

# Forest Glade Estates HOA Newsletter

## September, 2016



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Upcoming HOA Activities		
Fall BBQ	Sun. 10/2/16 4-7 p.m.	Creek Rd. (west end)
Board Meeting	Mon. 10/10/16 7-9 p.m.	1733 Old Tower Rd
Holiday Open House	Sun. 12/11/16 4-7 p.m.	Volunteers Wanted!

the guitarists, Chris Carter, is the development director at the Bankhead. We will hold the BBQ at the west end of Creek Rd by the tennis courts. The HOA will supply grilled meat and beverages. Homeowners are asked to bring a dish to share. This is always a great time, please plan to attend. Tim and Kevin get a night off for a change!



### Fall BBQ with special musical guests The LK Project!

Our annual fall BBQ is just around the corner, scheduled for Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-7 p.m. This year we have a special treat, live music from The LK Project (<http://thelkproject.com>)! Their performance is the generous gift of homeowners Elizabeth and Wesley Arnold, who won the performance in a live auction supporting the Bankhead Theater downtown. One of

### Landscaping Parties Rock!

Two of the great rewards of living in Forest Glade Estates are our lush mature landscaping and our sense of community with our neighbors. Following the landscaping survey sent out with the ballots this summer we have had two mid-week landscaping parties that have both brought the neighbors together and beautified our common spaces. For the effort of a couple of hours of light gardening, all the participants have enjoyed meeting other neighbors and been provided with a picnic dinner. All signs point to this

activity becoming a regular and welcome activity for all. Please plan to attend them in the future! Note that our regular monthly landscaping parties continue on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at the Island at the west end of Old Tower - See Len Abert for more info.

### **Holiday Open House Volunteers Needed**

The annual Holiday Open House is the premier event for the neighborhood and a great chance to meet your neighbors in the full spirit of the holidays. Each year we have two or three of our homes volunteer to host a movable feast. This year it will be on Sunday December 11 from 4-7 p.m. We are seeking volunteer hosts now! If you are willing to host one of the gatherings then please contact one of the board members. The HOA supplies beverages and supplies to each host, and the homeowners provide a potluck holiday feast so the effort to host is mostly your hospitality!



### **Neighborhood Security**

By and large Forest Glade Estates is a very safe neighborhood, as was recently confirmed by Livermore Police Detective Michael Trudeau and Sargent John Reynolds at our August board meeting. Crime in Livermore is low by regional standards and our neighborhood is particularly low in crime. In addition to their watchful eyes, the city has assigned two officers to our area in town. You can contact them directly with any concerns. They are

Officer Matthew Ishmael  
(925) 294-7515  
[mishmael@cityoflivermore.net](mailto:mishmael@cityoflivermore.net)

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Even so it is everyone's responsibility to be on the lookout for crime and safety concerns. Two topics for discussion this month are homeless encampments in the Arroyo and mail theft. Homeless encampments in the Arroyo are a chronic issue for Livermore and can lead to localized crime. If you spot an encampment then contact LPD dispatch non-emergency number at (925) 371-4987 and they will take action. The officers notify the encampment residents that they have 3 days to pack up and leave and monitor progress. While this is not a cure-all it does put the transient population on notice that they are in violation of the law. We are warned there may be a spike in Arroyo encampments this fall when a major encampment by Home Depot will be evicted, sending the residents looking for new places to live.

We have had some instances of opportunistic mail theft this year in the neighborhood. Your best defense is to bring in your mail promptly. Mail is taken from a mailbox and often tossed close by, missing any valuable pieces. One way to combat this is to lock your mailbox. It will at least deter casual mail theft. Several homeowners have installed padlocks on their mailboxes that the mail carrier locks after the mail is delivered. Another option is to install a USPS approved locking insert into your mailbox. One insert that fits our boxes and installs with a single bolt is the small size found at this link. You can see it installed at 1733 Old Tower Rd.

[http://www.mailboxnet.com/mailbox\\_accessories.html](http://www.mailboxnet.com/mailbox_accessories.html)

### **HOA Board Meetings**

The HOA board meetings are open to all homeowners to attend and voice concerns (or praise!), and light refreshments are provided. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at a board member's home. They are announced in the newsletter and on the website. No meetings are typically held in December or January. The next meeting will be October 10<sup>th</sup> at Wayne Miller's home at 1733 Old Tower Rd.

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