

# Forest Glade Estates HOA Newsletter

## April, 2018



Upcoming HOA Activities		
Board Meeting	Tue 4/17/18 7-9 p.m.	Peter Haugen 982 Mendenhall Dr.
Annual Meeting	Sat 6/2/18 4-7 p.m.	Jean Shuler's Driveway 1804 Old Tower Rd.

### Needed (Seriously)!!! FGE Board Candidates



Each year we solicit the homeowners to ask you to participate as a candidate for the FGE board. New candidates are always needed to allow turnover, and this year we have at least two members retiring from service. The board meets monthly, and the only requirement is a sense of community spirit. The board is necessary by our by-laws but participation is voluntary. It also gives you the possibility to voice your concerns and hopes for how the neighborhood prospers and develops. Please consider running for a board position...your participation in the HOA is implicit in living here. If you are willing to run for the board then please contact any board member (see back page) by May 13th and your name will be added to the ballot. Ballots for the FGE board are coming out shortly after and results announced at the annual meeting June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Annual HOA Dues



The bill for the annual HOA dues will be mailed out in early July as usual. Please be sure to remit payment by the due date shown on your bill. Late payments will be assessed a 10% penalty in accordance with the HOA CC&Rs and by-laws.

### Annual Meeting June 2<sup>nd</sup>



Our annual meeting for 2018 will be Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Jean Shuler's driveway as always (thanks Jean!). This year we are excited to announce that our guest speaker will be Sarah Palmer, Board Member of the Zone 7 Water Agency. She will talk about the Medeiros Parkway projects and updates on the Arroyo development plans in our backyard. The Boys (Tim Barry & Kevin Gunn) will play, pizza and pot luck dinner and refreshments will be provided. The agenda also includes an update on our HOA activities and the announcement of the new board of directors. Watch for coming announcements.

### Newest Neighbors



It's been a busy season for families moving in to our neighborhood. Please welcome them!

Tyler & Jamie Olson	1729 Creek Rd.
Brenda & Steve Madsen	1751 College Ave.
Molly Dodge	1850 Old Tower Rd.
Tracey & Paul Esling	1784 Creek Rd.
David Benson	1995 Creek Rd.
Nathan Hallquist	845 Kingsbury Drive

## Let it Grow!



Our lovely green oasis of a neighborhood is defined in large part by our wonderful landscaping and amazing trees. Common areas, islands, walkways and streets are maintained by the HOA for everyone's enjoyment. Private homes are individually maintained to the owner's satisfaction and become part of the neighborhood palette.

Well maintained landscaping gives our neighborhood the appearance of being looked after, making it inviting to owners while deterring would-be criminals and vagrants. It also helps to substantially increase home values across the neighborhood and maintains our local environment by absorbing rain runoff, capturing dust and smoke, and blocking sound better than dry dirt, rock, or asphalt. These reasons are why a significant portion of our HOA dues each year go to maintaining the colorful islands and common spaces within our neighborhood. However, in addition to our common areas each of us has to do our part as well with our own yards.

If you are a natural green thumb who loves to take care of your own landscape, then go forth and garden! However if not, then many of our neighbors would be happy to recommend mow and blow gardener services for you, some of which only pay around \$20 a week to have their yards maintained year round. If ongoing cost is an issue there are also many websites dedicated to do-it-yourself, low-water usage landscaping options such as <http://trivalleywaterwise.com/> and <https://www.pinterest.com/explore/low-water-landscaping/>. If both cost and labor are an issue, some neighbors have elected to save up and have their yards remade into virtually maintenance free Xeriscaping or artificial turf types of yards.

### FGE Large Tree Incentive

Homeowners will be reimbursed \$200 for each large tree (40' or higher at maturity) planted. Contact the board for pre-approval of the tree. Limited to one tree per household per year.



The beauty and tranquility of our little piece of this world depends on each neighbor doing their part and following the neighborhood guidelines as well as the city's landscaping codes (Livermore City Code, Chapter 8.14.020.D). Please reach out to any board member or come to one of our regular board or neighborhood meetings if you would like to talk about landscaping options and resources. We would also be happy to help connect you with other neighbors who have recently redone their yards in a variety of designs and range of prices.

As an HOA we abide by the following minimum guidance:

Livermore City Code on Landscaping: 8.14.020.D

- <http://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Livermore/Municipal/Livermore08/Livermore0814.html#8.14.010>
- Cites it is illegal to have "Overgrown vegetation, dead or hazardous trees, weeds or other vegetation constituting unsightly appearance, dangerous to public safety and welfare or detrimental to neighboring properties or property values and visible from a public right-of-way."

Forest Glades CC&Rs:

- 7.10.d Lots must be maintained in accordance with reasonable community standards.
- 7.11 All landscaping shall be installed and maintained solely by the lot owners.

## New Path Lighting

To improve safety and comfort we have added footpath lighting along the interior path between Old Tower Rd. and the tennis court. This is an experiment while we find the right balance of light and aesthetics. Please take a look and let the board know how you like it. Thanks to Peter and Wren Haugen for the installation!



### 2017-2018 Board Members

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