

Forest Murmurs November 2020

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Thank you to the Kreckmans

Halloween Parade Results

We had a great turn out for our Halloween Parade on a beautiful sunny Saturday morning! Thank you all so much for coming out and participating. We missed the Stebbins band this year, and we certainly are looking forward to next year already. Thank you to our volunteers, Mike and Jenn Bradley, Jacquie Suhr, Gordon and Christina Gross, The McCarty's, Forest Ridge Baptist Church, The Ghostbuster (Jeff Dennison), the Zombie Truck (Cindy Rice and Brian Fugate) and of course the Riverside Police and Fire Departments. Also thank you to Jackie for your donation of hand sanitizers and masks. I do apologize as I did not get the full names of all our winners! Congratulations to all of you, and great job to all who participated!

Blood and Gore-Luke, on Stilts

Dress Your Dog- The Sorenson's, the Hawaiian Dog

TV/Movie- Cailyn Kreckman- Sarah Sanderson, Hocus Pocus

Holiday- Mr. Herman, Super Bowl

Superhero/Cartoon Character- Rynn, Jester Lavorre, Critical Role

Fairy Tales- Miss Autman, Princess

Disney- The Digiorgi's, Mickey and Minnie Mouse

Group- The Bentz, Circus



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Forest Ridge Association Board of Trustees Regular Meeting September 21, 2020

Trustees Present: Mike Bradley, Larry Ford, Rich Spielman, Tabitha Bentz, Scott Kreckman, Mike McHugh (via phone), Steve Weiser, and Jesse Morgan

Trustees Absent: Justin Hickman

Mike Bradley called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM **Police Report**: No police present due to Covid-19

Minutes: August 2020 minutes approved as written, Mike Bradley moved to approve them, Larry Ford seconded

Vote 8-0-1*

*(Trustee Justin Hickman was unable to attend, therefore he counts as an absent vote on all meeting

Trustee Vote Results: 122 votes cast (Quorum was reached with 108)

Votes Received: Scott Kreckman- 98; Steve Weiser-95; Jesse Morgan- 106; Justin Hickman- 102

-Current Board Members with term end listed below:

Mike Bradley- President (2022)

Larry Ford- Vice President (2022)

Rich Spielman-Treasurer (2022)

Tabitha Bentz-Secretary (2022)

Scott Kreckman- At Large (2023)

Mike McHugh- At Large (2022)

Steve Weiser- At Large (2023)

Jesse Morgan- At Large (2023)

Justin Hickman- At Large (2023)

-Waiver to collect Reserve Funds was not passed (51% of members must vote to waive, 2% did, all other votes were to collect the Reserve Fund)

2020 FRA Trustees Officer Votes:

Trustee Board positions are voted after the annual

PRESIDENT: Jesse Morgan and Larry Ford nominate Mike Bradley

Vote 8-0-1*

VICE PRESIDENT: Mike Bradley and Rich Spielman nominate Larry Ford

Vote 8-0-1*

TREASURER: Mike Bradley and Scott Kreckman nominate Rich Spielman

Vote 8-0-1*

SECRETARY: Scott Kreckman and Larry Ford nominated Tabitha Bentz

Vote 8-0-1*

Current Committee Chairs Maintained. They are as follows:

- -Greens- Scott Kreckman, Alternate Justin Hickman
- -Audit- Steve Weiser, Alternate Tabitha Bentz
- -Pool-Jesse Morgan, Alternate Mike Bradley
- -Elections- Larry Ford, Alternate Heather Gwin
- -Communications- Mike McHugh
- -Jenn Bradley- Minutes
- -Maria Ford- Welcome Packages
- -Activities- Scott Kreckman, Alternate Tory Kreckman
- -Infrastructure- Larry Ford, Alternate TBD

Treasurer: Rich Spielman, Forest Ridge Association Treasurer, August 2020

Treasurer's Report

Operating Funds Financial Report – August 2020 Available Funds as of August 1, 2020:

\$143,695

Income: \$13,985

Expenditures: \$21,326 Decrease in Operating Funds \$7,341

Available Funds as of August 31, 2020

\$136,354

Capital Funds Financial Report – August 2020

Available Funds as of August 1, 2020;

\$166,837

Income: \$ 14 Expenditures: \$0

Increase in Capital Funds \$14

Available Funds as of August 31, 2020: \$165,568

Uncollected Assessments as of August 31st

97 Properties owe \$85,793

- ☐ 46 properties owe prior years and current year - dollar value is \$73,790
- ☐ 51 properties owe just current year dollar value is \$12,003
- ☐ We have liens on 41 properties dollar value is \$61,674

Trustees hoping to speak with Kaman and Cuzmano about continuing to clarify our options as an HOA to ensure we are collecting all overdue assessments.

