

President's Corner

Spring, 2022



FOREST OAKS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

Dear Neighbors,

We sincerely hope everyone made it through the latest winter storm safely and warm. As the snow is melting from our much-needed precipitation and you start to venture back out, we wanted to update you on the recent work of our homeowners' association.

The streetlight tree trimming safety project was completed. The city installed a new light pole on the entrance road to replace one that was run over in December. The city is also in the process of installing two replacement light poles on Running Branch for added safety and security.

You might have noticed the sidewalk repairs that have been accomplished; another win for safety. Thank you to the Humes for making that sidewalk repair at their home.

Also, as discussed in our October meeting, we got the new lights installed in the entrance island. We were going to purchase red, white, and blue lights to wrap the tree for patriotic holidays, but we ended up getting multi-color programmable lights so

we can celebrate many more different holidays and special causes.

We sincerely hope everyone has an enjoyable, safe, and happy year and we look forward to seeing you at our online meeting in February.

Sincerely,

Stephen Schexnayder

President,

Forest Oaks HOA



Homeowners' Meeting on February 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 24th at 7:00 PM. The FOHOA meeting will be held via Microsoft Meeting — For those unfamiliar with Meeting, you will find it similar to Zoom and can access it through the link below.

All residents are encouraged to attend, whether you have paid FOHOA dues or not. Members are those who have paid 2022 dues and are

entitled to vote on agenda items. This is a great chance to see how the association operates to keep our neighborhood safe, well-kept, and well-informed.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss updates on projects such as street lighting, the entry area maintenance, Yards of the Month and hear about developments in Edmond and how they could affect our home values.

There will be reports of ongoing projects and a chance to put faces with names you may have heard or seen. We look forward to your input.

Minutes from the previous meeting are on the website for your review: fohoa.com

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Meeting Link

<https://teams.live.com/join/9316593382894>

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Please Share Your E-mail Address

Our newsletter only comes out twice a year, but our neighborhood is really very active. If you are not on our e-mail list, you are missing out on messages regarding events, pets, neighborhood crime, lost or found property, food trucks and neighborhood events.

We do NOT spam or share your address. Messages come through one officer, Elaine Weinmeister and her email address is eweinmeister@gmail.com.

This is a service to you as a resident of this neighborhood, **whether or not** you are a paid member of the FOHOA (as are many of the benefits that residents enjoy from the association.)

Forest Oaks Homeowners' Association

February 24, 2022

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - A) 2021 Year-End Summary
 - B) Audit Report
 - C) Expenses to Date
- IV. Special Committees
 - A. Officer-at-Large
 - B. Streetlights
 - C. Yard-of-the-Month
 - D. Landscape
 - E. Flagpole update
- V. New Business
 - A. Food trucks
 - B. Garage Sale
 - C. Volunteers to spread salt.
- VI. Adjourn

HOA

Officers for 2022

Pres. - Stephen Schexnayder

719-351-6781

V.P. - Warren Stickrod

405-330-2888

Sec. - Elaine Weinmeister

405-340-6242

Treas. - Shelia Brown

405-550-9885

Officer-at-Large - Miles Hall

405-850-0334

Forest Oaks from My View

My husband, Joe, walks our dog every morning and two days a week our grandson, Hunter, joins them.

Hunter is 4 and has grown up during the pandemic. He loves talking to anyone who will listen to him. Poor kid is only around his parents, grandparents and baby brother these days and he has a lot to say!

We are absolutely touched at how many neighbors stop and talk to Hunter. Some really listen, talk about

his interests, his Marvel t-shirt or whatever he is interested in that day. One neighbor taught him to throw a frisbee! Another gave him a flag when she realized that he loves flags. The list really goes on and on. Just such sweet gestures from this neighborhood.

I am sure your life is also full of small gestures from your neighbors and friends, too. During this time of stress and isolation, we really need to

Kristi

both be the people reaching out and looking for the little ways to improve someone else's life. I am praying daily for our medical workers, first responders, educators and others whose work is affected by this pandemic.

I think my next step is to start sending handwritten, unsigned thank you notes to hospitals, schools, pharmacies, etc. It is not a lot, but it is something I can do that might encourage someone else. kls

Hope Center Family Delivery

As I state every year, I truly love our neighborhood! Not only is it fun for me to organize and deliver, it's so much fun to see and talk with neighbors throughout our neighborhood that I don't get to overlap with during the year. It's a wonderful feeling to know others living here share the same experience we do good neighbors with a caring heart.

