

FOREST OAKS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

President's Corner

October, 2018

Of the 225 homes in Forest Oaks, HOA participation rate is consistently between 59-70%. I think of it more as an approval rate rather than the actual money it represents. What is there to approve? Our HOA is completely funded by the voluntary annual dues and your personal contributions. The entry is a main recipient of funds, and it has looked particularly great this year. Marc and Elaine Weinmeister, Patti Taylor and Jim Hargis, Mark Gleason, Joe Strubhart, Marilynn Kettner, Jo Ann Miller, Jan and Jarrette Mankin, Mike & Terri Liskey, and Layne Maestas and boys have generously donated their time, talent, and sweat to improve and maintain the entryway. Thank you to all those who have helped! The volunteer time helps save money for other things like sidewalks, street lighting, and the neighborhood web site, http://fohoa.com.

When you visit <u>fohoa.com</u>, you will find the by-laws, covenants, meeting minutes, Ad Valorem tax calculator, and other relevant info, and it is a convenient place to pay dues or make suggestions.

We hosted an ice cream social on September 4 in the Bent Twig Circle cul-de-sac. I think the big winners were the 10 to15 kids who participated. They had a great time thanks to the fun games provided by the Maestas family and it worked out pretty well for the adults, too, despite the weather. Thanks to everyone who brought good things to eat and the Maestas boys for their great attitude, lemonade stand, and toy sharing!

Homeowners' Meeting October 29th, 7:00 pm 1709 Running Branch Rd.

The Fall, 2018 meeting of the Forest Oaks Homeowners' Association will be held on Monday, October 29th at 1709 Running Branch Rd. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. and will cover issues important to you, such as an update on the empty lot near Bryant, election of officers, 2018 budget review and vote on proposed 2019 budget, 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 FOHOA operates and may just meet some new friends. **Minutes from the February**, **2018 meeting can be reviewed at fohoa.com before the meeting**.

Opportunities to get involved in FOHOA: **sign maker** for our entry board, **social committee chairman** (new position), **street light captain** (coordinates any new installations), **block captains** for upper & lower Running Branch Rd.

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Forest Oaks: What You Need To Know

Barking Dogs

Unfortunately, we have had some complaints this year about barking dogs in the neighborhood. Please be aware that this is a city violation & can be reported to the city of Edmond. Often, though, these can be resolved in a friendly way by just talking with your neighbors. There is a nonemergency phone number to the police that you can use if necessary: 359-4494. If you are concerned about the welfare of an animal, you can call Animal Welfare at 216-7615.

Forest Oaks HOA Meeting 10/29/18

- I. Call to Order
- **II.** Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees
 - **A.** Approval of February Minutes
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - **C.** Landscape Committee Report
 - **III.** Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees
 - **A.** Report about entry property
 - IV. Special Orders
 - **V**. Officer elections Proposed Slate of Officers

President: Dwayne Page Vice-President: Warren Stickrod Secretary: Elaine Weinmeister Treasurer: Shelia Brown Officer-at-Large: Donna Friedberg

- VI. Unfinished Business
- VII. New Business
- **A.** Presentation of Proposed 2019 Budget

VIII. Adjourn

Occasionally we have auto break-ins or vandalism in our neighborhood. Keeping cars **off the streets** and in garages & keeping them **locked** helps us all NOT be known as an easy mark for these kinds of things. Also, bring bikes, toys, anything of value inside your gate or garage and always keep your garage door down. **Please say something if you see something!**

Forest Oaks 2019 Proposed Budget

We have <u>225</u> homes - <u>133</u> having paid 2018 annual dues of \$50 this year. Some residents increase their contribution to the Association. If sufficient funds are not available, some projects will be eliminated or funding reduced. Priorities include landscaping, utilities, mowing, maintenance, snow/ice removal.

- \$1,000.00 Landscape
- \$1,500.00 Mowing
- \$1,800.00 Snow/Ice Removal
- \$2,500.00 Utilities
- \$380.00 Newsletter/Postage/ Supplies
- \$75.00 Directories/Postage
- \$100.00 ENA Dues
- \$200.00 Misc. Repairs, Maintenance, Vandalism
- \$100.00 Island Maintenance, equipment
- \$50.00 Neighborhood Garage Sale
- \$50.00 Holiday Décor (entrance)
- \$50.00 Sponsor Needy Family Christmas
- \$50.00 Welcome Packet
- \$150.00 Yard of the Month
- \$100.00 PayPal Website and Maintenance
- \$200.00 Social Events

\$8,305.00 Total

\$3,250.00 Sidewalks/Island
Improvements (Diminishing Fund)

Welcome to Forest Oaks!

New Neighbors in 2017

Timothy Gunter Bent Twig Rd
Louis & Ann Guerrant Bent Twig Rd
Michael & Terri Liskey Bent Twig Rd
Lauryn and John Roswell Bent Twig Cir
Jennifer & Jeremy Wilhm Chaparral Ln.
Jason & Anna Martin Rosedale Dr.
Jose Flores & Kasey Gomez Running Branch
Rd.

Jeffrey & Katrina Uhis Running Branch Rd.