Communications: Mike McHugh leading the board on working on a FAQ section for the website/social media to make information easier to find. Board will have a working list this month. Nextdoor and Facebook actively being monitored by Jenn Bradley. Welcome packages are behind handled by Larry and Maria Ford. Murmurs is being handled by Roberta Havholm.

Maintenance & Greens: Scott Kreckman is continuing to evaluate options presented at the September Members' Meeting for future Greens Space Management. Greens doing their best to keep up with Member issues

Infrastructure: Larry Ford picking up new Forest Ridge sign on Wednesday (September 23rd) to replace what was damaged in an accident last winter. Still waiting on one more bid/opinion on Tennis Court repairs/replacement. Tennis court nets will replaced this year. Also exploring basketball court repairs for this year. Three individuals on Infrastructure Committee with Larry Ford. Individual committee members are pulling upcoming projects to begin to look at and get bids; specifically playground and culvert repairs/upgrades scheduled for 2024. Also discussed the bridge near the soccer fields with local Boy Scouts to address it as an Eagle Scout project-may need to be closed until it can be fixed.

Pool: Jesse and Mike Bradley reported on pool Pool Repairs:

L-Shape pool pressure test: Leak detection
company will be diving the pool after it is
closed for the season to finish leak checks
was \$2,400
Skimmers leaking, tile leaking, as well as an
old patch leaking
Waiting on final estimate for L-shaped pool
repairs.
Old lifeguard chairs were removed by Mike
and Scott but pedestal base in concrete still
need to be removed, this will be done when
the deck is replaced as they are deep in the
concrete
Planning to replace decking around the pool
this year if weather allows
L-shape and lap pool pump replacements -

neither meet PHDMC's flow requirements. (Lap = \$1,864, L-shape = \$9,989) Flow is so bad on lap pool that it does not register on

the meter.
Planning to work with swim team to touch up
paint in lap pool
Negotiating Contract with SwimSafe for future
partnership

Recreation: Fall 2020 Soccer has been cancelled. Awaiting update on Swim Team season results.

Activities: Halloween Hayride had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 social distancing requirements, but Fright Night and Halloween Parade (October 31st at the Gazebo) will be able to be held. Christmas Light Fight Preliminary Judging will be Dec 12-13 online and Christmas Party Date TBD. Luminaries will be available, look for order form in October Murmurs.

Audit: Steve Weiser reported that the Audit is moving forward for the 2017 and 2018 years. Rich has provided all of the 2019 information so the audit for 2019 should move forward as well. Still working though process.

Taxes are due in November, working to have them done by beginning of October with Accountant.

Elections:

Election Committee currently Larry Ford and two members, looking for additional/new members to assist with future elections. If interested, please reach out to Larry Ford.

Old Business:

Entrance Sign Replacement – Larry Ford picking up new plaque

Shed Driveway Replacement – has been pushed back as the City of Riverside is not paving Meadowsweet at this time. May be done in 2021.

Insurance Review - on hold

HR support for employees - on hold

New Business:

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM

FRA OPERATING AND REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUNDS as of SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

OPERATING FUNDS

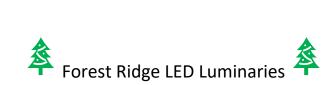
Available Funds as of September 1, 2020			
Income	3,612		
Expenditures		-20,388	
Decrease in Operating Funds			-16,776
Available Funds as of September 30, 2020			119,578
Income is from Current Year and Prior Year Assessments			
Expenditures were for: Swimming Pool (\$ 2,944), Administration (\$ Green Area (\$ 8,749) and Communications (\$ 185)	\$ 8,510)		
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REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND	JS		
Available Funds as of September 1, 2020			165,568
Income	26		
Expenditures		0	
Increase in Replacement Funds			26
Available Funds as of September 30, 2020			165,594
Income is from interest earned			
Reserve Study Minimum Reserve Fund Requirement		77,113	
2020 Reserve Fund for Repair/Replacement Requirements	-	88,481	
		165,594	

STATUS OF UNCOLLECTED FRA ASSESSMENTS

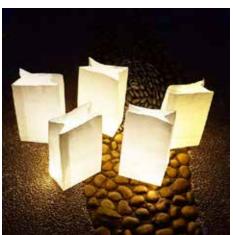
Total Uncollected Assessments as of September 30, 2020. Ninety-two properties owe \$ 78,507. Thirty-seven properties owe \$ 63,670 for prior years and current year assessments and fees. Fifty-five properties owe \$ 14,837 for current year assessments and fees.