The family was so appreciative! We took them the Pizza Hut triple deal meal for their dinner when we made the presents delivery. Mom, Grandma, D'Shawn, and Harmony assisted us in carrying in all the gifts. What we might take for granted can never be taken for granted by those in need of assistance. So little can mean so much to anyone. For this single mother to know her children will have a memorable Christmas is a heavy burden lifted from her shoulders and one we can easily carry! We were able to bond, also, over both having had premature babies. Harmony is a pistol and no doubt was at early birth!

It's mentioned every year we could possibly sponsor two families. My personal desire, when doing this, is to give one family a Christmas that they will never forget and one that, with the gift cards donated, will take them into the New Year with renewed hope for a brighter future.

Thank you one and all,

LaVonne Stickrod

Forest Oaks 2022 Budget

We have 223 homes (plus 1 empty lot) with 85 (about 38%) having paid 2022 annual dues of \$50 per year thus far. Some residents do increase their contribution to the HOA. If sufficient funds are not available, some projects will be eliminated or funding reduced. Priorities include landscaping, utilities, mowing, maintenance, and snow/ice removal.

Yard Of The Month

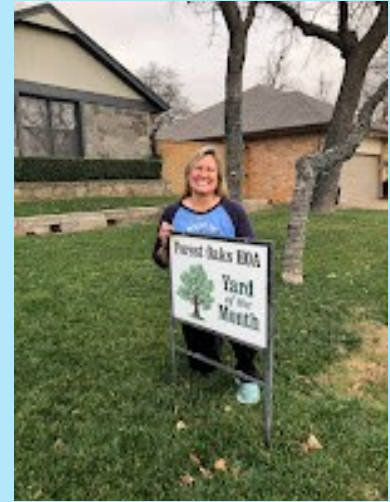
Our Yard-of-the-Month winner for December is the home of Jim and Victoria Swenson, 1816 Rosedale Drive. Thank you for an awesome exhibit!

Runners up are Stephen & Angie Schexnayder at 1908 Chaparral Lane, and Kim Lotspeich at 1805 Woodland Rd.

Thank you to our YOM committee, Marilynn Kettner and Rochelle Wag-
oner.

Forest Oaks Homeowners' Association awards 5 gift cards (\$30 each) for Yard of the Month, for the months of May, June, July, August and December. The extra bonus is having the sign in your yard for all your neighbors to see!

Thank you for everyone who works so hard to maintain your home and yard in our neighborhood. And, as an aside, if you ever find yourself needing assistance, call the HOA. Someone will be glad to help you.



FOHOA DUES

Forest Oaks Homeowners' dues requests have been mailed or emailed and the annual dues of \$50 are due now.

For new neighbors and those who do not understand how important this small donation is to our neighborhood, following are a few of the services these dues provide:

- 1) All of the plants, water, electricity and maintenance costs of the entry island;
- 2) Mowing and maintenance of the north side of the entry area;

3) De-icing treatment of the entry area before inclement weather—our entry area is not maintained by the city of Edmond;

4) The electricity to keep our street lighting on in the subdivision;

5) All mailing costs of dues reminders and newsletters to homes without e-mail capabilities;

6) Gift cards for winners of Yards of the Month;

7) The FOHOA.com website and PayPal account;

8) Hanging/Removal of entry Christmas

Lights—we own the lights;

9) Replacement of old street lights with decorative lights, as possible;

10) Repairs, vandalism cleanup at entry, as needed.

You may not be aware, but you have benefited from YOUR homeowners' association, *whether or not you have paid dues*. Our dues are minimal compared to other associations in the area. Please send your share to Shelia Brown at 1901 Ridgecrest or put in the metal box on her porch. You can also pay on **FOHOA.com/pay-dues**.

You have no idea
what people are dealing
with in their personal
lives so just be nice, it's
that simple.



Would You Like to Volunteer?

