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Forest Glade Estates

A Neighborhood Newsletter



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A Spring Greeting from the Board

Please take a look at the variety of items in this newsletter that the board is looking at on behalf of the neighborhood. This is for all of us, so if there is anything that you would like to be involved with, please let us know since there are just a few of us on the board.

Thanks again to all those who have provided feedback on the CC&R and Bylaws review.

We hope to see folks at the next social in June. If you don't usually attend, please try to come. It is a nice time to meet some of the neighbors.

Sincerely, Jim Mackanic, President

Next In-Person Board Meeting

Thursday
—May 18th—
7pm

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Seeking Newsletter Editor

After three years as our newsletter editor, **Heidii McMichael** is stepping down due to work commitments, and the Board is seeking someone who would be willing to compile our neighborhood newsletter 3-4 times per year. Please reach out to our Board Secretary, **Larry McMichael**, if you are interested.

CC&R and Bylaws Review

Several neighborhood meetings have now been held to collect homeowner input and comments as regards the CC&R and Bylaws revisions that the Board recently circulated. Both Zoom and in-person meetings were held in early-to-mid March, and the Board is in the process of reviewing commentary and figuring out how to adapt and proceed. Future Board meetings will include discussion of the revisions, and there should be an update at the June social. Your ongoing input is encouraged and needed.

Thank you for the Holiday Lights

Thank you to the neighbors who strung holiday lights in the neighborhood islands as it made the season more joyful! We would love to partner with you next year to establish a new tradition!

2023 Social Events

The dates for our 2023 social events have been set. The summer social will be on **June 3**; the Annual Meeting will be on **November 4**; the Holiday Open House will be on **December 3**, with possible additional dates for caroling.

Please Report Broken Sprinklers

The Board would like to encourage neighbors to notify us of any broken sprinklers. If you see excessive water coming from a sprinkler or plants and trees in distress, please reach out to **Renee Lau** at rcljag@pacbell.net or call her at (925) 449-5848. We appreciate that everyone in our neighborhood keeps an eye on our important, shared spaces!

Island Renovations

When you drive into the neighborhood, one of the first things you see are the shared islands. The Board is looking at updating and making the landscaping more attractive in the shared islands, including assessing the health and needs of all the ancestral trees, especially since we lost a tree last year. Part of the problem is that cedars and redwoods have different water needs, as do the annuals in the islands, so we are looking at updating the plantings to be more drought-tolerant so we can tailor the watering schedule and system to better suit the ancestral trees. We are hoping that our plan allows for the work to be accomplished in stages so that the cost can be distributed over time. An island renovation committee has been formed: **Judy Mackanic** (Chair), **Renee Lau**, **John Gibbins**, **Tim Horgan**, and **Jean Shuler**. Please contact **Judy Mackanic** at jmackanic@mackanic.net if you would like to participate.

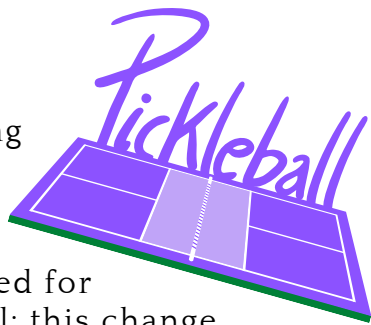
Spring Garden Party— 4th Saturday of Every Month

Spring has sprung! Regular garden parties will be held on the **4th Saturday of every month from 8:30 am to 10:30 am**. This standing garden party gathering will include weeding and maintaining neighborhood islands. Bring work gloves and any gardening tools you might have and meet at the entrance to the tennis courts. All are welcome! Contact **Renee Lau** at rcljag@pacbell.net if you have questions.



Pickleball Feedback

The Board has received several inquiries regarding playing pickleball on the tennis courts and is looking into options to have the court dual-striped for both tennis and pickleball; this change would happen in conjunction with the court resurfacing. Please reach out to the Board if you have any questions, concerns, or encouragement about making this change to the courts.



New Tree near Tennis Courts

Since we had the unfortunate task of removing an ancestral cedar tree from Old Tower last year, the board voted to plant another tree to replace its benefits in our community. A maple tree was planted just to the west of the tennis courts, and we hope to see it thrive in the years to come!



Tennis Courts Updates

Please contact a Board member if you need the combination to the padlock for the tennis courts. The Board has been contemplating resurfacing the tennis courts. It's been 11 years since the courts have been resurfaced, and the cracks are getting to the point where they could interfere with game-play.

Land Use near Tennis Courts

Homeowners might not be aware, but the association does own a significant plot of ground to the west of the tennis courts that isn't currently developed. If you have ideas for how the association might develop that area in the future (wine grapes, anyone?) to better serve the residents, please contact the Board.

New Neighbors: Meet the Durans!

Welcome to our new neighbors **Mark and Jennifer Duran** at 1751 Old Tower Road. If you see them around our neighborhood, wave and welcome them!

