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President's Message

The lights are going up, the scent of pine is in the air, and it's just about time for Christmas on the Ridge! After the wonderful successes of our Halloween events, I'm so excited to keep the energy flowing!

We'll have our annual Holiday Party this year, and we're looking forward to a great turnout. We're asking for donations of sweets and treats that can be either brought to the party or dropped off ahead of time at my house or at 4740 Amberwood Dr. The generosity in the Ridge at Halloween was a wonderful delight, and I'm hoping that we can do it again to make this a special event for the children of the Ridge. **The party will be held at the Sheds at 4312 Meadowsweet on Saturday, December 15th at 2 pm,** and we'll be showing a holiday movie, enjoying a visit from Santa, and filling up on yummy sweets. Everyone on the Ridge is welcome and encouraged to join us!

The other major event we have for the holidays is our Third Annual Christmas Light Fight. We'll be doing things a bit differently this year, and families wishing to participate will need to **pre-register on the NextDoor webpage by December 8th.** The **judging will take place December 10th through 13th, and participating families are requested to have their lights and displays on by 6 PM and to leave them on until 9 PM each night.** I'll also be posting this to the public

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As you are driving down Forest Ridge Boulevard, take a look at the gazebo and the entrance monument. Thanks to the efforts of the our residents, they are beautifully decorated. All of us appreciate your efforts in our neighborhood!

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Forest Ridge Association

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

October 15, 2018

Trustees Present: Chris Hoopes, Heather Gwin, Youssef Elzein, William Grant, Mike Bradley, Shane Knick, and Rich Spielman

Trustees Absent: None

Heather Gwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes: Heather Gwin moved to accept the September minutes as corrected. Rich seconded.

Vote 7-0

Treasurer: Dan Freeman, Treasurer, was not present but submitted the following report for September. The balance of the general fund is \$51,979.70. The balance of the replacement reserve is \$51847.43. There were 3 full and 2 partial assessments received in September (\$813.50) and 5 full and 1 partial so far in October (\$1,180.00). There are 94 full and 1 partial assessments still open (\$21,718.00).

No Vote

Police Report: Officer Nick Toscani from Riverside PD. No new car break-ins reported. Mike Bradley brought up a concern over the lack of signals and posted active times on Valley Street for the school zone. Officer Toscani was asked about supporting the Halloween activities this year. Jake Bontatibus wanted to publicly thank Nick and the Riverside Police Department for the years of support to the town and the neighborhood and asked that it be placed in the record.

Resident Concerns:

Sam Davis was invited to speak to the residents about Issue 6 on the ballot. He informed residents about the mission of the Metro Parks. Issue 6 is to renew a ten-year levy to raise money to keep up the parks and provide education and events.

Shane Knick read a letter from the City of Riverside informing residents that they had approved a tax levy to raise money to repair streets. Further information can be found by contacting the City Manager, Mr. Mark Carpenter.

Shane Nick also read a letter from a resident who has been working with businesses and Property Managers to get the potholes fixed on the access road in front of the old Meijer location. He reported that the major holes have been filled and for now you will need to continue to avoid the smaller ones.

Communication: Deb Hanna, Communications Chair, the committee had its first meeting. She has reached out to others to gather information and is waiting to hear back from them. She would like help from the board to get the meeting minutes turned around faster so that they can be posted in the Murmurs. Bill Grant reported that he had spoken with Dan Freeman about the issue and Dan said that a 24hr turn time was possible. The board will work out the details of getting the minutes approved quickly so that they can be posted.

Greens Areas: Chris Tooley, Green Area Manager, presented the following report. Concerns: having problems with teen help who are busy with school. Additional help would be appreciated. It has just been him and Mike Fry working. Chris had been sick and so things are falling behind. He wanted to thank Mike Bradley and Bill Grant for their time visiting his operation and working with him on concerns and what they can do to help.

Bill Grant conducted a walk around with Chris Tooley and they discussed "low hanging fruit". They identified swing hardware that needs replacing. Heather Gwin asked about best practices. Mike Bradley mentioned that Ohio has a playground safety standard set available online.

Bill Grant brought up a concern over the black walnut trees in the common areas that could cause a safety hazard. Several options were discussed, and if they are removed what it would cost. It was brought up that several companies will pay for right to harvest the trees.

