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****MEETING NOTICE****

Forest Ridge Association Fall Annual Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00PM

Forest Ridge Association Pool

6801 Union Schoolhouse Rd.

We will try to have as efficient a meeting as possible, in order to limit the time of our large gathering. We will be holding votes on some board positions and the reserve fund.

Voting will also be held online from September 7th at 12:01AM to September 13 at 11:59PM for those unable to attend the meeting on September 14th

*****We will be adhering to all current state guidelines regarding prevention of the spread of Covid-19. We are asking that all attendees maintain 6ft of distance from those outside their household, wear a mask, sanitize frequently, and not attend if ill. Please bring your own chair and pen in order to help us achieve social distancing and reduce our need to sanitize afterwards. We will be doing our best to have as normal a meeting experience as possible, while also doing our due diligence to follow state and CDC guidelines****

****MEETING NOTICE****



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Justin Hickman		

(-) Term Expiration Date

Matters concerning Forest Ridge policy should be referred to the Trustees. Board of Trustees Meeting: Third Monday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at the Forest Ridge Baptist Church on Union Schoolhouse Rd. Meetings are open to all FRA residents.

Interim Treasurer and Membership Chairperson:

Treasurer, Rich Spielman	937-212-9693
Town Property Management - Cindy Hess	937-222-2550

Assessment payments are accepted by mail and membership cards are issued at the pool Please send all FRA correspondence to:

> FOREST RIDGE ASSOCIATION c/o Towne Property Management

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FOREST RIDGE COMMITTEES

Pool Maintenance and Operations: Pool Number	
Green & Maintenance Committee:	Scott Kreckman
Activities Committee:	Scott Kreckman
Pool Committee:	Mike Bradley
Communications Committee:	Mike McHugh
Audit Committee:	Steve Weiser
Infrastructure Committee::	Larry Ford
Elections & Voting:	Larry Ford

Editorial Policy: The editor welcomes all articles submitted, but reserves the right to edit any article used for publication. Name and phone number must be included on the article draft.



FOREST RIDGE ASSOCIATIONS

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Halloween Parade: Victoria Kreckman	
Running Creek Reserve: Bob Dalton	
Lost and Found / Pet Patrol: Carol Wetrich	
FRA Soccer League Chairman Brittany Heckman	frasoccer@gmail.com 301-378-6327
Welcoming Committee: Maria Ford	mytif9@gmail.com
Fighting Fish Swim Team: Rebeca Brooks	
Local Organizations	
BSA Troop 169: BSA Troop 5169. Mark Jobe	

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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Riverside Residents: Fire/Ambulance (Riverside) Non-Emergency Number	
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Trustees Present: Mike Bradley, Rich Spielman, Scott Kreckman, Larry Ford, Mike McHugh, Tabitha Bentz and Steve Weiser Trustees Absent: None Mike Bradley called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM Minutes: Mike Bradley moved to accept the May 2020 minutes. Scott Kreckman seconded.

Vote 7-0

Board Change: Two new members would like to join the board. They will be appointed until September 2020 when the Members of the Forest Ridge Association will vote on trustees at the Fall Meeting. The two prospective members are Jesse Morgan and Justin Hickman. Mike Bradley moved to accept Jesse Morgan as board member until September 2020, Rich Spielman seconded.

Vote 7-0

Mike Bradley moved to accept Justin Hickman as a board member until September 2020, Rich Spielman seconded.

Vote 7-0

Police Report: No police present due to COVID-19 meeting restrictions.

