



FOREST OAKS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

President's Corner

Spring, 2020

Dear Friends,

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered their money and even more to those who donated their time to improve Forest Oaks. The entryway is maintained by volunteers. Neighborhood improvements are funded through voluntary dues, voted on at the two meetings per year, and implemented by volunteers. Thank you!

Neighbors appreciate the hard work everyone puts into their Christmas lights, yards, and homes every year helping maintain and drive up value for

themselves and the neighborhood as a whole.

As your neighbor, I realize that your time is as valuable (maybe sometimes more valuable) than your money and appreciate that so many of you are working to make our neighborhood a safer, more attractive, and just welcoming place to look forward to coming home to at the end of a long day.

Dwayne Page

Homeowners' Meeting, February 27th, 1905 Chaparral, 7 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 27th at 7:00 PM. The Forest Oaks HOA meeting will be held at 1905 Chaparral.

All residents are encouraged to attend, whether you have paid FOHOA dues or not. This is an opportunity to see how much the homeowners' association does to keep this neighborhood safe, well-kept, and well-informed.

The **neighborhood lighting**, the **entry area landscaping** and **snow/ice removal**, **recognition of beautiful lawns**, helping resi-

dents meet each other with **social events** and **directories**, **providing a delegate to the Edmond Neighborhood Alliance** which keeps us abreast of the goings on in Edmond that affect our property values, our **email updates**, a **website** and **newsletter** are just a few of the ways that you are benefiting from the FOHOA.

Please review the minutes from the previous October meeting on the website: fohoa.com.

The meeting is a great chance to meet your neighbors and see how decisions are made as well as give your input.

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Forest Oaks: What You Need To Know

Fred Rogers

Quote for the Day:

"I believe that appreciation is a holy thing...that when we look for what's best in a person we happen to be with at the moment, we're doing what God does all the time. So in loving and appreciating our neighbor, we're participating in something sacred."

Fred Rogers

Agenda

Forest Oaks Homeowners' Association

February 27, 2020

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Minutes
- Reports of Officers, Boards and Standing Committees
 - Treasurer's Report
 - 1. Auditing committee report
 - Officer-at-Large Report
 - Landscape Committee
- Reports of Special Committees
 - Streetlight Committee
- Unfinished Business
 - Street Sweeper
 - Hazardous Waste Disposal
 - Garage Sale
- New Business
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December Yard of the Month

Our December **Yard-of-the-Month** winners were Jim and Victoria Swenson at 1816 Rosedale Dr. We had many beautifully-decorated houses this year and it was difficult to decide on just one. Victoria was extremely excited to have the Yard of the Month sign placed in their yard.

Yard of the month awards will resume again in May. Thanks for keeping Forest Oaks beautiful.

Treasurer's Report by Shelia Brown

Forest Oaks has 223 residences and 2 empty lots. As of this report, 120 have paid the minimum HOA dues of \$50.00 per year. We have a small number of residents who increase their contribution. Some of those double the amount and some exceed that level. Without the generosity of a few, we would not be able to meet our budget obligations throughout the year. Take a moment to consider that the \$50.00 annual dues is roughly the cost for a family to eat out just once. Information on our financials will be presented at the February HOA meeting.

In the last few years we have been able to increase the beauty of our entrance with more perennial plants and the Christmas decorations. These just keep getting better every year. This year we will change out several original streetlights from wooden to decorative. These changes and our ongoing sidewalk repair initiative help keep our neighborhood beautiful and desirable. **(Editor's note: Street lights AND electricity, 1/3 cost of sidewalk repairs, 100% cost of entry upkeep and Christmas lights are paid by YOUR FOHOA dues.)**

Here's what I'd like to share with all the residents of Forest Oaks. We're working with almost the same amount of money we collected 5 years ago! We could do so much more if we had more participants.

Think about asking your neighbor if they are a member of the HOA. If not, encourage them to join.

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.

Each year your officers meet to make plans and take suggestions on how to improve our neighborhood which will benefit every homeowner in the addition. If you haven't been a member of the HOA, now would be a good time to get involved.

HOPE Center Family Christmas

by LaVonne Stickrod

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who participated in providing for the family FOHOA sponsored. Each year I am reminded of how fortunate we are to live in a safe neighborhood and to be blessed with caring neighbors. The three children received their wish lists as well as clothing. The parents got their wish of a Christmas tree with ornaments, as well as stockings for each of the children. The wrapped presents were an immediate light in the kids' eyes. The thoughtful contribution of multiple gift cards provided them the path to future food and clothing. It takes so little from us to make such a large difference in others' lives. Let's try to continue the giving spirit throughout 2020.

Ways to Keep Forest Oaks a Great Place to Live

WHY YOU SHOULD **NOT** BLOW LEAVES AND GRASS CLIPPINGS INTO THE STREET!

The City of Edmond provided this information to us from their department of Code Enforcement.

Here are some reasons why this is not the best practice for dealing with yard wastes.

The leaves or grass clippings are a **safety hazard**. Because there is no way of knowing the road conditions under the leaves, bicyclists that use this route are forced to go out into the driving lanes to pass this obstacle.

An act as simple as blowing grass or leaves into the roadway can have a huge impact on you, your lawn care company, and any motorcyclist who may slip on grass or leaves you sent into the road. **You could be sued for negligence if an accident occurs.**

The waste can **block storm drains**. Try watching a storm drain inlet covered in leaves in a rainstorm. It only takes a few leaves to back up the water into a large puddle. This **creates nuisance flooding** and can potentially cause an additional safety hazard. It can even lead to **property damage**.

