

Spring 2013



Forest Edge Neighborhood News & Updates

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Forest Edge Homeowners,

Forest Edge is looking quite nice after so much activity this spring throughout the neighborhood. Now that the leaves have fallen and our lawns and streets have been cleaned, we are taking pride in keeping our lawns, driveways and sidewalks well-cared for. You will notice that we are cleaning the signs throughout the neighborhood and working on a couple of maintenance projects for repairs to the walls on Eden Park Road.

Homeowners have been especially diligent in submitting ARC Applications for requests for exterior painting, tree removal, and exterior alterations for landscaping, fencing and other changes to properties. The ARC Application form and rules for these items can be found on our website.

We continue to have damage to the rear gate caused by drivers who insist on trying to force open the gates. This has resulted in costly repairs and maintenance fees. Please let all guests know that these gates cannot be forced open by pushing them with their cars.

I have received many complaints regarding speeding and not stopping at the intersections throughout the neighborhood. We have made this request in the past- we ask you to please drive slowly and observe the stop signs. Our first concern is the safety of our children. With the repaving of the streets this summer, the tendency to speed may even become a bigger concern. I once again plead with you to please drive slowly within the subdivision and speak to those in your family to abide by the rules by driving the speed limit and stopping at the stop signs. If this continues, it leaves us no choice but to ask the Altamonte Police to get involved in enforcing safety in the community.

This issue of our newsletter includes a reminder of the value our Association brings to the residents of our community. We hope you take this to heart and consider volunteering for board or committee service to fill some vacancies for these positions this summer at our Annual Meeting. Your involvement is key to our success.

I look forward to your comments and suggestions on how to improve our neighborhood. All homeowners are welcome at board meetings to discuss issues of common interest during our Open Forum agenda at each of our meetings.

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HOA BOARD

Board Meetings:

Third Thursday of every month
7 p.m.
Country Creek Clubhouse

HOA Committees Need You to Serve

Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

If you are planning on painting the exterior of your home, removing trees, or making any exterior alterations to your property, please submit an Architectural Review Application to Hara Management. A committee of homeowners who serve on the association board will contact you to review your application. There are some contractors who will not begin work without the Approval Letter from the Association. The ARC Committee can also advise homeowners on whether or not a permit is required by the City of Altamonte Springs, whether a contractor is used or you are doing the work yourself. The ARC Committee works with homeowners to maintain Architectural Controls specified in our By-Laws and Covenants. Homeowners can retrieve an Architectural Review Application from the Forest Edge Homeowners website. For more information, please contact Kevin Freer, Chair of the ARC Committee, at kfreer@cfl.rr.com.

Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)

This is a new committee which is made up of non-board residents. The DRC arbitrates fines levied by the HOA when challenged by homeowners. More information on this new process will be posted on our website. If you receive violation letters that result in fines, you may also contact Paul Corvi, Hara Management at pcovi@haramanagement.com for more information on this process.

Grounds Committee

Committee members may be from the Board or homeowners from the community. The committee inspects and maintains the common areas of the neighborhood. Committee members make recommendations to the Board for improvements to the common areas of the community.

Nominating Committee

Committee members typically meet once a year to recruit and interview candidates for board and committee positions.

To access the Forest Edge Covenants or the Architectural Review Application, visit <http://forestedgehoa.com/>



Open Board and Committee Positions - Summer Elections

Watch for an announcement of our Annual Meeting to be held this summer. Consider joining the Board of Directors and/ or volunteering to serve on one of our committees. Applications for a Board position will be sent to all homeowners with the Annual Meeting notification. Service on committees can begin at any time. Contact Tom Fusco, President, for more information (thomasfusco@bellsouth.net).

Your Involvement Is The Key To Our Success

In the purest sense, the Community Association is a form of representative democratic governance. As with actual representative governments, the various actors and leaders have prescribed roles and responsibilities. In community associations, the owners are the electorate and have the responsibility of being good citizens (paying assessments, voting, abiding by the rules, etc.) and for electing representatives to a policy body to carry out a policy-making and administrative oversight role. Officers are elected to provide leadership to the policy body. Committees are created by the Board to provide substantive input to the board's deliberative process and as a conduit for owner participation and involvement.