Treasurer: Rich Spielman, Forest Ridge Association Treasurer, the Treasurer's report for June:

Operating Funds Financial Report - May 2020

Available Funds as of May 1, 2020 Income Expenditures	\$275,868 \$22,059 \$12,462
Increase in Operating Funds	<u>\$ 9,579</u>
Available Funds as of May 31, 2020	\$285,465

Capital Funds Financial Report - May 2020

Available Funds as of May 1, 2020	\$109,519
Income Expenditures Increase in Capital Funds	\$ 8,133 \$ 0 \$ <u>8,133</u>
Available Funds as of May 31, 2020	\$117,653

Uncollected Assessments

Current Year

52 properties owe full assessment, the late fee and the collection fee (\$25,287); 12 owe partial assessment (\$1,895); 14 owe only the late fee (\$350); and 29 owe only the collection fee (\$3,335). Total owed is \$30,867

Current and Prior Years

57 properties owe current and prior year assessments plus late fees and collection fees Total owed is \$88,858

Status of Collection Actions

On May 15, 125 collection letters were sent out to properties that owe less that \$1,000. Dollar value is \$58,726

We currently have liens filed on the 21 properties that owe over \$1,000. Dollar value is \$43,409. Three liens were paid off in May totaling \$7,557

We have 5 properties in bankruptcy or foreclosure. Dollar value is \$15,001. Payments are being made on one of the bankruptcies.

Previous Bookkeeper missed the deadline for lien assessment on the recently sold via auction property at 4960 Silver Arrow in the amount of \$5,208. Mike Bradley made a motion to write-off the amount, Mike McHugh seconded.

Vote 9-0

Communications: Mike McHugh reported that the website has been moved to the new server. He is working on getting the emails moved over as well. Nextdoor and Facebook are being monitored by Jenn Bradley. Welcome packages are being handled by Larry and Maria Ford. Murmurs is being handled by Roberta Havholm.

Maintenance & Greens:

Scott Kreckman reported that Colan Monaghan has been officially promoted to the Greens Supervisor. He is aware of all his responsibilities as the supervisor. Another part time Greens crew member will be starting on July 6th.

Had a volunteer clean up last Sunday to clean Forest Ridge Boulevard. In the past the flower beds have been adopted by residents and taken care of. Scott will be setting up a volunteer list for this. We can not legally spray any weed killers, not even Round-up, until the grounds crews have their commercial herbicide applying licensure.

Infrastructure: Larry Ford reported that he is down to 1 volunteer on the Infrastructure Committee. He has priced out nets for the Tennis Court on Willow Branch. Prices are Edwards 40LS for \$199.95 with 5 year warranty and Edwards 30LS for \$174.95 with 3 year warranty, these are scheduled to be replaced in 2020 per the Reserve Study. Tennis Court Crack repair and repaint estimate is \$16,500, per the Reserve Study to be done in 2025. Basketball courts repairs are estimated at \$11,225.

Pool: Mike Bradley reported that the board vote was held electronically to open the pool 28 May 2020. Electronic votes require unanimous consent. The vote failed after a no vote was received. A special pool committee was convened consisting of 2 board members and 7 residents. They were asked to come up with a plan for an alternate pool opening plan that will adhere to the CDC guidelines and the Ohio Health Departments directions on pool operations during COVID-19. Karl from SwimSafe called in for this portion of the meeting as well. The presentation was made and the board tabled the discussion until the end of the meeting.

Pool Repairs:

Bathroom plumbing work ongoing – some toilet parts on backorder

Lap pool – North pool wall re-patch complete (\$3,200) L Shape pool pressure test partially completed (\$2,400). All return lines good but skimmer line found leaking. Leak detection company wants to dive the pool to finish leak checks (Est \$2,400)

o Skimmer leak repair complete (\$3,200) Old lifeguard chairs need to be removed (Est \$628, possible do this in house)

New L shape pool chlorine feeder (Est \$428)

Need to work with Infrastructure Committee to find additional projects

Activities: Scott Kreckman reported that the FRA garage sale will take place on July 11th from 8 AM to 4 PM. Going to try to have an end of season party at the pool on Labor Day, 7 September with Food Trucks depending on social distancing guidelines at that time. Halloween activities are to be determined. Christmas Light Fight Judging will be 12-13 December online and Winter holiday party TBD.

Audit: Steve Weiser reported that Dan has provided five new documents. He is going to get with Amy from the Audit agency and ask her when we just call it on getting new documents and proceed with Audit.