(A few properties that owed prior and current year assessments and fees now only owe the currrent year assessment and fees.)

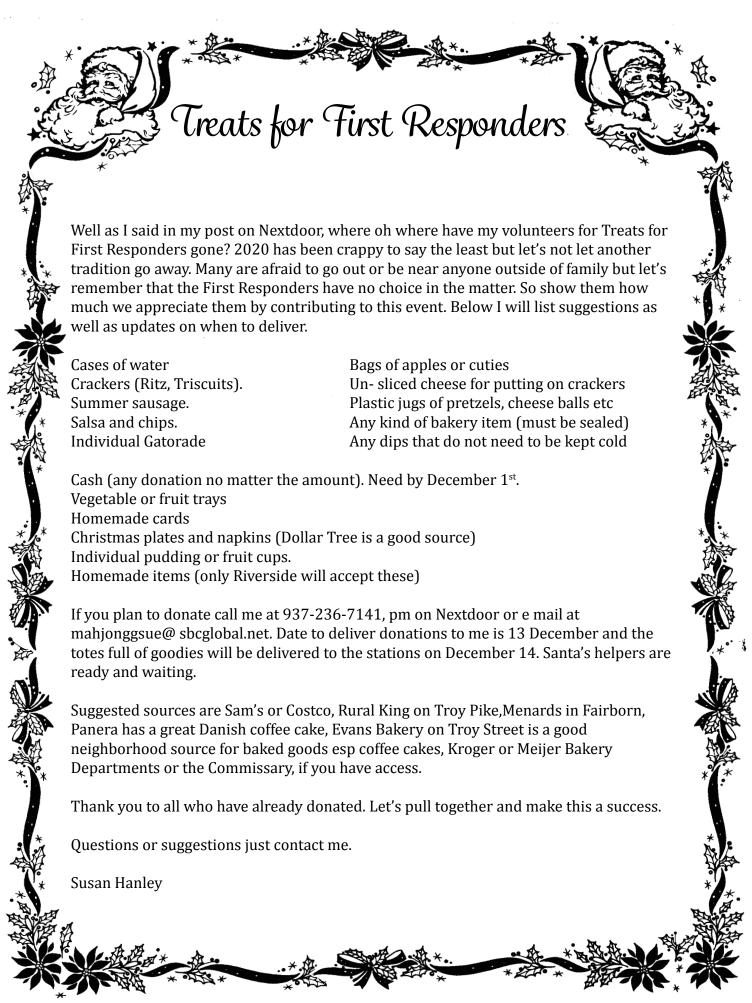
Filed liens as of Sepember 30, 2020. We currently have liens filed on 39 properties totalling \$ 59,006. A payment plan is in effect for four of the 39 properties. Payoff quote of \$ 1,068.42 was given on another property - awaiting payment.



Forest Ridge is changing up our tradition this year and going to LED Luminaries for Christmas. There will be 15 luminaries for \$10. These luminaries can be used several times over the holiday season, and we will continue the tradition of having them lit through the neighborhood on Christmas Eve. The order form is below and will be posted on Next Door also. Please complete the form and drop it off to the locked black mailbox located at 4036 Cozycroft Drive. Cash only please. Orders will be accepted through Nov. 13th and luminaries will be distributed beginning the week of Dec 7th. We have several people who have volunteered to help put together and distribute, but the more the merrier!! If you would like to help or have questions please contact Tory at activities@forestridgeassociation.org.



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Activities Report

Members of The Forest Ridge Association;

We have a slew of activities and events coming up in our community for the holiday season. Luminary orders are in full swing and are still being accepted through November 13th. As a reminder, these are \$10 for 15 LED luminaries. This way we can safely have them lit Christmas Eve without fear of setting anyone's lawns on fire!

Holiday decorations will begin going up early to mid-November. With those decorations there will be a mailbox dedicated to letters for Santa. Neighborhood kids can write to Santa starting the day after Thanksgiving through December 14th. Parents, if your child would like a response from Santa he will need your address on the envelope. All letters will be delivered to Santa on a weekly basis with requested responses back by the 20th per agreement with Saint Nick. After the 14th though he needs to concentrate on final holiday prep, so the box will disappear that night until next year!

There will be no Christmas Party this year due to current restrictions. However, we are working to plan an activity of some kind, so watch for that in coming Murmurs, NextDoor, and Facebook!

