



FOREST OAKS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

February, 2018

President's Corner

Hi Forest Oaks,

The numbers are in for last year. Electricity and mowing accounted for about two-thirds of the HOA budget. The next highest expenses, in order of amount, were flowers for the entryway and snow removal. All together, these four categories represent 80% of the expenses for calendar year 2017. Paypal use was much higher this year than last year, about half (so far) of dues payments coming in online through our website at fohoa.com.

I want to send special thanks to Kristi Strubhart, our newsletter editor. The ENA (Edmond Neighborhood Alliance) and The Edmond Sun awarded Forest Oaks the "Best Newsletter" award. Congratulations to Kristi. Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

If you want to volunteer your talents to the HOA

for the benefit of the neighborhood and yourself, please do so! We always appreciate help on our entry island—weeding or cleaning up. If you are interested in helping, contact Elaine Weinmeister at eweinmeister@gmail.com or at 340-6242. We will also have a spring clean up day with the date to be determined—watch the neighborhood message board for more information.

We wish Steve and Teresa Kahne good luck in their move out of state. The Kahnes have lived in Forest Oaks for over 20 years and supported and volunteered many hours during that time for the Homeowners' Association. We will miss you!

We have a homeowners' meeting coming up on February 26th; **the perfect time to share your ideas or just meet your neighbors. Looking forward to seeing you there.**

-Dwayne Page

Homeowners' Meeting February 26th, 7:00 pm 2004 Woodland Dr.

The Spring, 2018 meeting of the Forest Oaks Homeowners' Association will be held on Monday, February 26th, at 2004 Woodland. The meeting will be called to order at 7:00 p.m. and will cover issues important to you, such as block captains, street lighting, entry maintenance, budget review, and future neighborhood projects. All residents of Forest

Oaks are encouraged to attend the meeting, regardless of membership status (paid or unpaid). You will come away with a better understanding of how the Association operates and may just meet some new friends at the same time. Minutes from the October, 2017 meeting can be reviewed at fohoa.com.

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Forest Oaks: What You Need To Know

@forestoaks, #newsite #fohoa.com

Hi neighbors! Thanks for approving the website and the budgeting to make it happen. Fohoa.com is off to a great start and I hope that you like it. There is already some good information on HOA finances, meeting minutes, and the Spring Creek Development. It complements other technologies like Nextdoor.com as a resource to:

- Reduce publishing / printing / mailing costs, pay for itself
- Save time paying and collecting dues, make it easier to serve on the board
- Find HOA Information and provide a tool for transparency
- Observe local government and understand issues that affect Forest Oaks
- Improve / Create / Build real relationships with neighbors

One of the things that makes Oklahoma great is the low cost of living. Our HOA is the lowest cost of the Edmond HOAs I could find online, and is optional, to boot. In a day where many HOAs in Edmond are spending thousands of dollars on lawyers, accountants, and management companies, I find ours to be the perfect size for what I want from a Property Association: keep my neighborhood safe and beautiful, my costs low, and my HOA fun to serve when I have time, and unobtrusive when I don't. And, of course, be online when I want to know something! If you have content you would like added, e-mail me, address in the directory, or just e-mail the whole board using board@fohoa.com.

-Dwayne



E-Mail Addresses Sought

Please share your e-mail address with the Homeowners' Association. Messages come through one officer and are only sent when an issue is important, but e-mail does allow for more frequent communication with instant delivery and saves on postage when we deliver newsletters via e-mail.

Here are some actual instances where email helped in Forest Oaks:

1. Allowed one resident to find lost keys found by another resident.
2. Notified owners of lost pets
3. Alerted neighbors to a small rash of vandalism in the neighborhood so that we could be more vigilant in locking our vehicles, etc.
4. Delivered our neighborhood directory, newsletters, etc.
5. Notified neighbors of community events
6. Relayed notes of appreciation to people in Forest Oaks.

There are several residences who are still not receiving messages from Elaine Weinmeister. If you are not receiving occasional FOHOA alerts, she does not have your e-mail address. This service is available to all residents of the neighborhood **whether or not you are a paid member** of the Homeowners' Association. Send your e-mail addresses

Nextdoor.com

Is one way you can stay in the know about the goings-on in our and close by neighborhoods. Register as a resident of Forest Oaks Subdivision and get updates on everything from City of Edmond press releases to lost dogs to yard maintenance to restaurant recommendations. You can also filter down to just our neighborhood or the entire city . . . What the site is not, is a place to air grievances, so please enjoy it as it was intended.

Neighborhood Directory, Anyone?

Every other year, Forest Oaks Homeowners Association puts together a directory of names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for the homeowners in the neighborhood.