Old Business: Mike Bradley reported that entrance sign replacement – Insurance claim has been paid, need to schedule work, we are looking for the pieces of old sign. Top found, unable to find Forest Ridge name plate. Not sure what Chris did with it. Scott Kreckman reported that shed driveway replacement will be done in 2021 as Meadowsweet repaving has been pushed back by City of Riverside.

Mike Bradley reported that insurance review will remain on hold for now until board can vote on it.

Scott Kreckman reported that we are working on HR support for employees. Safety training is ongoing and working on getting chemical application certification for Colan.

New Business: Mike Bradley has asked that all the Committee chairs start looking at what they need for the 2021 budget.

Regular Meeting suspended at 9:13 to do Executive Session Regular Meeting reopened at 9:15 to debate pool reopening. Debate closed at 10 PM.

Vote 6-3 to reopen the pool

The Committee will meet in a few days to finalize their plan and shoot for an opening of 3 July 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 PM.

FOREST RIDGE ACTIVITIES

September family movie night will be September 19th at dark (weather dependent) movie is TBA, and will be in the field near the pool. Look for updates on Nextdoor.

We are still planning on having the FRA parade on

Halloween, Saturday, October 31st at 11am. We also plan to have the Fright Night Movie Night October 24th, location TBA. We will follow social distancing guidelines and be flexible as we never know what's next in the current COVID 19 world. If you have any interest in helping out please contact Tory at activities@ forestridgeassociation.org. More info will be shared soon!





Christmas will be here before we know it, so it's time to start thinking ahead. This year we are going to try LED luminaries

instead of the traditional candle luminaries. Order forms will be in the October newsletter. We have had a few volunteers to help put these together and distribute, but the more the merrier! If you are interested in helping out please email Tory at activities@forestridgeassociation.org.

Justin Hickman

I have a Masters Degree in Business Administration. I am also a Director of three departments at a local hospital and have 5+ years of administrative leadership experience in dealing with company finances and business planning. I have been on several hospital committees and boards and have served as a deacon at a local church.

It would be a privilege to serve on the Board of Trustees to serve in a area of need in our community. My goal would be to serve in a leadership role to strengthen our community and engage the community with ideas and planning to make Forest Ridge a great place to live and raise a family. I believe my leadership, knowledge and experience would help the Board of Trustees and our community really come together and have greater transparency and involvement in our community in an effort to make it better than ever. Thank you for your consideration to serve.

Scott Kreckman

My name is Scott Kreckman and I have been a board member since March of 2020. I am running for re-election to maintain my current position on the FRA Board. I currently serve as Committee Chair for both the Greens Committee and the Activities Committee. My wife is the alternate on the Activities Committee and has come up with the activities seen throughout the COVID dilemma. I, along with my wife, resealed and stained the gazebo to maintain its position within our green space. I also setup a volunteer listing to help maintain the beds along the boulevard, to assist keeping the weeds under control. It is my continued goal as Greens Committee Chair to find cost saving measures while maintaining our green spaces and the boulevard. With experience in landscaping myself, I have given some guidance already to our young Greens Crew. I am currently researching updates to our sheds for their usage as well as team development and training options. I look forward to a continued volunteer position within the community we all live in and expect to improve our Greens Maintenance efficiency going forward.

Jesse Morgan

Since joining in June, I worked to find a plan to open the Pool that met the State of Ohio mandates and risk mitigation required during COVID. After approval, I also worked extensively to ensure everything needed to run the pool was ready for the season and have been heavily involved with the opening and some repairs at the pool. Prior to this term, I ran the Forest Ridge soccer program for 7 years, and also worked to get the old soccer bridge replaced when the previous one failed. I will bring that experience with me to a term on the FRA Board of Trustees

Why I want to serve on the FRA Board of Trustees: I care about the Forest Ridge Community and want to help ensure the long-term opportunities for close community relationships and the quality of life and neighbors it has preserved; something I feel that has largely disappeared elsewhere in the U.S. Anytime the board is short-staffed, it reduces its ability to be maximally effective, whether it is through being able to reach a quorum for meetings, diversity of talent and perspectives to address problems and challenges, or sheer man-power needed to accomplish the many tasks facing an association the size of ours. Additionally, now that I have finished my service in a number of other volunteer activities, I now have the time needed to serve as an effective board member.