New Neighbors in 2018

Jaron & Layne Maestas Bent Twig Cir.
James & Nicole Bolinger Bent Twig Cir. Maggi Williams Chaparral Ln. Stephen & Angie Schexnayder Chaparral Ln. Matthew & Monica Holata Chaparral Ln. Christopher Steven McKitrick Chaparral Ln. Ty Anthony & Jodie Ann Hodges Chaparral Ln. Raintree Rd. Rex & Brandy Farmer Blue Leader Investments Ridgecrest Karla Kay & Bennie Richard Heird Rosedale Jon Roberts Running Branch Rd. Darren & Jill Garvin Running Branch Rd. Justin Pope Running Branch Rd. Zachary & Whitney Coshow Woodland Rd.

Yards of the Month

2101	Bent Twig Road	Zac & Julie McCoy	YOM May
2020	Ridgecrest	Jarrod & Kelly Heaton	YOM June
2025	Woodland	Kevin & Paula Ponce	YOM July
1717	Chaparral	Steve & Marilyn Kettner	HM July
2112	Melody	Steve & Clydene Marshall	HM July
2112	Raintree	James & Tracey Arledge	HM July
2017	Raintree	Jerry & Gloria Sunderland	HM July
1901	Ridgecrest	Shelia Brown	HM July
1800	Running Branch	Jeff Watkins	HM July
2017	Running Branch	Donna Friedberg	HM July
1921	Singingwood	Larry & Brenda Price	HM July
1913	Ridgecrest	Wilson & Teri McWhirter	YOM Aug
2012	Ridgecrest	Earl & Peggy Stewart	HM Aug
1701	Ridgecrest	Otto & Edith Frank	HM Aug
1820	Rosedale	Jim Hargis & Patti Taylor	HM Aug
1909	Rosedale	Randy & Diann Moran	HM Aug
1805	Running Branch	Robin Fields	HM Aug
1917	Running Branch	Jarrette & Jan Mankin	HM Aug
1917	Singingwood	Karl & Sheri Stickley	HM Aug
1805	Woodland	Kim Lotspeich	HM Aug

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.

Neighborhood Projects Bring Us Together

HOPE Center

Our neighborhood will again be sponsoring a family or two from the HOPE Center in Edmond. LaVonne and Warren Stickrod have taken on this project for several years and usually we have donations of gift cards, cash and wrapped gifts. Please be thinking of how you might be able to help a family this year.

There will be more information forthcoming on the message board on the entry island and in email messages. Thank you in advance.

Little Free Library

There is now a Little Free Library installed on Bent Twig Circle thanks to Layne Maestas. She said they had one in their neighborhood in Tulsa. Feel free to gather up any books (adult or children) that you'd like to donate and drop them by. This is a freestanding library for our neighborhood to enjoy—what a wonderful way for our neighbors to share books!

These are the things that make a great neighborhood even better!

Sidewalk Improvement Project

At the Spring, 2018 meeting of our HOA, we voted to establish a Sidewalk Improvement Fund to help neighbors pay for sidewalk repair. If you have not visited the website (fohoa.com) or given us your e-mail address you may be unaware. This project is one **MORE** way FOHOA tries to maintain the quality and appeal of Forest Oaks.

Please contact the city of Edmond at 348-8830 to see if your sidewalk qualifies for the program. The city will pay for 2/3 of the cost to repair and charge you 1/3. Our fund will cover your cost, if funds are still available. This project is on a first come, first served basis. Contact Shelia Brown, at 341-1243 if you've been approved by the city of Edmond.

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Want To Get Involved?

We really are a fun bunch, so here are some ways you can join us . . .

Email addresses

Please share your e-mail address with the HOA. Messages come through one officer & are only sent when an issue is important, but e-mail allows for more frequent communication with instant delivery & saves on postage when we deliver newsletters via email.

Here are actual instances where email helped in Forest Oaks:

- 1. Allowed one resident to find lost kevs.
- 2. Notified owners of lost pets
- 3. Delivered our neighborhood directory, newsletters, etc.
- 4. Notified neighbors of community events.

If you are not receiving FOHOA alerts, we do 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 FOHOA. Send e-mail addresses to: eweinmeister@gmail.com.

fohoa.com

Fohoa.com has some good information on HOA finances, meeting minutes as well as a way to reach board members, consult our FOHOA bylaws, read newsletters & more. Dues, which are only \$50 and due by February 1st, can be paid through the website beginning January 1, 2019.

nextdoor.com

Nextdoor.com is a great resource for finding out what is going on in your neighborhood, getting updates from the city, getting referrals and much more. It is easy to set boundaries so that you are receiving notifications from the area that you are interested in and can receive the notifications as often as you choose.

Fall Entry Workday

The Landscaping committee works to present a wonderful first impression of Forest Oaks. We feel our entry has been attractive this year, and we extend our thanks to everyone who helped us plant, weed, water, transplant, prune & pick up trash!!! You have done a fantastic job!

With the change of season, we will hold a fall planting day on Saturday, October 27 at 9 a.m. Come ready to plant annuals, remove annuals (if we haven't already done it) and pull weeds. Bring your garden gloves, shovels, trowels, brooms, & good attitude. Time for fall color!!