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Forest Glade Estates

A Neighborhood Newsletter



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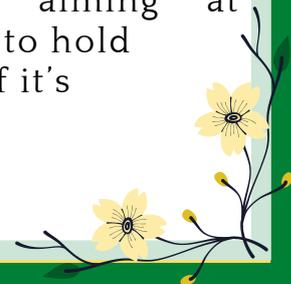
Photo: Tracey Esling

A Spring Greeting from the Board

Happy Spring!

We look around us at the signs of spring and feel thankful, despite fighting this pandemic. As such, the social events that we've enjoyed in the neighborhood in past years have been on hold until group get-togethers are allowable under county restrictions. As a reminder, last year the date of the annual board election changed from June to November; therefore, the election and annual meeting will take place this year in November. We are aiming at **Saturday, June 5th at 4 pm** to hold our annual summer social if it's allowed. Stay tuned!

Tim Barry, President



The next Board Meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 7 pm. The meeting was pushed back a week to accommodate those who might be out of town for Spring Break. Future Board meetings will occur on the first Monday of the month at 7 pm unless there is a holiday or other conflict. In those situations, alternative dates will be announced in advance.

Next Board Meeting (Zoom)
Monday
—April 12th—
7pm

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The Board Goes Virtual

Due to the continuing need to stay socially-distanced, the Board has purchased a Zoom subscription to facilitate members being able to participate in the Board meetings and other neighborhood events. An agenda and link will be provided via email ahead of the meetings.

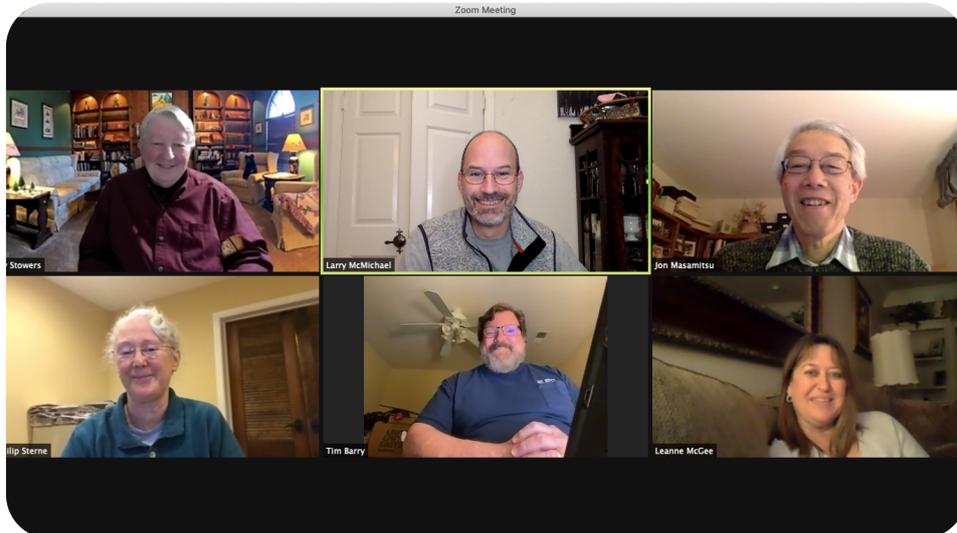
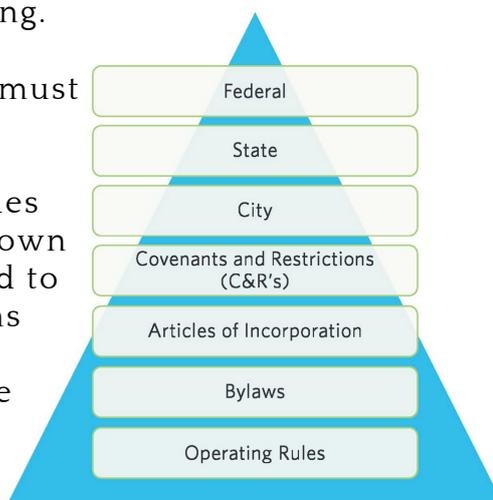


Photo: Larry McMichael

Election Rules Revision Committee Update

Our Election Rules Revision Committee completed its edits and sent the new document to homeowners in mid-March. Once passed, we must wait 90 days before starting any election. Later this year, we anticipate voting on new revisions to the Bylaws and CC&Rs as well as electing Directors in November after the current Board's one-year term expires. To that end, we ask that you offer **comments on the revisions by April 10th** to the FGE Board. The Board will vote on the proposed Election Rules at its April 12th meeting.

While these Election Rules must comply with state and local codes and our governing documents, the current codes have many "holes" that our own operating rules are intended to fill. During our two elections last winter, several issues were encountered that were not addressed by current codes or our Election Rules, such as resolving tie votes and procedures for holding a recount. In terms of which rules hold the most "power," our Operating Rules, such as for elections, are at the bottom of the hierarchy but are very important since they advise us how to conduct Association business.



Source: TahoeDonner.com

Board Election Recount

At our annual meeting on November 21st, the votes for the Board election were tallied and indicated a tie for the fifth position on the Board; however, a private recount was conducted afterwards which indicated the neighborhood had indeed elected five Board members. At the request of some homeowners, a second public recount was conducted on January 30th at the home of **Jean Shuler** by **Irving Stowers**, our current Inspector of Elections, which confirmed our current Board members.



Photo: Larry McMichael

Bylaws and CC&Rs Revision Committee Update

The Bylaws and CC&Rs Revision Committee has met multiple times and is composing a list of concerns that were the most contested in the previous version of the documents we voted down last December. They will be asking for help from the community to address these concerns.



THANK YOU

FOR CENTER ISLAND
LANDSCAPING

Patty
Stowers

FOR IRRIGATION
REPAIRS

Len Abert,
Peter Haugen,
& Mike
Johanssen

FOR REPLACING
THE TENNIS LOCK

Pat
Hallahan

FOR ACTING AS OUR
ELECTION POLL
WORKERS

Patty Stowers
& Jean Shuler



Welcome, New Neighbors!

The Board would like to extend a warm welcome to our new FGE neighbors, **Zachary and Heather Crawford**, who reside at 875 McGlinchey Drive.



Photo: Tracey Esling

Use Social Media for Recommendations

Some homeowners have requested that we use our FGE Facebook page or our Google Groups to offer recommendations for services such as tree trimming, pool cleaning, and more. To sign up for either of these platforms, click the icons to the right and request to be added. Thanks to **Tracey Esling** and **Heidii McMichael** for managing those communication hubs!



Updated Contact Information and Map

As an annual requirement and in response to recent legislation, the Board is in the process of developing a new form to collect updated homeowner and occupant contact details as well as an option for homeowners to keep their information private from other members.

Be on the lookout in the coming months for a request to send the Board your updated contact information so that future communications make their way to the correct recipients.

Landscaping Updates/Trees Program

The Board was excited to approve a request from **Freddy and Rose Hansen** for reimbursement of an Autumn Gold Ginkgo (45' height at maturity).

This is a wonderful place and time to remind all homeowners about two things:

- Please respect our ancestral trees. By the very nature of the name of our development—Forest Glade Estates—trees are enormously important, and all trimming of heritage trees should be done in order to preserve their grandeur and beauty.
- Plant a tree and earn \$200! The incentive for planting large trees (height greater than 40' at maturity) is still available to any homeowner who wishes to do so.

