

Forest Glade Estates

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From the Board

Hello from the HOA board. I encourage you to look at the different topics in this newsletter and if there is anything that interests you please let anyone on the board know about it, as there is always a need for volunteers. We are all living in FGE because it really is a great neighborhood and to keep it that way requires everyone's help.

A new project we launched, to comply with CA regulations, is to engage with a company to study our financial reserves so that we have a clearer justification for our savings and a plan for how the money will be used to benefit the neighborhood.

Hope to see you at the annual meeting and please consider opening up your home for the Holiday Open House.

Sincerely

Jim Mackanic – President

Tennis Court Re-Surfacing:

Work has begun on resurfacing our tennis courts. After ten years, it was time to patch the cracks, and, consistent with neighborhood feedback, add pickleball lines to one of the courts. Please stop by and see the renovated courts; they will even have an updated color scheme!



HOA Annual Meeting
Sat. 4 Nov, 3-5PM
1804 Old Tower Road

Music, Munchies, and More

June Social

Over 50 neighbors came together for an outdoor barbeque and to hear speaker Richard Finn talk about the history of the land that we now call home. They enjoyed the music provided by The Tim and Brad Trio, any shade that could be found under the big Sycamore tree, as well as some tasty salads and desserts provided by their fellow neighbors.



Holiday Open House

The annual Holiday open house is happening on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023. This is a great time to walk around the neighborhood, meet new neighbors and bring in the holiday season. We would like to have 2-3 neighbors open their homes this year. Everyone is invited to join the festivities by providing an appetizer or dessert to be delivered to one of the open homes.

If you have never hosted before, it's a fun way to get yourself involved. The HOA provides all the supplies, neighbors help with the food and you get to hang out at home while people come by to greet you and each other.



HOA OFFICERS - 2024

The Association received four nominations for the five Board of Directors positions by the nomination deadline. Since fewer qualified candidates were nominated than there are Director positions on the Board, all four candidates will be elected by acclamation at our annual meeting on November 4 in accordance with Section 2.3 of the Association's Election Rules.

Congratulations to Evelyn Fletcher, Jim Mackanic, Larry McMichael, and Enda Sterne, who will begin their year-long term at the December board meeting. The new Board will then take steps to appoint a member of our neighborhood to fill the vacancy for the fifth Director position in accordance with Section 4.2 of the Association's Bylaws.

Monthly Garden Party

Mark your calendars for every fourth Saturday of the month from 8:30 ~ 10am, weather permitting. Renee will try to send a reminder.

We start by gathering near the tennis courts. Depending on resources, and priorities, we gather to spruce up, weed the common property/islands. It also is a great time to catchup with your neighbors.

Bring gloves and garden tool(s) of choice. Organic green bins are always welcome. See Renee Lau or John Gibbins.

Reminder: If you notice any leaks or broken sprinkler heads please leave a message with a board member so it can be investigated & remedied.

Fixed IT!

Landscaping team organized the finding and repair of a 3 inch main line for our sprinkler systems. Hurrah – John & Renee



Island Renovation

There is an active committee (Judy Mackanic is the lead), and their task is to provide a vision for revitalizing the landscaping on our islands. Progress is slow as it has been very hard to get responses from various contractors. The first step is an evaluation of our heritage trees in the islands and common area from a certified horticulturist, which should occur in October, to determine their current health and how to best care for them in the future. The committee has also identified a landscape designer to work with for the design that is both beautiful and drought resistant. It is expected to have plans next Spring, then renovation activity can start in budget-friendly phases.

CC&Rs and Bylaws



Almost 50% of the households responded to the survey; thank you for the input! Based on your responses, we will base the update on the existing governing documents to make them more useable and up to date. Two additional topics received broad (>75%) support: restricting short term (<30 days) rentals and controlling storage of items that are visible from the street.

Tree Removal and Replacement

- Removal of heritage trees on private property require a City of Livermore Permit. Their policy of tree removal is defined on the city website.
- Licensed arbor companies usually will facilitate obtaining the tree removal permit, but it is up to the homeowner on the choice of its replacement.
- Great news: the FGE HOA, in an effort to promote our forest-like namesake, will rebate \$200 per replacement tree in keeping with maintaining our image. The tree needs to reach a mature height of at least 40 feet. Ideally, the tree is also on the recommended city list, native, and zoned appropriately.

(If you need help, Renee has the city list and some retail resources).



Reminder - Drive Carefully!

Our neighborhood streets are curvaceous and narrow in spots. Slow down, watch for pedestrians (young and old). Stay to the right side of the road and within the appropriate street markings and signs. Also street parking is permitted only on the sidewalk side of the road. Enjoy the beauty of our neighborhood and be safe.

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