Steve Weiser

My name is Steve Weiser and my family and I have been residents of Forest Ridge since 1999. I have been in local Real Estate for over 40 years. Forest Ridge has always been a prime territory as far as where to move. The last few years I have seen a very positive move on the neighborhood's part to combat the natural effects of an aging area and I want to be part of it

I'm known as a team builder. I can contribute the most in that area as we work together to make some of the important decisions facing us in the near future.

Crime Prevention Tips for Elderly

by <u>agesafe</u>

Crime and the fear of crime create special problems for the elderly. Understanding the nature of the problem and knowing what to do to avoid being a victim of crime can help you. The following crime prevention tips for elderly are commonsense advice can be effective when you follow them.

WALKING

Always plan your route and stay alert to your surroundings. Walk confidently.

Have a companion accompany you.

Stay away from buildings and doorways; walk in well-lighted areas.

Have your key ready when approaching your front door.

Don't dangle your purse away from your body. (Twelve percent of all crimes against the elderly are purse snatchings

and street robberies.)

Don't carry large, bulky shoulder bags; carry only what you need. Better yet, sew a small pocket inside your jacket or coat. If you don't have a purse, no one will try to snatch it.

IN STORES

Don't display large sums of cash.

Never leave your purse unattended.

IN YOUR CAR

Always keep your car doors locked, whether you are in or out of your car.

At stop signs and traffic lights, keep the car in gear.

Travel well-lit and busy streets. Plan your route.

Don't leave your purse on the seat beside you; put it on the floor, where it is more difficult for someone to grab it.

Lock bundles or bags in the trunk. If interesting packages are out of sight, a thief will be less tempted to break in to steal them.

When returning to your car, check the front seat, back seat, and floor before entering.

Never pick up hitchhikers.

If your car should break down, get far enough off the road, turn on your emergency flashers, raise the hood, get back into the car, lock the door, and wait for help.

BANKING

Many criminals know exactly when government checks arrive each month, and may pick that day to attack. Avoid this by using Direct Deposit, which sends your money directly from the government to the bank of your choice. And, at many banks, free checking accounts are available to senior citizens. Your bank has all the information.

You should store valuables in a Safe Deposit Box.

Never give your money to someone who calls on you, identifying himself as a bank official. A bank will never ask

you to remove your money. Banks need the use of your money, and they don't want one of their customers to invite

crime by having large amounts of cash around.

When someone approaches you with a get-rich-quick-scheme involving some or all of YOUR savings, it is HIS getrich-quick-scheme. If it is a legitimate investment, the opportunity to contribute your funds will still be there tomorrow-after you have had time to consider it.

AT HOME

Never open your door automatically. Use an optical viewer. At night, draw your blinds or draperies.

Lock your doors and windows. (Three quarters of the burglaries involving older persons involved unlocked doors and windows; and, less than one half of these robberies are reported.) Keep your garage doors locked. Vary your daily routine.

Use "Neighbor Watch" to keep an eye on your neighborhood. A concerned neighbor is often the best protection against crime because suspicious persons and activities are noticed and reported to police promptly.

Don't leave notes on the door when going out.

Leave lights on when going out at night; use a timer to turn lights on and off when you are away for an extended period.

Don't place keys under mats, in mail boxes, or other receptacles outside your door.

Notify neighbors and the police when going away on a trip. Cancel deliveries such as newspapers and arrange for someone – a neighbor's child, perhaps – to mow the lawn if need be. Arrange for your mail to be held by the Post Office, or ask a neighbor to collect it for you.

Be wary of unsolicited offers to make repairs to your home. Deal only with reputable businesses.

Keep an inventory with serial numbers and photographs of resaleable appliances, antiques and furniture. Leave copies in a safe place.

Don't hesitate to report crime or suspicious activities.

