

# Forest Glade Estates

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## From the Board

For me this newsletter is not like the others as after three years I am leaving the board. I was on the board from 2008-2017, and now 2022-2025 and, as it is a great neighborhood to live in, it has been great working together with everyone who has given their time to serve on the board. As with any organization there have been some challenging situations but overall, it has been fun and a pleasure. You should have received a mailed request for nominations to the board. Please step forward to be part of this necessary activity for our subdivision.

We have made some good progress this year in several areas; the common area around the tennis court is cleaned-up (thanks to Renee and garden party plus Jesus our landscape maintenance service) and the irrigation system renovated so that we should not lose any plants this summer. Slow but steady, we now have the plans from the landscape designer for all the islands and are ready to start this improvement project. We also had a DIY project and now have visible pickleball lines on both courts. And finally, we have a revised CC&R that should be acceptable for 75% of the residents.

As always if you are interested in getting involved in any of the areas mentioned in the newsletter, please contact anyone on the board.

Sincerely,

Jim Mackanic – President

## Summer Social Recap

The 2025 FGE Summer Barbeque took place on Saturday June 7th at the west end of Creek Road. The event was well attended by about 40 residents and guests contributing to an enjoyable time had by all. Thanks so much to our FGE neighbors who helped to make this a success including lending tables, chairs, cooking skills, side dishes, and certain adult beverage dispensers that were a huge hit. The entertainment was excellent of course provided by the "BLT+K" band otherwise known as the Lads of Forest Glade.

## Garden Parties and Landscape

Mark your calendar for **2025 FGE Gardening events, every fourth Saturday of each month** 8:30 am to 10ish, weather permitting. (Except Nov. & Dec. due to weather, vacations, and holiday season.) Participants should dress appropriately with shoes.

Renee Lau leads our garden parties and sends out a monthly reminder of upcoming events and the pictures of the efforts of those came. Thanks to those who have attended these gatherings, provided feedback and contributed to the sprucing-up.

Jesus Mancillas and team are our landscape gardeners performing **monthly** maintenance of our ten islands and **quarterly** maintenance of the acreage surrounding our tennis courts. I appreciate your comments and feedback on their work.

Jim Mackanic and Jon Masamitsu have completed the irrigation system west of the tennis court (aka FGE's acreage). It is now operational. If you notice any leaks or broken sprinkler heads anywhere throughout our common space, please leave a message with the location(s) with any board member so it can be investigated & remedied.

The association will reimburse for qualified incidental expenses (<\$100 with receipts) used for the common areas. A special thank-you to unsung neighbor-gardeners for your ad-hoc tending of our common space.

There is a tall-tree incentive for planting trees on your property; see a board-member, webpage <http://forestgladeestates.org/>, or City of Livermore listing of recommended trees.



## Pickleball Lines DIY

If you remember when we re-surfaced the tennis courts last year, we had lines for pickleball added to one court. We found that the black lines were not visible enough to be useful. Even with poor lines there has been a very regular pickleball activity twice a week, plus other folks coming to play. The pickleball folks tried using tape to make their lines more visible but that didn't work so well, although it didn't dampen their enthusiasm for the game.

As the cost to redo the lines and line the second court was very expensive, Jim Mackanic and other volunteers decided to do a DIY project. The new yellow lines are in place on both courts and the pickleball players are happy. Jim acknowledges that the tennis players are less happy but they have accepted the integration of pickleball.

Come and play pickleball or tennis on the courts, they are ours to enjoy.

## FGE 2025 Social Calendar

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Please come join us for these upcoming events!

- Fall Gathering and Annual Meeting - Saturday Nov 8th, usually held in Jeanne Shuler's driveway on Old Tower Rd. The board will be conducting elections for 2026 and reviewing the progress of several initiatives during 2025 to continue the support of the neighborhood.
- This event will be followed shortly after with our Holiday Open House Sunday - December 7th. Hosted by our generous residents - please let us know if you are willing to host this year.

We encourage everyone to attend these gatherings to connect with your neighbors and share insights about living in the community. If you have ideas about how to enhance the events or would like to assist, please contact John Schade - Board Vice President and Social Chair - 408-940-2946 or jschade118@gmail.com

Finally, we are eagerly awaiting new additions to the neighborhood as two houses on Old Tower Road have sold recently. Once the new residents are comfortably moved in, we will roll out the welcome crew and provide some details to get you familiar with our new neighbors.

## Island Renovation



The project is slowly moving forward. We now have finalized plans from the landscape architect (Eric Teberg). Eric met with our landscape maintenance person, Jesus, to review the changes and they agreed on what needed to be done. The plan is to start with three islands near the intersection of Old Tower and Kingsbury and we can make the changes within our reserve plan and normal expenses. This work would be completed before the end of this year. The plan for funding and implementation for the other seven islands will be finalized at that time. Once the plans are scanned (they are on paper) we will be making them available to everyone. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the project lead Tim Horgan.



## CC&Rs Update

You should have received the updated revised CC&Rs with a few changes from the feedback we received. As my mother said "Say now or forever hold your peace" so please if you did not provide feedback in the past do it now. Also, yes, we know that some residents would like to see more changes, and some don't like the changes that we made but as we are focused on getting something that is acceptable to 75% of the neighbors, we think we might have it.

Next step is that we will ask our lawyer to look over the document for anything that isn't legal in the document and will see what modifications need to be made.

After that the final document will go out to the 69 households for a vote.

## Treasurer's Corner



As an organization, we are in decent enough financial shape, mindful of likely future expenses, and keeping a careful eye on incoming and outgoing funds. It has been great to see the return on our most recent large expense - the re-furbished tennis courts are getting lots of use. In line with decisions based on the reserve study, the annual dues have increased this year, to \$575. To those who have already sent in your annual dues for 2025-2026 – THANK YOU!

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