Our homeowners' association can always use volunteers. There are some simple things that you can do to serve our neighborhood and help save money for our association. It's a great way to meet your neighbors or have a family project! Here's a sample of ways you can be involved:

- ◆ Pick up trash along the entryway
- ◆ Select yards for the Yard-of-the-Month committee
- ◆ Schedule food trucks periodically in Forest Oaks
- ◆ Stuff newsletters for mailing
- ◆ Weed or help with seasonal planting at the entry
- ◆ Spray weeds in the entry sidewalk and entry island gutters
- ◆ Clean leaves out of gutters near street drains (and dispose of these in trash, not in the drain)
- ◆ Clean gutters with debris and leaves in front of your own home (which is a homeowner responsibility in Edmond)
- ◆ Host a block party on your street
- ◆ Consider being an officer in the HOA

You may have other creative ways to enhance Forest Oaks. Please contact an officer with any suggestions you have.

Forest Oaks Directory Information

This year, the HOA will produce a new directory with neighbor information for dues-paying members only.

Please submit your updated information online at the fohoa.com website or send in a paper form.

You may send the information (and your dues) to Shelia Brown, 1901 Ridgecrest Rd., Edmond, OK 73013.

You will notice that there is a place to add information for your children, if they want to provide services such as babysitting, pet care, mail pick up, or lawncare. If your children want to provide these services to neighbors to earn a little money, please complete this section on the form.

The list will be provided to residents upon request. *Since this is sensitive information, it will not be sent via email.*

The directory is strictly for neighborhood use and cannot be reproduced for any other purpose.

fohoa.com

fohoa.com is a great resource to find copies of minutes, back issues of newsletters, contact information for officers, and a great deal more. Check it out when you have an opportunity.

It is an easy way to pay dues and/or make a contribution, too.

Treasurer's Report

February 2022

Shelia Brown, Treasurer

Forest Oaks Homeowners' Association (FOHOA) serves to help keep our beautiful neighborhood safe, maintain property values, create an award-worthy entrance, ingress and egress viability during weather events, provide extra lighting in dark areas, communicate with municipal authorities when necessary, and send out emails to help locate missing pets, etc. The list could go on and on with testimonies about how the HOA has assisted Forest Oaks homeowners in various ways.

This is only possible when we come together as a collective group with a common goal. Saying all this, I want to thank everyone who has participated in this endeavor by paying a minimum dues amount of \$50.00 per year. That amounts to one dinner at a restaurant for most, but when combined as a whole, we are able to accomplish all that is mentioned above.

The FOHOA has more plans to beautify the entrance in 2022. Be looking for some additions to the front entrance which will bring home buyers into our neighborhood to hopefully purchase their forever home.

As of this mailing, we have collected 85 out of 224 homes in Forest Oaks. Some have doubled their dues payment and others have been extremely generous, which allows us to continually upgrade our neighborhood.

If you haven't yet paid your 2022 dues you may do so with PayPal located on our website at fohoa.com and click on the "Pay Dues" tab. As always, if you prefer to pay by check, just drop it in the mail to Shelia Brown, Treasurer, 1901 Ridgecrest. Rd., Edmond, OK 73013. Make your check payable to Forest Oaks HOA. I also have a small drop box by my front door if you would like to hand deliver.



Last summer, Joe & I had our first real garden. We have a cabin in Ripley and converted a pen into a garden, put fencing above the existing panels to keep the deer out and set up a watering system.

We planted potatoes, onions, okra, squash, cantaloupe, watermelon, tomatoes, bell peppers, several kinds of hot peppers, pole beans and bush beans, cucumbers, and I am sure there was more.

We learned so much:

- 1) Missing one week of picking, weeding or maintaining can put you behind forever. We visited our kids in Chicago and the weeds were knee high from then on!
- 2) Your crop can be taken out in no time if you get bugs so you have to keep vigilant. We will be planting companion plants to help keep this problem this year (and I learned the life cycle of potato bugs early on!)
- 3) We needed to plant our crop rows further apart.
- 4) We will only plant what we like. It is a pain to pick and process what we are only going to be trying to give away.
- 5) We can't wait to do it again! kls

FOREST OAKS HOA

1913 Chaparral Ln.
Edmond, OK 73013

We're on the Web!

FOHOA.com

Nextdoor.com

Nextdoor.com is a great resource for finding out what is going on in your neighborhood, getting updates from the city, looking for 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.



Purpose of the Association

- 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.