it to residents.

Charles Mahan discussed the communication issues and said that residents need to do a better job of talking to each other. He suggested that that is a good way of getting the word out.

Sue Hanley discussed posting some budget information on Next Door.

Chris Hummer suggested that there are gaps with the operating budget that also need to be addressed with an increase.

Charles Mahan said that he looks at his home in Forest Ridge as an investment, and therefore the assessment is also an investment in the future value of his home.

Shelton Monger said that the conversation needs to continue, and we are a long way from getting the required votes for such an increase. He said that 60% of active members need to vote to form a quorum and 66% of those voters need to vote affirmatively for the measure to pass.

John Hanna said that communication is going to be key in the future in order to get the required quorum for voting.

Chris Hummer suggested starting an assessment communication committee. Larry Ford said that he will continue with the committee.

Adjournment: Shelton Monger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Hoopes seconded.

Vote 7-0

Meeting ended at 9:12p.



Coming soon...



Before we know it, Thanksgiving will be here and gone. That can only mean the holidays are right around the corner! The Luminaria sale, the Christmas Light Fight and the Christmas Party!

Information will be coming both in the December Murmurs and Next Door, so stay tuned!

**Forest Ridge Association
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
September 17, 2018**

Trustees Present: Previous Board: Chris Hoopes, Heather Gwin, Youssef Elzein, Shelton Monger, Rich Spielman
New Board: Chris Hoopes, Heather Gwin, Youssef Elzein, William Grant, Mike Bradley, Shane Knick, & Rich Spielman

Trustees Absent: none

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

Minutes: Chris Hoopes moved to accept the August minutes as amended. Shelton Monger seconded.

Vote 5-0

Treasurer: Dan Freeman, Forest Ridge Association Treasurer, the Treasurer's report for August. The balance of the general fund is \$67,264.18. The balance of the replacement reserve is \$51,843.75. There were 4 full and 2 partial assessments received in August (\$999.00) and 2 full and 1 partial so far in September (\$487.00). There are 98 full and 3 partial assessments still open (\$23,040.50). Shelton Monger made a motion to accept the report and Rich Spielman seconded.

Vote 5-0

Board Change: New board members were introduced and took their seat at the board.

Nominations: Bill Grant nominated Chris Hoopes for President, but Chris declined the nomination. Chris Hoopes nominated Heather Gwin and Mike Bradley seconded. Chris Hoopes closed nominations and called for a vote with no other nominations:

Vote 7-0

Heather Gwin nominated Youssef Elzein for vice president. Chris Hoopes seconded. Chris Hoopes closed nominations and called for a vote with no other nominations.

Vote 7-0

Police Report: No police were present.

Communication: Christopher Hoopes said he has several people that have volunteered for the committee.

Greens Areas: Chris Tooley, Green Area Manager, presented the following report.

Projects this month:

Mowing
Fertilizing
Weed spraying

Upcoming:

Mowing
Edging
Weed Spraying

Pool: Shelton Monger introduced Carl and JP from SwimSafe – the company that will be managing the pool over the next two years. They discussed their excitement for being part of the community and pool. The board suggested having them come to the March semi-annual meeting to introduce themselves and answer resident question. Shelton also discussed some of the recent maintenance done and in process at the pool.

Heather Gwin read a card from the Mongers in thanks of the gifts for their years of service.

Soccer: Jesse Morgan said that the soccer season has four weeks left.

Activities/Recreation: Heather Gwin discussed the upcoming events in October for the Halloween parade, fright night and hay rides.

New resident packages: Nothing to report.

Bathroom at Shed: Chris said that Larry has asked some contractors to look at the proposed bathroom. Youssef reminded Chris that they need to get drawings to the county.

Grant: Nothing to report

Open Forum:

Roberta Havholm said that the community garden is in bad shape and something should be done. The board agreed and said they would address it after it is used for the Halloween events.

Angie Knick said that Sue Hanley is willing to do the food for First Responders. Heather Gwin said that she would reach out to her to confirm and post the contact information.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: Heather Gwin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Hoopes seconded.

Vote 7-0

Meeting ended at 7:44p.



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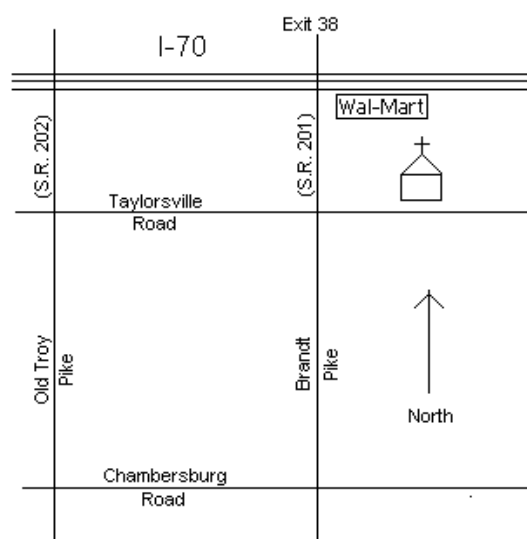
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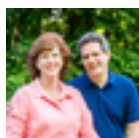
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Delivery will be on Monday, December 17th by the Fords and Brian Davis. I will need your donations delivered to my home on Saturday, December 15th from 1-3 or Sunday 16th from 12-2. Location is 4073 Quail Bush. Phone is 236-7141 or 657-5534. I have a very large dog, the gentle giant, who is freaked by the door bell so please do not ring said bell. We will watch for you and hopefully greet you at the door. If the times don't work for you please call or pm on Next Door to make alternate arrangements.