Mike Bradley also discussed public sidewalk concerns. There are approximately 2 miles of sidewalks the Association is responsible for, 5-10 % of that needs work.

Projects this month:

Mowing

Completed Fertilizing

Start Weed spraying

Helping decorate for the Halloween activities

Upcoming:

Mowing

Edging

Weed Spraying

Aerating, fertilizing and seeding the soccer fields

Pool: Signed Contract passed from Shelton Monger to Rich Spielman. Pool has been winterized. Bonham Electric finished the work they were contracted for in the pump room and other areas of the pool complex.

Soccer: Jesse Morgan said that the soccer season ended Saturday. We had 85 players in Forest Ridge and 12 teams. Also, he is mostly done with Spring registrations. He will continue until the end of the Spring season. By that time, he hopes someone will step up to continue the program. He has worked with other teams that have played the FRA teams this year to let us practice and play at alternate locations to give the FRA fields a chance to rest and recover. A resident had expressed frustrations to Heather Gwin about another soccer program and asked if the FRA teams would take younger children, 4 and under. Jesse directed her to pass on the FAQs site.

Activities/Recreation: Jake Bontatibus asked for help to decorate the neighborhood for the Halloween activities. He had contacted Stebbins JROTC and Student senate. He has not heard back from them. He pointed at Chris Tooley and said that he has been the solo help this year. If people are interested in helping they should contact Jake Bontatibus. He will be working all week starting at 4:30pm.

Larry Ford spoke about the pavilion. He has made a phone call to a contractor. Hopefully it will be usable by Thanksgiving.

New resident packages: Still waiting for the updates to the packets. Communications committee will work with Maria and Larry Ford on this.

Bathroom at Shed: Larry is still lining up people to look at the Bathrooms for the shed.

Grant: Nothing to report

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: Heather Gwin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Grant seconded.

Vote 8-0

Meeting ended at 8:00pm.

Forest Ridge Association

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

November 19, 2018

Trustees Present: Heather Gwin, Youssef Elzein, William Grant, Mike Bradley, and Rich Spielman

Trustees Absent: Chris Hoopes

Heather Gwin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes: Heather Gwin moved to accept the September minutes as corrected. Rich Spielman seconded.

Vote 5-0

Treasurer: Dan Freeman, Treasurer, submitted the following report for October. The balance of the general fund is \$36,145.98. The balance of the replacement reserve is \$51,848.08. There were 14 full and 1 partial assessments received in October (\$3,259.00) and 8 full and 2 partial so far in November (\$1,973.00). There are 74 full and 1 partial assessment still open (\$17,225.00). Heather Gwin moved to accept the report. Mike Bradley seconded.

Vote 5-0

Communication: Larry Ford discussed the welcome packets handout; he said there are about 15 new residents. He also said the bathroom at the shed is on hold until after the first of the year. He also discussed the online voting and said he is ready to support. Finally, he discussed the pavilion quotes. He said the lowest quote was \$2,600, so he is requesting \$3,000 be set aside. Heather Gwin moved to approve \$3,000 to be made available for the pavilion. Rich Spielman seconded.

Vote 5-0

Deb Hanna, communications chair, said she has been contacting all of the advertisers to renew contracts for 2019. She said the committee is currently reviewing the welcome packet and that is the focus of their next meeting. She said they are working on the website. William Grant asked about delivery issues for the Murmurs, and Deb said that she will check into it.

Police Report: Lieutenant William Keller was present to discuss the relationship between the City of Dayton Police Department and the Forest Ridge Association residents. He said recently there has been a lot of emails with negative comments about the Department and the service provided. He handed his contact information to the residents and asked that anyone contact him with any general issues with services provided. He also discussed the use of Nextdoor. He said it is a good communication tool, but they don't monitor it for criminal activity, so residents should be reporting crimes directly with the department.

Heather Gwin stressed that the board is happy with the Department and is disappointed that they are getting significant negative comments by email.

Youssef Elzein asked if there was any collaboration with Riverside Police Department. Lieutenant William Keller said that they communicate frequently, but do not collaborate generally. Youssef asked if it would be considered, but Lieutenant William Keller said that that is usually something done at the "felony" level. To do what Youssef is asking, it would take significant effort at a much higher level.