Directories will be emailed to everyone who pays membership dues of \$50.00. PLEASE include your email on the form (which has been mailed or emailed to you). You may also complete a directory information form on the website: fohoa.com. If you do not want your email address or phone number published, simply mark UNL (unlisted) beside them.

We will develop a "helper list" from the directory forms. The list will be available by contacting Elaine Weinmeister.

FOHOA Dues Update. . .

Homeowner dues for 2018 are coming in slower than last year. A reminder email was recently sent and if you haven't paid, please take a moment to use our PayPal account which can be found on our website at fohoa.com and click on the "Pay Dues" tab. \$50.00 paid by every homeowner provides the HOA the necessary funds to keep the entrance updated and beautiful, make repairs, mow and provide salt when needed for ice and snow events.

As always, if you prefer to pay by check, just drop it in the mail to Shelia Brown, Treasurer, 1901 Ridgecrest Rd., 73013. Make your check payable to Forest Oaks HOA. We have some exciting plans in 2018 to improve our neighborhood, which will benefit every homeowner in the addition. If you haven't paid or maybe have never been a member of the Association, now would be a good time to get involved.

Mark your calendars for **February 26th at 7:00 pm to attend the Spring HOA meeting** and see what suggestions and plans the executive committee will present. Let's keep our neighborhood beautiful and desirable.

• Your Officers

- **President**
Dwayne Page 210-724-3966
- **Vice President**
Warren Stickrod 330-2888
- **Secretary**
Elaine Weinmeister 340-6242
- **Treasurer**
Shelia Brown 341-1243
- **Officer at Large**
Donna Friedberg 715-1112

Purpose of FOHOA

- To provide a central organization for the purpose of exchanging information and ideas for the common good of the membership.
- To monitor, participate with and advise governmental, civic and business organizations on issues impacting the membership.
- To encourage and promote safety and property protection of the membership.
- To manage and maintain any present or future commonly owned property.

HOPE Christmas Project Makes Big Impact

The Forest Oaks Christmas donations to a family selected by the HOPE Center of Edmond proved to be generous and thoughtful. Approximately 30 families donated gift cards, wrapped gifts, and monetary donations. The gifts cards totaled several hundred dollars and were for Walmart and Target, Honeybaked Ham, Subway, Kohl's, Half-Priced Books and Braum's. LaVonne arranged gift cards and goodies in a decorated basket. The mother of the family said she had never ever had a Christmas like the one Forest Oaks provided.

In periodic conversations with the mother, LaVonne Stickrod learned that the two girls were sharing a room, and the older daughter did not have a bed. The mother hoped to find a used bunk bed set to accommodate the girls. Through appeals with Nextdoor and neighbors, LaVonne found a good quality wooden bunk bed which had a built-in chest of drawers, a ladder, a desk and mattresses which she purchased with donated funds. She received donated sheets and was able to purchase 2 new comforters. The older daughter cried when she saw her new bed. The whole family was extremely grateful and overwhelmed by the kindness of our donors.

Thank you, Forest Oaks, for your giving spirit and for sharing hope with those in need in Edmond. We are also extremely grateful to the Stickrods for all their effort in collecting and delivering such meaningful gifts.

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Did you know the City of Edmond has a list of newsletters and updates that are available to citizens? Everything from building code updates to new job postings to road detours to urban forestry news! Check out under "Communication Center" . . .

Did you know the City of Edmond provides a catalog of classes, courses and activities every season? There are courses in investing, painting, self-defense, classes for kids, etc. The catalog can be found by clicking on the red box that has "Activities Guide" written on it listed under "Parks and Recreation."

Did you know that the City of Edmond has an Urban Forester on staff who can come to your home to answer questions about your tree? On the website . . .

Do you know about CodeRed? CodeRed is a state-of-the-art voice messaging system that the City of Edmond will use to alert residents and businesses about weather emergencies, homeland security issues, missing children or adults, evacuation orders, local criminal activity, and other situations that require immediate dissemination of crucial information. You can use a cell phone or out of town/state as long as it is associated with your Edmond address. Sign up under "Communication Center."

If you haven't checked out the City of Edmond website lately, you really should. It is user-friendly and full of updated information that will make you even more glad your family chose Edmond, Oklahoma, to call home.

ENA Summit

Please join me at the Edmond Neighborhood Alliance Summit on Saturday, March 17, at the new convention center in Edmond. The center is on Covell on the east side of I-35. Not only is the facility fabulous, but you will have an opportunity to hear speakers from the city, as well as 2 Democrat and 2 Republican gubernatorial candidates !

The Summit begins with registration at 8:00 a.m. and ends at noon. Coffee and Danish pastries will be provided. Speakers will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the event is free! This will be a great day to learn about Edmond!!

Donna Friedberg