Water quality is also affected by the accumulation of decayed leaves in storm drains. Storm water is not treated before it is discharged into Lake Arcadia or our groundwater, so the concentration of nutrients in the leaves has the potential to **contribute to algae blooms** in the summer.

It is illegal! Fines for this type of offense for a first violation begin at **\$260.00**

Additionally, blowing or disposing of leaves in a creek is illegal in Edmond.

Recommendations for a Better Forest Oaks

- ◆ If you have a roofer's or remodeler's sign in your yard, please remove it in a timely manner. These signs appear to be "for sale" signs at first glance and are confusing to potential home buyers.
- ◆ Be considerate of your neighbors who may want to sell their homes. Keep your yard, street and property cleaned up and in good repair. The appearance of individual homes affects the value of the entire neighborhood.
- ◆ Keep vehicles out of the streets as much as possible. Crowded streets are hazardous and devalue neighborhoods.
- ◆ If you have a decorative street light in your yard, you are responsible for trimming branches that obscure the light. Please contact an officer of the HOA if you cannot do it.
- ◆ For the safety of walkers, please trim tree branches up about 7 feet above the sidewalk. This is the ADA recommendation.

Edmond Sanitation/Recycling 2020

Trash Pick-up: Monday (weekly)

Sanitation Department: 359-4541

Recycling Pick-up: Every other Monday (out by 7:00 a.m.) beginning Jan. 12, 2020

Household Hazardous Waste:
800-499-7587 – Free with Edmond service.

For Holiday Trash and Recycling Pick-up schedule, visit <http://gis.edmondok.com/addresslocator/calendar.pdf>

Door-side Collection and Drop-Off options are available. You may call for a kit or visit wmatyourdoor.com.

Monthly Bulk Pick-up: First full week of each month on Tuesday. Schedule 24 hours in advance by calling 359-4541. There is an additional charge.

Electronic waste: Schedule with wmatyourdoor.com.

New information!

Recycling Information

Recycling Tips

Please read for recent changes.

Place your recycling container at the curb by 7:00 a.m. every other Monday.

Place all types of recyclables together without sorting (except shredded paper).

If it looks like rain, close the lid on your container. Wet paper products cannot be recycled.

Rinse plastic and aluminum and remove lids.

Rinse aluminum and metal cans.

Acceptable Recyclable Items – All items should be empty, clean and dry before placing them in your recycling container.

Plastics – Recycle **plastics #1 and #2**. Look for a number inside the recycling arrows on the bottom of containers.

Metal & Aluminum Cans – Recycle all food and beverage metal cans – steel, tin and bi-metal.

Cardboard, Newspaper and Magazines – Recycle newspaper inserts, catalogues, paperback books, phone books, corrugated cardboard and brochures.

Paper Food Containers – Recycle food boxes, cereal boxes and pasta boxes.

Paper – Recycle envelopes, office paper, junk mail, greeting cards & file folders. Shredded paper should be placed in a paper bag and folded over to close.

Items Which Can Not Be Recycled

Appliances

Coat Hangers

Wood/yard waste

Batteries

Electrical cords

Food waste

Bubble wrap

Stuffed animals

Food wrap

Glass bottles/jars

Polystyrene foam

Garden hoses

Plastics #3 - #7

Syringes/razor blades

Plastic bags

Aluminum foil

Tires

Rubber balls

Christmas lights

Waxed cartons

Sports equipment

Other Sanitation Tips

Place trash cart within 1 foot of curb on scheduled collection day.

Leave 3-foot minimum between cart/other objects and 15 feet from cars.

2nd and 3rd carts may be obtained for additional monthly charge.

Break down boxes & limbs so they fall freely from cart into truck.

Don't dispose of following in cart: rocks, dirt, concrete, hot fireplace ashes, construction debris, hazardous chemicals, motor oil, liquid paints, explosives, tires, or any material or substance that is harmful to equipment or personnel.

Waste material that does not fit in cart may be placed in blue Edmond city-coded bags (available at several Edmond stores) or scheduled for bulk pick up.

House-side service is available at an additional cost for individuals with a medical reason.

Transfer Station will accept larger items that you can haul yourself. Located off I-35 at Covell Rd (follow signs). Take your utility bill with you for a better rate. Mon-Fri: 8AM-5PM and Sat 8AM-12 noon.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Acceptable Hazardous Waste Items

Paint and paint products
 Herbicides
 Rust removers
 Aerosols
 Batteries (household AA, A, D, auto, hearing aid, etc.)
 Automotive chemicals
 Fluorescent tubes
 Chlorine bleach
 Drain openers
 Lubricants
 Used motor oil/filters
 Pesticides
 Cleaners
 Antifreeze
 Gasoline
 Corrosive chemicals
 Sharps & needles/syringes
 Tube televisions

Items that Cannot be Accepted for Household Hazardous Waste

Biological Waste
 Radioactive materials
 Ammunition
 Explosives
 Fire Extinguishers
 Gas Cylinders
 Commercial Chemicals
 Containers over 5 gallons
 Unlabeled or unknown items
 Asbestos
 Medication
 Cooking Oil
 Incandescent & LED light bulbs

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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.