Officers Conrads and Johnson from the City of Dayton Police department said there were 6 crimes in the previous month. Heather Gwin discussed several traffic issues and wondered about finding hiding places to better catch offenders. Officer Johnson said that being present and noticeable sometimes helps deter issues.

Greens Areas: Chris Tooley, Green Area Manager, said there has been excessive storm damage that needs to be addressed. He is working hard to get as much of the storm damage cleaned up as possible and has closed off areas until he and his crew can complete the cleanup. He discussed a tree that fell into a resident's yard. He said that he has had some issues getting things done due to sickness and weather. Mike Bradley said that we need to get help as soon as possible to alleviate the safety issues. The board and Chris concurred.

Youssef Elzein said that Chris should request additional funding for 2019.

Activities/Recreation: Heather Gwin thanked Jake Bontatibus, Chris Tooley, the greens crew and many residents for helping with the events for Halloween. She then discussed the upcoming Christmas activities. She discussed some details about the light fight and Christmas party and requested help to accomplish the events. Heather also said she wants to plan and post the activity calendar for 2019. After discussion, the group scheduled the Christmas party for the 15th of December from 2pm to 5pm at the maintenance shed. The board will begin setup for Christmas on November the 23rd at 2pm and are looking for volunteer help.

Residents asked about the luminaires, and Heather Gwin said they will research to find out how it could be accomplished this year.

Pool & Recreation: Rich Spielman said that he reviewed the contract and he is working on the budget and has a few questions outstanding for the previous manager and SwimSafe.

Jesse Morgan said he is doing Spring soccer but will need a replacement for the next season.

Treats for First Responders: Sue Hanley wasn't present, but Heather Gwin said that drop off location is posted in the murmur.

Java for GIs: Youssef Elzein discussed the drive that is put on by the Red Cross. He said he needs community drop-off locations. The board discussed several options and Heather Gwin said she will finalize them in the next day or two.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: Heather Gwin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rich Spielman seconded.

Vote 5-0

Meeting ended at 8:30pm.

Java for G.I.s

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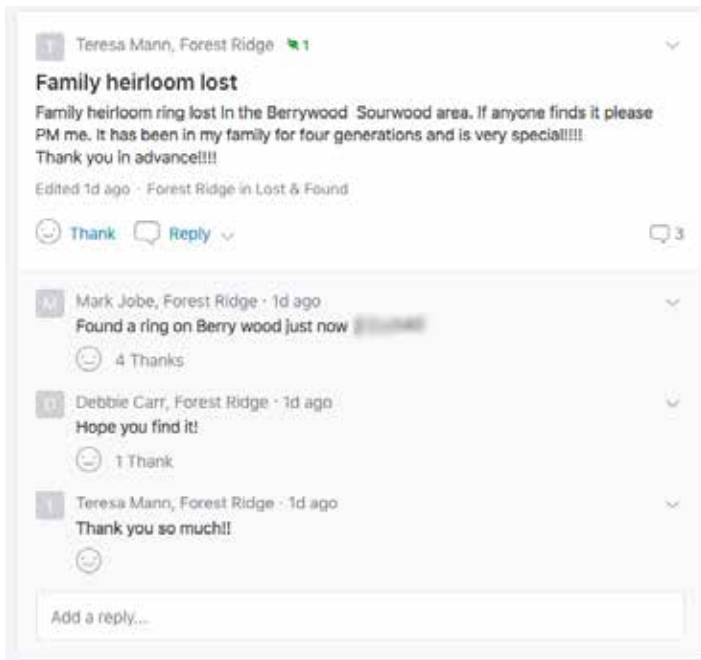
E-mail Youssef Elzein (Board Member) at yaelzein61@hotmail.com to arrange pickup



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Neighbors Helping Neighbors on Nextdoor

Teresa Mann lost an heirloom ring in the neighborhood recently. After posting this distressing news on the Nextdoor website, Mark Jobe who lives in the Villages, was able to contact and return the ring to Teresa. What a lovely ending to what could have been a sad event!



Toys for Tots



Riverside Ohio Police Department

Thank you to our community for the generous donations so far. We still have room for more unused wrapped toys to support the Miami Valley Toys for Tots. We are collecting till December 7th!! Thanks! Riverside Police Department.



local calendars to encourage people to come through the Ridge and enjoy the display. Contest prizes will be posted on Nextdoor and must be picked up by the December monthly board meeting on December 17th.