This crime prevention information is brought to you by: **The National Crime Prevention Council 305 15th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005 1-202-393-7141**

GARAGE BREAKING & ENTERING PREVENTION TIPS

- **Do** not leave your garage door open, even if you are home.
- Install motion sensor lights above your garage door.
- Lock the entry door between the garage and your home.
- If you will be away for a few days, unplug an automatic garage door to make it more difficult for a thief to enter.
- Frost or block garage windows.
- **Consider** installing an automatic system that will close a garage door that has inadvertently been left open for a period of time.
- **Keep** your car doors locked, even in the garage. Take your garage door opener in the house with you, or lock it in the glove compartment of your car.
- **Secure** any valuables kept in your garage and try to keep them out of sight when the door is open.
- **Change** the code of your garage door remote on a regular basis. Changing the garage door remote code is simple and will provide additional security for your home and family.
- Even if you're working in your garden or mowing the lawn, a thief can slip into your open garage, pick up a few valuables and make off without your even noticing.
- Whenever you leave your house by car, pause long enough to make sure the garage door closes completely and stays closed before you drive off.
- Make a list and record makes models and serial numbers of all property inside.
- Be a nosey neighbor in a good way report what you see!
- **Minor** crimes should *always be reported to police* and documented, even when nothing is stolen. Several incidents have gone unreported.

CALL POLICE IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS!!



FRA OPERATING AND REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUNDS as of JULY 31, 2020

OPERATING FUNDS

Available Funds as of	July 1, 2020			202,108
Income		11,708		
Expenditure	s		- 70,121	
Decrease in	Operating Funds			- 58,413
Available Funds as of	July 31, 2020			143,695
	Income is from Current Year and Prior Year Assessments			
	Expenditures were for: Swimming Pool (\$ 51,599), Administration (\$ Green Area (\$ 5,469) and Transfer of Swim Team funds to their acc	, ,		

REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUNDS

Available Funds as of	July 1, 2020			166,837
Income		17		
Expenditure	S		-1,300	
Decrease in	Replacement Funds			-1,283
Available Funds as of	July 31, 2020			165,554
	Income is from interest earned			
	Expenditure was for swimming pool repairs			
	Reserve Study Minimum Reserve Fund Requirement		77,088	
	2020 Reserve Fund for 2020 Repair/Replacement Requirements		88,466	
			165,554	

UNCOLLECTED ASSESSMENTS

As of July 31, 2020

Current Year Only: 63 properties owe assessment and fees. Amount owed is \$ 17,980

Current and Prior Years: 46 properties owe current and prior year assessments and fees. Total owed is \$80,792

The sending out of collection letters and the filing of liens has resulted in an increase in the collection of owed assessments.

If you have any questions, contact Rich Spielman at rich.spielman@forestridgeassociation.com



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A Message from the FRA President

As most of you know, Forest Ridge Boulevard has just been repayed by the City of Riverside. This was a much needed infrastructure repair to our neighborhood and we are appreciative that the City had decided to spend some of their limited road repair resources on us. That said, just like the rest of our neighbors that live on the boulevard, the HOA did receive a \$36,626.50 bill for curb and storm drain replacements along our Green Spaces. Obviously we didn't budget for that kind of expense this year but the entire neighborhood benefits from our beautiful green spaces. Thankfully, due to underspending in some budget areas due to COVID-19 and other issues, the Board is happy to announce that we will be able to absorb this bill as opposed to asking the FRA Members for a Special Assessment to cover the costs. In some ways we were very lucky to absorb these costs this time but we will not be so lucky in the future as we are being told by the City of Riverside that they intend more projects in our neighborhood in 2021 (possibly on Meadowsweet and Honeyleaf). While this is good news for us and our home values, it will also likely mean that we will need to prepare ourselves for the possibility of a Special Assessment next year. Of course the Board will do everything in our power to try to minimize the financial impacts to our Members but these repairs will be a must-pay bill to the City. While we don't yet know how much the repair costs will be yet, we are doing everything in our power to communicate to the Membership as far in advance as we can through all our communication vehicles (website, Murmurs, FB etc.) to make sure our Members are aware of this possibility so everyone (including ourselves) can begin financial preparations.

Respectfully, Mike Bradley FRA Board President