Just because we can't have a party doesn't mean we can't make our neighborhood seen from space! The Holiday Light Fight returns this year! We will again have judging online for anyone who submits their house for consideration, with final judging occurring on Dec 18th-19th. There will be 3 categories this year; Best Inflatable Display, Brightest House, and the Grand Champion. Prizes for each are being worked out right now, but the Grand Champion will receive a small yard plaque to display for years to come! Winners cannot win in consecutive years, and since there were no winners last year EVERYONE IS ELIGIBLE (except Board Members)!

Sincerely, Scott Kreckman Activities Committee Chair

Tory Kreckman Activities Committee Co-Chair





From the Greens Committee Chair

Members of the Forest Ridge Association; Following an extensive review of our green space needs, financial abilities, and personnel requirements we have made the decision to contract out the bulk of the work to BrightView Landscaping. We will also be maintaining an individual from our greens crew on a contractual basis for the odds and ends work in The Ridge. The crew has been given the opportunity by BrightView to interview with them for employment, so our team will not be left out in the cold for the new year.

BrightView will be mowing the majority of our green space on a weekly basis, with several less used areas on a biweekly basis. They will also be mulching the primary beds down the boulevard, monument on Union School House, and the Gazebo. We will also be using them for a spring and fall weed and fertilizer application in the green's spaces.

This move was made as a result of an evaluation of our mowing needs, equipment age, repairs, facility needs, and personnel requirements. As many of you noticed this year the mowing fell behind rapidly very early. This was initially the result of not enough staffing but was compounded by equipment breakdowns. At one point 2 of our 3 mowers were down for over a week. The aftermath of this was readily apparent throughout The Ridge. We shifted some of our staff in and out of a leadership position to find the best fit, and did have some wins in that matter. However, the crew needs a full time, day available, person to guide them and assign work. Unfortunately, we cannot afford that requirement as our current budget and dues schedule dictates.

Another aspect that went into this decision was that of our crews' facilities. The sheds, while functional areas for storage and moderate repairs, are not adequate for a work crew to be based. OSHA requires a location for them to use the restroom and a sink. This was a major expense to have installed and maintained. Of the 2 sheds we currently utilize, the second pole barn style shed is in dire need of repairs; yet another expense we do not have budgeted for several years. We will be keeping at least the primary structure going forward for storage needs and holiday functions.

This move will ultimately be good for The Ridge as we will not need to maintain and replace lawn care equipment, nor will we need to worry about what happens if we run into a lean year staffing wise; the green space will be mowed consistently throughout the spring, summer, and into the fall. We will be maintaining an individual as a contracted style employee to allow the flexibility we lose with cutting the greens crew. This individual will be given a flat rate based on the job needed and a time frame in which to accomplish the task.

As with any major change there will be some growing pains and adjustments as we progress into and through 2021. I ask that the members give some latitude as these issues are identified and adjustments made accordingly. When issues arise please feel free to contact greens@forestridgeassociation.org with any concerns or needs so they can be addressed accordingly.

Thank you, Scott Kreckman FRA Greens Committee Chair



Forest Ridge Association's Annual Halloween Parade

The sun was out and the skies were clear!

What a great day for a parade!















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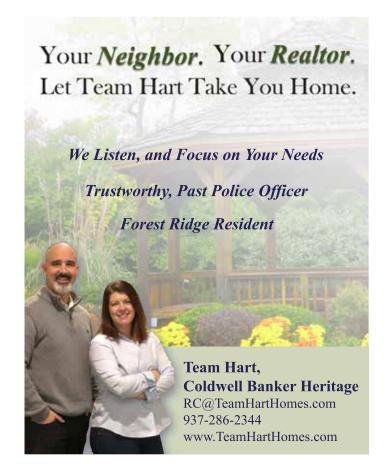
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Thank you to the Kreckmans

Thank you from your Forest Ridge neighbors for the great job you and your family have done to ease the pressure of the pandemic. From the outdoor movies to the Halloween decorations and the parade all of these things have brought a sense of normalcy to our neighborhood. To all of those who helped a double thank you. It is amazing what can be done when people step up and help.

Attention Nextdoor Users

It appears that Nextdoor has made a change as to where your posting goes. When you post look at the lower left hand corner and you will see that your post goes to anyone unless you specify which neighborhood you want it to go to. If you want your post to be neighborhood specific you MUST choose that neighborhood before you post.

Cold Weather Car Hints

from the Dayton Police





We've all considered doing it at one time or another. Next time you think about leaving your car running, think twice.



Cars left unattended to warm up give out a clear message...

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