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Forest Glade Estates

A Neighborhood Newsletter



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A Spring Greeting from the Board

Our neighborhood landscape is looking gorgeous this Spring and your board is looking forward to seeing you at our next social gathering, Saturday June 18th at 4 pm at the west end of Creek Road. Georgianne Schade is organizing a humdinger of a good time, with fun things for the kids to do too, so don't miss it! See below for more details.

Some neighbors are beginning to change out their old mailboxes for the desired larger lockable models per the recent information sent out by the Board. A new tree will soon be planted by the tennis courts to replace the large dead Cedar that was removed from the island on Old Tower. Have a great spring!

President, Tim Barry

Next Board Meeting (Zoom)
Monday
—June 13th—
7pm



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CC&Rs Revision Committee Update

Thanks again to **Jim Mackanic**, our Vice President, who has taken on spearheading the CC&Rs Revision Committee. As of now, all proposed changes have been incorporated into the draft document. The Board will review the revisions and then distribute the draft to the neighborhood for informal comment and review prior to a formal, legal review and official vote. More information to come!

Mailboxes

The Board notified the neighborhood in a separate mailing earlier this spring that they would not be able to fund a full-HOA replacement of the current mailboxes. They had received requests by homeowners who wanted locking mailboxes or larger boxes that could accommodate bigger packages and mail, but it simply wasn't financially feasible to replace all the mailboxes in the HOA. Therefore, homeowners interested in replacing their mailboxes should work with their neighbors.

Recently, the **Haugens** and the **Lau/Gibbins** replaced their mailbox setup. They chose a locking model with double mailboxes set in reinforced concrete.



Photo: Renee Lau

Tennis Court—Please Lock Gate Behind You

The Board would like to remind HOA homeowners that the tennis courts must be locked after use. On three occasions recently they have been found unlocked, and in order to avoid vandalism, homeowners are expected to lock up after themselves. If you need the combination to the lock, please contact a Board member.

May Gardening Party

Renee Lau has organized a gardening party to clean up the area around the tennis courts. If you'd like to join in, it will happen on Sunday, May 15th, 4:30 to 6:30. Please bring gloves, green bins, sturdy shoes, and any trimming or weeding tools you have on hand. Light refreshments will be served, and water will be available to those who help. Contact Renee Lau at rlau@pacbell.net with any questions.



Street Sweeping

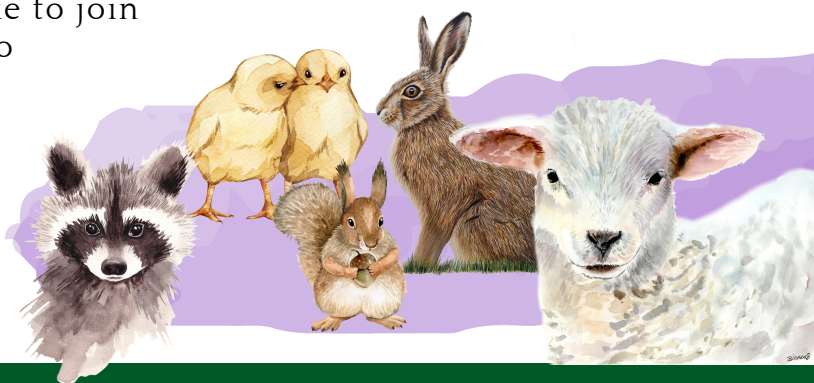
The head of the company that FGE has been using to augment the street sweeping services provided by the city is retiring, so the Board has begun a search to find a new company.

Current CC&Rs

A reminder for new and long-time homeowners alike: Our current CC&Rs and other details about our HOA can be found at our website: <http://forestgladeestates.org/>

HOA President Tim Barry Stepping Down

Spring is a season for change. Due to other commitments, our current Board President, **Tim Barry**, will be stepping down after the June 14th meeting. He thanks all Board members and neighbors who have contributed to the success of the FGE HOA. Homeowners who might be interested in a short-term replacement appointment (until the next Board election) should email the Board by June 12th with their basic information and why they wish to be on the board. The Board will consider all interested candidates.



Summer Social

Our annual Summer Social will be held on **Saturday, June 18**, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in the roundabout near the tennis courts. **Tim Barry** will arrange for live music for our event, and **Georgianne Schade** will provide games for the kids and coordinate wine pairings for our evening. Homeowners are encouraged to bring a dessert or appetizer based on address, and drinks will be provided. More details will be provided with a flier as we get closer to the day of the social. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Tree Re-planting

In December, a dead cedar tree located at Old Tower Rd and Forest Ln was removed by a professional crew. The stump will remain so as not to disturb the other cedar tree living in that landscaping island. The Board has decided to add a tree near the tennis courts as a replacement for the tree that was removed, and based on the sun in that location, Alden Lane made a recommendation that we plant a maple tree. The Board is in the process of obtaining an alternate, second recommendation from a nursery in Gilroy. More information to come!

Treasurer's Report

Given the changes the past few years in our FGE HOA election cycle (December through November), the Board has decided to align the fiscal year with the tax year, which runs from January to December. To bridge the transition between our current July-through-June budget schedule, the Board has proposed a 6-month budget from July to December for the remainder of 2022. In future years, the budget will run on the calendar year. For our current budget, please see the attached page; a final budget will be sent out when approved.

Landscape Contract Signed

The Board recently approved a one-year contract with Ramon's Landscape Services, who has been taking care of our islands and some trimming around the tennis courts for the past several years. A modest rate increase and an additional allocation for regular weeding of the islands were approved by the Board.

All other landscaping duties are running smoothly, according to our new managers, **Renee Lau** and **John Gibbins**.



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THANK
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HIS SERVICE AS
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Tim Barry

FOR TENNIS
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