Categories this year include:

Visible from Space (I think the idea here is clear, make that electric meter turn!)

Full of Hot Air (Best Inflatable)

Warm and Fuzzy -Cutest children's display (theme display based on children's holiday characters)

Best storytelling in a display (tell us a story, Christmas themed or not)

Christmastime Elegance (the most elegant, classic and beautiful display)

The first place winner in each category will receive a \$25 gift card and a lawn sign to display for bragging rights, as well as publication in the February Murmurs. One honorable mention will be awarded in each category and receive a yard sign for bragging rights.

Finally, I'm asking for your help in bringing back a beautiful tradition in the Ridge. Years ago, most of the neighborhood participated in the Luminaries, where white paper bags weighted with sand and containing a tealight were placed along each home's front sidewalk on Christmas Eve. When the whole Ridge joins in, the effect is stunningly beautiful and welcomes in a holiday meant to share warmth, family, and community. In recent years, the sales have dropped dramatically, and I'm personally asking for your help to bring this back. **Our Greens Crew coordinate this sale and the luminaries will be available through the Sheds at 4312 Meadowsweet on dates to be posted on NextDoor.** They will be available at the **Holiday Party on the 15th, and the Board meeting on the 17th.** Sufficient luminaries to light a property (10) are sold as a kit for \$5, and corner lots need two sets. If you are housebound, please contact either myself or the greens crew and we'd be happy to coordinate getting a set brought to you. They get placed outside and lit at dusk on Christmas Eve, and it really is a winter wonderland to drive through the Ridge with this display.

On behalf of myself and the Board, I wish each and every member of the Ridge a relaxing, safe, and beautiful holiday season for however you celebrate, and a happy New Year!

Heather Gwin
HOA President





Top 10 Holiday Safety Tips



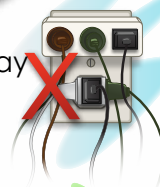
1. Inspect electrical decorations for damage before use.

Cracked or damaged sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.



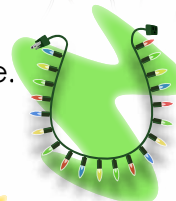
2. Do not overload electrical outlets.

Overloaded electrical outlets and faulty wires are a common cause of holiday fires. Avoid overloading outlets and plug only one high-wattage appliance into each outlet at a time.



3. Never connect more than three strings of incandescent lights.

More than three strands may not only blow a fuse, but can also cause a fire.



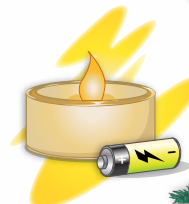
4. Keep tree fresh by watering daily.

Dry trees are a serious fire hazard.



5. Use battery-operated candles.

Candles start almost half of home decoration fires (NFPA).



6. Keep combustibles at least three feet from heat sources.

A heat source that was too close to the decoration was a factor in half of home fires that began with decorations. (NFPA).



7. Protect cords from damage.

To avoid shock or fire hazards, cords should never be pinched by furniture, forced into small spaces such as doors or windows, placed under rugs, located near heat sources, or attached by nails or staples.



8. Check decorations for certification label.

Decorations not bearing a label from an Independent testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or Intertek (ETL) have not been tested for safety and could be hazardous.



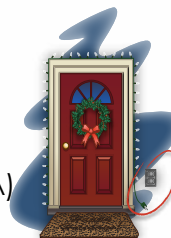
9. Stay in the kitchen when something is cooking.

Unattended cooking equipment is the leading cause of home cooking fires (NFPA).



10. Turn off, unplug, and extinguish all decorations when going to sleep or leaving the house.

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Unsightly House Near You?

Do you have an unsightly house near you?

These concerns should be addressed to either the Code Enforcement Office for the City of Dayton at 333-3977 or the Zoning Enforcement Officer for Riverside at 233-1801.

The By-laws for the Forest Ridge Association do not authorize us to require home owners to mow or weed their lawns.

Last Call for Treats for First Responders

I am still in need of bakers for this project. Please e mail me at mahjonggsue@sbcglobal.net or call 937-236-7141. In addition if baking is not your thing we can use donations of large (12 gal or larger) plastic storage containers. These will be returned to us and can be used from year to year. Also I am accepting monetary donations, pretzels, crackers, bags of oranges and/or apples.

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Et Cetera Guidelines

Effective 1 January 2016

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