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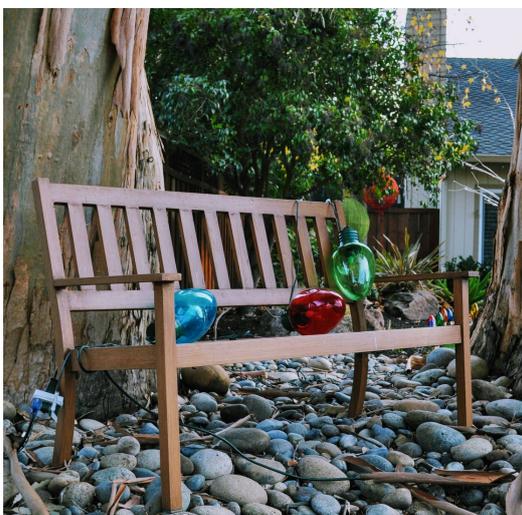
Forest Glade Estates

A Neighborhood Newsletter



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A New Year's Greeting from the Board

Happy New Year! I'm honored to have been elected President of your new Board, and we have already started serving this great neighborhood! 2020 has been a memorable year (good riddance, from my point of view!), not only for the national political turmoil, fires that destroyed forests and fouled our air, and this historic pandemic, but it was also a year that our neighborhood found itself divided over proposed revisions to our governing documents. Your votes for the Board and against the proposed Bylaws and CC&Rs give us direction. This next year, our Board will work with you to design updated Bylaws and CC&Rs for your consideration and vote that reflect what role we want the HOA to play in our daily lives in our neighborhood. Have a happy and safe New Year!

—Tim Barry, Board President

Next Board Meeting (Zoom)
Monday
—January 4th—
7pm

The next Board Meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, January 4, 2021, at 7 pm. 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.

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.

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Introducing Your New Board Members

President: Tim Barry

After working for 15 years as General Manager of Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, Tim retired a few years ago and enjoys playing music in his ample spare time.



Vice President: Jon Masamitsu

Jon is a native of southern California who moved to Livermore with his wife, Pam, in 1977. They raised two daughters in their FGE home and are enjoying retirement here.



Secretary: Larry McMichael

Larry is an engineer at LLNL and has lived in FGE since 2015. While 2020 has thrown several curveballs, he is thankful for more time with his wife and three daughters and enjoys getting to know his neighbors better.



Treasurer: Enda Sterne

You can find Enda walking the bike path with husband Phil and small dog Fergus. She is looking forward to a better 2021!



Board Member: Leanne McGee

Leanne has taught in Fremont for 28 years and lived in FGE since 2006. She thanks everyone for their votes and looks forward to serving our great community. She hopes that the New Year will bring happier times so we can all gather together in celebration and unity. She wishes you all the happiest of holidays! Stay safe and healthy!



Bylaws & CC&Rs Election Results

The recent vote tally on Saturday, December 19th, demonstrated an excellent neighborhood turnout with 67 out of 69 homeowners submitting ballots. However, the results showed that the members did not support either the proposed Bylaws (For: 31, Against: 36) or CC&Rs (For: 27, Against: 40). One of the Board's priorities for the new year is to address the original, outdated governing documents with the active participation and inclusion of all our FGE homeowners.

Election Rules Revision Committee Formed

The recent elections have identified some gaps in our current election rules. A committee was formed at the December Board meeting to propose procedures for conducting recounts, resolving tie votes, and other such issues. Members are Larry McMichael (chair), Leanne McGee, Enda Sterne, and Irving Stowers. If you have any questions about our elections, please contact the chair, Larry.



THANK YOU

FOR CC&RS AND
BYLAWS REVISION

Revision
Committee

FOR VOTING AND
SUPPORTING YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD

All FGE
residents

FOR ACTING AS OUR
ELECTION POLL WORKERS

Patty Stowers
& Jean Shuler

FOR PAST NEWSLETTER
& INSPECTOR OF ELECTIONS

Irving
Stowers

FOR MANAGING THE
FGE FACEBOOK PAGE

Tracey
Esling

FOR SERVING THEIR
COMMUNITY

2019-2020
Board
Members

FOR GARDENING AND
LANDSCAPING OVERSIGHT

Len Abert,
Peter Haugen, &
Jim Dremalas

FOR HOLIDAY BOWS
ON THE LAMP-POSTS AND
CREEK PATH ADVOCACY

Jim
Mackanic

FOR BEING OUR
CHAMPION OF TREES

George
Farquar

Seeking Newsletter Contributions

Since our events and activities have dwindled with COVID lockdowns recently, the opportunity for snapping some neighborhood photos has dwindled as well. Our new newsletter editor, Heidi McMichael, would love to open up the newsletter for submissions of neighborhood photos (flora, fauna, etc.), original poems of celebration, milestone events like graduations, or other contributions. Please email her at heidiimcmichael@gmail.com.



Post-Holiday FGE Gathering

Since the traditional Christmas Open House was cancelled this year due to the pandemic, the Board is considering ways to hold a post-holiday, socially-distanced gathering. The event would occur after the current spike in infections subsides and county restrictions ease. Other ideas might include organizing a neighborhood donation to a local charity. Any ideas you have for the event would be appreciated and can be emailed to the Board at ForestGladeEstates@outlook.com.



Stay Connected with Neighbors

Did you know we have a Forest Glade Estates Facebook page? On this site we have notices about social gatherings, including frequent music performances by our FGE residents. Thank you to Tracey Esling for acting as our Facebook page moderator.

And last spring when COVID caused us to shut down, we started a Google Group for sharing any extra fruit, vegetables, gently used toys, and seeds (really, pretty much anything you wouldn't mind sharing!). If you would like to be added to that Google group, please contact Heidi McMichael at heidiimcmichael@gmail.com.

