

**Forest Lakes Country Club Estates
Homeowner's Association
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"A DEED RESTRICTED COMMUNITY"

Block captains as of March 2013

Beneva Road - **OPEN**
Brookhaven Drive (north) Teresa Taft
Brookhaven Drive (south) George Prozzo
Brookline Drive – Trish Carlson
Espanola Ave./ Espanola Dr. - Lynn Thomson
Glenna Lane - Teresa Taft
Mid Ocean Circle (north) - Marsha Vezin
Mid Ocean (south) Linda Petrilla
Pine Valley Drive (west) Jody Maxwell
Pine Valley Drive (east) Joseph Melancon/Belle Heneberger
Pine Valley Lane Joseph Melancon/Belle Heneberger
Riviera Circle - Maureen Williams/Joann Ganey
Riviera Drive - Marie Diffley
Sea View Street – **OPEN**
Tanglewood Drive - Barb Elbrecht
White Sulpher Place - MaryAnn Figlow
Village Green Sect. #14 - Nancy Plummer
(Westport, 1300's Stafford)
Village Green Sect. #12 - **OPEN**
(1500's Stafford, Collins)

President- Vickie Bass
Vice President - Lynn Thomson
Treasurer- Joann Ganey
Secretary- Carol Miller

Board Members:

Celeste Dority
Rick Howe
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Joe Orgaz
Nancy Plummer
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***PLEASE CONTACT A
BOARD MEMBER IF
YOU CAN SERVE AS A
BLOCK CAPTAIN!***

MARCH 2013 NEWSLETTER

Dear Homeowners:

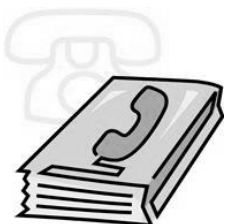
March 2013

Since my last message, Forest Lakes has become a beehive of activity attributed to the golf course. I hope everyone is following the Golf Course Updates on the website, www.flcce.com. To reiterate briefly, there are Existing Current Use Entitlements relative to about 100 acres approved for development near the old Club House and along the south side of the ditch running along Hyde Park Street which involved a re-zoning that was approved by the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Tied to the re-zoning are the Restrictive Covenants that are now protecting FLCCE from total development. The land outside the development footprint, or the 100 acres, is limited to golf course/open space (passive uses). The golf course/open space (passive uses) can only be changed with a supermajority (75%) approval of FLCCE homeowners with one vote per home. Per our attorney, the Restrictive Covenants take precedent over all other authorization.

The owner has presented several ideas for the golf course over the past two months without a definite plan (see Golf Course Updates on the website). In recent conversations with the owner, we expect an actual proposal that the owner will be presenting to us within the next couple weeks. A special meeting of the homeowners will be called for a presentation. This meeting will be the venue to get our questions and concerns addressed by the owner. We will continue to post updates on the website and also send email blasts for notification of the meeting when it is scheduled. For those of you who do not have email, you will be notified by mail or by your block captain.

Time is flying by with spring...sorta...in the air. It's been quite chilly but I am anxious to get outside to do some clean-up, pruning, and power washing. Take a look around your homes and make a plan to spruce-up for spring!

Sincerely, Vickie Bass, President



This summer we will be issuing a new Forest Lakes telephone directory. Once again we will be including advertising in our community directory. The prices for business card advertisements will remain the same and are as follows:

INSIDE COVER/BACK COVER = Dues Paid FLCCE Member \$75; Non-Paid

\$100

ADDITIONAL PAGES AT BACK OF DIRECTORY = Dues Paid FLCCE Member \$60; Non-Paid \$85

And as a bonus, advertisements in the 2013 directory will include one-year of free advertising on our FLCCE website.

Hopefully you spoke with your block captain and updated your information in our database. The phone numbers obtained by the block captains will be included in the new directory. If you were unable to update your information please email forestlakes@comcast.net your name and phone number.

If you are interested in advertising or would like more information, email forestlakes@comcast.net or call **Celeste at 924-5853**.

A Security Alert went out last week referencing residential lighting and a vehicle burglary on Pine Valley. As a result, we received several responses with additional information on other vehicle burglaries and crime prevention suggestions by residents. Please see bullet points below.