Next month I will have suggestions for packing your donations. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sue

Apologies to Jesse

Last month I thanked Jesse for all his work with the soccer program and indicated he was leaving. Well, he is, but not until after the spring season. So for the soccer families who wondered why this was being said I made a mistake.

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Do you have an unsightly house near you?

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Blood and Gore
Sydney Fowler- Painted Zombie Face
Bloody pizza girl (never registered)
Molly Campbell- Enchanted Spirit

TV and Movie Characters
Jeff and Amelia Dennison- Ghostbusters car
Elijah Morgan- Hannibal Lecter
Victoria Fowler- John Bender (Breakfast Club)

Group Costume
Angela, Amy & Beth - Hocus Pocus sisters
The Bavliskas- Edward Scissorhands
Lyla Terry, Kelsey Smith, Dustin Terry-
Little Red Riding Hood, Grandma and the Wolf

Holiday Theme
Ava Casey- Jelly Belly
Ben Herman- Birthday clown
Judah Tait- Deer

Disney Characters
Aly and Abby Burke- Maleficent & Wicked
Eleanor Hummer- Elsa
Lilyana Card- Jack Skellington

Dress Your Dog
Jax the "Puppacino"- Starbucks Dog
Jasmine Martinez- Queen of Hearts Dog
Griffey- Hot dog (Sandy, owner)

Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes
Gray DiGiorgi- Baby Hedgehog
Amelia Shepard- Bride
Amelia Hummer Archer warrior princess

Super Heroes and Cartoon Characters
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For Sale: 2 box springs for king sized bed. Used less than 1 month. Cost new more than \$400. Sale price \$175. 237-1164 or cell 367-3326.

Dog walking, and In home care. 30 minutes, \$10. Forest Ridge resident for 10+ yrs. I work for a very well respected local veterinarian. I am honest, dependable and have a strong work ethic Every animal is treated as my own! Lois Monnin 937 681 5086. Can't wait to meet your fur babies. Hugs & Treats provided.

Lawn Care: Professional lawn mowing, trimming, edging, mulching, perimeter pest control, shrub trimming, seasonal clean-ups and more. Alpha Lawn & Mulch LLC contact Kraigg - 937-829-2318. [Through November 2018]

Need a night a night out? I can watch your kids! Only 10\$ an hour. First aid certified, references available upon request. Contact Grace Groszko at 937-367-2908.

House Cleaning: Extreme Clean by LaNay Major. Detailed Cleaning. Call 937-768-3431.

Neighborhood Women's Bible Study: interested in meeting with other ladies of Forest Ridge to study God's Word together? Thinking of a January launch date, possibly on Thursdays. Call Tonja if interested @221-8016.

Auto Repair: Semi-retired certified auto body repair and mechanical technician with over 25 years experience. I can fix your car, big or small. Need to get a classic car back on the road? Brakes making noise? Turning that fender bender into your insurance? No problem I'm your guy. Let me save you money. Call Brian's Auto Repair. 937-367-4146. [Through November 2018]



For Sale: Approximately a cord of seasoned, split 18" long fire wood. There are 3 stacks: 1 (3' high by 5' long), 2 (between 4' and 5' long') 3 (between 4' and 5' long) \$125 for all three. There are two stackable racks for \$15.00 each. There is a vented gas log set (Monessen Hearth Systems Company) includes gas log, gas log grate, and remote control starter for \$200.00 Phone 937-233-9342

Square Dance Classes: Square dance classes will be provided by the HH Square Dance Club beginning Tuesday Sept 11th. The classes will meet each week at the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church Activity Center, 7505 Taylorsville Rd, on Tuesday nights, 7:00pm to 9:00 pm. The lessons for the first night is free and subsequent Tuesday nights are \$3:00 per person. No experience is necessary. Lessons are for ages 10 and up, including senior citizen ages. For more information you may contact Ron or Joyce Whisler, (937) 233-6897.

For Sale: Two slightly used Peavey sp 5g speakers, \$100.00 ea or \$150.00 for pair. cell: 937.672.4829 email: pc4201rabobe@aol.com. [November 2018].

Et Cetera Guidelines

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:

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4073 Quail Bush Dr. Dayton 45424

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