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Forest Glade Estates

A Neighborhood Newsletter



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A Winter Greeting from the Board

Our Forest Glade Estates HOA Board wishes you a Happy New Year!

Our goals this year include developing a prototype and costs for new mailbox enclosures (the little houses) for those homeowners who wish to change out their current mailbox for a larger lockable one; address any landscape and tree trimming needs; have draft updated CC&Rs and By-laws undergo legal review and present for a vote by the neighborhood; and provide safe social activities as we're able to do so.

We appreciate the spirit and good cheer exhibited throughout the neighborhood this holiday season and wish you the very best in the coming year!

Tim Barry, President



Next Board Meeting (Zoom)
Monday
—January 10th—
7pm



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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: Jim Mackanic

Jim is a second-generation resident of FGE as his parents lived here from 1981 to 1987. He is an engineer at SNL and is responsible for the red bows on the street lights during the holiday season.



Secretary: Larry McMichael

Larry is an engineer at LLNL and has lived in FGE since 2015. He enjoys spending time with his wife and three daughters and looks forward to a less-chaotic 2022.



Treasurer: Enda Sterne

You can find Enda walking the bike path with husband Phil and small dog Fergus. She is hoping for a better 2022 for all of us.



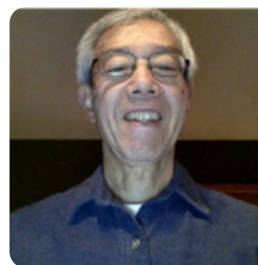
Board Member: Georgianne Schade

Georgianne has lived in FGE since 2012 with her husband, John, two children—Alek (15) and Kat (12)—and several dogs. She works from home as an Advisory Customer Support Engineer for Dassault Systemes and enjoys hiking, biking, skiing, wine tasting, and watching her children play sports.



Thanks to our outgoing Board members...

The current Board would like to thank the outgoing Board members, **Jon Masamitsu** and **Leanne McGee** for their service to the FGE community. As outgoing Vice President, Jon's leadership was invaluable as he handled landscaping issues, welcomed new neighbors, and chaired the Bylaws and CC&Rs revision committee. While we still aren't done yet, Jon made enormous headway and did so by encouraging neighbors to participate in regular, virtual meetings to discuss the details of the revisions. And as outgoing Board member in charge of our social events, Leanne's expertise—especially at picking the perfect wines—was much appreciated. We wish both Jon and Leanne much luck in the new year and are thankful for their time spent on the Board.



Revision Committees Updates

We thank **Jon Masamitsu** for spearheading this enormous task last year, but now the job of chairing the Bylaws and CC&Rs committees has been passed to our new Vice President, **Jim Mackanic**. Jim will pick up where Jon left off, so watch for more information to come!



Welcome to the Busas!

Meet the Busa Family, Rob, Sarah, Lucas (5), and Addison (3). The Busa family recently moved from Pleasanton, where Sarah has lived the majority of her life. Rob, originally from London and a Tottenham Hotspur supporter, moved to California in 2006 to coach youth soccer. Now he is the Director of coaching for the city of Montclair. Sarah is the Vice President of Revenue and Customer Service for the Bay Club Company, primarily officing at the Pleasanton location. Big brother Lucas is an avid Spiderman fan and loves everything Disney, coloring, and running around local parks. Little sister Addie does a good job keeping up. She is obsessed with unicorns, and will keep you intrigued while telling stories with her huge imagination. They are very excited to be in the Forest Glade neighborhood and are so thankful for the warm welcome they have already received from everyone.



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Landscaping Updates

In December, the dead cedar tree that was located at Old Tower and Forest was removed by a professional crew (see photos). As a reminder, the stump will remain so as not to disturb the other cedar tree living in that landscaping island. Based on the city's policies, when a large, heritage or ancestral tree is removed, we are required to replace it, so the Board intends to plant a tree by the tennis courts in the near future.



Photo: Pam Masamitsu

Reminder about CC&Rs



Just a reminder: Until our CC&Rs and Bylaws committees finalize their revisions and those are approved by the homeowners in a future election, **we are still operating under the current (old) restrictions.** You can find those at our HOA website: <http://forestgladeestates.org/>. There you will find policies on topics such as recreational vehicle parking, home improvement and remodel project approvals, home maintenance requirements, and more.

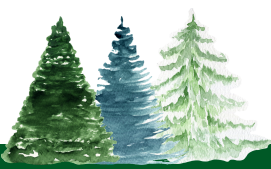
Mailboxes



There is no new news on the mailbox discussion the Board has been having, but it is still on the radar for 2022. We have explored locking mailbox options, among others, and we continue to invite homeowner suggestions and feedback. Please join us at our next meeting!



Photo: Tim Barry



THANK YOU

PURCHASING A
CHRISTMAS TREE

Larry
McMichael

BEVERAGES FOR
SOCIAL EVENTS

Leanne
McGee

PROVIDING MUSIC
AT SOCIAL EVENTS

Kevin Gunn

LIGHTS FOR
CHRISTMAS TREE

Georgianne and
John Schade

CHAIRS FOR
SOCIAL EVENTS

Adriano
Fortes

BOWS ON THE
LAMPPOSTS

Jim
Mackanic

SPEARHEADING
THE HOLIDAY CAROLING

Bob Kimball

IRRIGATION
MANAGEMENT

Renee Lau &
John Gibbons



Photos: Leanne McGee

Annual Meeting and December Social Recap

In November, we held our annual meeting. As you recall, in 2020 the annual meeting month was moved from June to November by the previous Board, and this year, we met at **Jean Shuler's** home on Old Tower. At the meeting, four Board members – **Tim Barry**, **Jim Mackanic**, **Larry McMichael**, and **Enda Sterne**—were elected by acclamation since there were fewer homeowners running than the number of Board positions. At the December Board meeting, **Georgianne Schade** was appointed as the fifth and final Board member.

In December then, the neighborhood gathered together in the roundabout on Creek Road to celebrate the holidays. We were entertained by Kevin Gunn on piano, and we shared some wine-and-cheese pairings, among other appetizers and treats. In years past, three homes have hosted a potluck holiday meal while other homeowners rotated and socialized, but the pandemic—and a homeowner survey—nudged us toward an outdoor gathering in 2021. A good time was had by all!