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The community association is self-governed by owners and as such, the homeowners select from among themselves leaders who make decisions for the group. Homeowners must then abide by those rules and decisions. Joining a committee is a responsibility each owner has to share in the work involved in governing our association. It also creates an opportunity for more in-depth participation and important decision-making. Owners also have a responsibility to adhere to legal obligations. They have an obligation to pay assessments in a timely fashion in order to permit the association to meet its financial obligations without penalties. Timely assessment payments save the association, and you, the owner, the added costs of collection activity.

Finally, owners have a responsibility to adhere to rules and regulations, mutually agreed to and properly adopted. This adherence to the rules permits owners to live harmoniously under the same constraints. It also saves us the expense of more formal enforcement.

HOA Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has the fiscal and legal responsibility to direct the affairs of the Association. The Board is comprised of five directors, who serve for a term of three years. Nominations for election to the Board of Directors are made by a Nominating Committee prior to the Annual Meeting held in July. Nomination forms are sent to homeowners to solicit individuals wishing to be placed on the ballot to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Country Creek Clubhouse.

Top 10 Reasons to Volunteer For the Community

- 1 Protect your self-interests.** Protect your property values & maintain the quality of life in your community.
- 2 Correct a problem.** Do you think maybe maintenance has been neglected?
- 3 Be sociable.** Meet your neighbors, make friends, and exchange opinions.
- 4 Give back.** Repay a little of what's been done for you.
- 5 Advance your career.** Build your personal resume by including your community volunteer service.
- 6 Have some fun.** Association work isn't drudgery. It's fun accomplishing good things with your neighbors.
- 7 Get educated.** Learn how it's done—we'll train you.
- 8 Express yourself.** Help with creative projects like beautifying the common areas or newsletter.
- 9 Earn recognition.** If you would like a little attention or validation, your contributions will be recognized and celebrated.
- 10 Try some altruism.** Improve society by helping others.

Pave the Way...Repaving the Streets Coming Summer 2013



Information will be sent out to all Forest Edge Homeowners on the up-coming repaving of our streets this summer. The repaving is financed through a special assessment to cover the costs of this needed work. The final two payments of the special assessment are due in March and June of 2013. Please remember that your special assessment payments have a unique account number and are paid separately from the quarterly HOA dues.

Keep the Storm Drains Clear of Debris

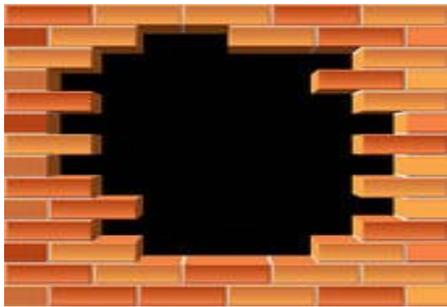
Please be mindful that we all have responsibility to keep the street gutters and storm drains clear of leaves and other debris. Leaves can clog up the storm drains which will cause additional maintenance and expense for the community. As homeowners, we are responsible for lawn service personnel who may be blowing leaves into the gutters and storm drains. Clean streets also create a more attractive community environment.



Quarterly Association Assessments are \$92 are due in January, April, July and October.

Contact Paul Corvi at Hara Management, Inc. if you have any questions at 407-628-1086 ext. 107.

Gate Repairs



Wall Repair Eden Park Road

Someone drove through the intersection of Eden Park Road and Maitland and caused considerable damage to our brick wall. The Board has been soliciting bids for repairs while filing a claim for damages. We expect to have this repaired shortly. We are determining whether or not we should complete any routine maintenance for the retention pond while this access is available.

The gate leading to Bear Lake Road continues to require repairs due to vandalism and attempts to force them open. These repairs are costly and unnecessary. We ask that you please remind guests not to ram the gates in hopes of opening it up as the gate is not designed to enable anyone to do this. Please report any instances of vandalism or misuse to the Board (thomasfusco@bellsouth.net).



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Do you have suggestions for the newsletter or questions you'd like answers to? Email us at:

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