Lynn

Thomson – VP Forest Lakes HOA

***** Around February 28th - March 1, 2013, renters of a home on Sea View stated that people had “sneaked” up to their house and peaked in their window. When they were confronted, they said that the home was listed on Craigslist. The owner reports that the house is not advertised on Craigslist. These persons drove off in a car with Ohio plates. This is the only description provided by the owner or their tenants.*

A note from HOA:

There is/was a scam going around where people were listing properties not belonging to them on Craigslist and when prospective renters would come to rent the person would take their money. We do not know if this is such a case but the owner of the property has been advised to check Craigslist just in case.

*****On the recent car burglary on Pine View that was reported to the HOA by the resident – after the recent security blast we were informed that there were two additional vehicle burglaries that had occurred in the 2400 block of Pine Valley making a total of three.*

A note from the HOA:

PLEASE take a moment to report your crimes to the HOA at : forestlakes@comcast.net AND to the Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office - 316-1199 (non-emergency) if you are unfortunately a crime Victim. We would like to inform other Forest Lakes residents and place them on alert. The Sheriff’s Office may be able to fingerprint and document the incident. Without reporting the crime, the Sheriff’s office will not know what is occurring in our neighborhood. In the past, the Sheriff’s Office and Victims themselves have had success in locating stolen items at pawn shops and success in identifying persons via fingerprints lifted off of the vehicles.

***** A security patroller noticed that some homes look as if they had not been occupied in quite some time. The patroller offered that perhaps the owners are either in retirement homes or deceased and the heirs are not using the homes.*

A note from the HOA:

If you are maintaining a home where the owner is in a nursing home or away for an extended period of time, make sure your information is up to date in the database in case the HOA needs to reach out to you. You may also want to let the Sheriff’s Office know and request extra patrol.

Many residents have felt some homes look “abandoned” when they actually are not because of their appearance. Some areas mentioned by residents are: large amount of items stacked up on the sides of the homes in a messy and disheveled way and dirty roofs and driveways.

Many of our Forest Lakes homes roofs are very much in need of a cleaning. Many homes have unsightly objects stored on the side of their homes in view of the street and their neighbors. Take a moment and assess your home.



Security Patrollers Needed As outlined in the incidents listed above, it's very important for homeowners to remain vigilant and continue to look for suspicious activity in our neighborhood. You can do your part by volunteering and helping to patrol your Forest Lakes Community.

Please consider donating a couple of hours a month. Currently we are encouraging volunteers to patrol during the hours between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., but we would welcome any hours that you can offer.

Feel free to call **Belle Heneberger or Joseph Melancon at 923-4949** to volunteer or to address any questions that you may have.

The Forest Lakes Annual Meeting was held January 15th. Attendance was low this year and as a result of the low attendance some homeowners present expressed a desire for more active community involvement. We welcome your thoughts, opinions and ideas to achieve that goal.

The Holiday Lighting Winners were announced at the Annual Meeting, and in case you didn't have an opportunity to congratulate them yet, they are as follows:

Classic Christmas – Ryan and Dawn Hale	1904 Mid Ocean Circle
Santa's Choice – Anthony and Pam DeMarie	3512 Sea View Street
Festival of Lights – Joe Orgaz and Mark Sampson	2340 Riviera Drive
Tropical Fantasy – Vickie Bass and Carol Walsh	2032 Riviera Drive

We also recently had our Annual Community Sale. The Board intends to continue this annual event and we welcome any input homeowners have to improve participation. The Community Sale offers a great opportunity to meet and greet your neighbors and generate a little income too!

Your FLCCE Board is encouraging homeowners to sign up for digital delivery of the quarterly newsletter. Our goal is to help keep operating costs of the Homeowner's Association down as low as possible. Email delivery of the newsletter would help keep the printing and postage costs down considerably, as well as serve as a "greener" alternative. Simply send an email to forestlakes@comcast.net stating you want to start receiving email notification. When the newsletter is ready the Database Coordinator will send an email to all subscribers with a link to the Forest Lakes website and the most recent newsletter for your viewing. Be sure to check in to the website occasionally for important updates on the golf course activity, as well.



When walking your pet, please be courteous to your neighbors and pick up after your dog. Also for the safety of other pets and people please keep your dog on a leash in the neighborhood.

FROM THE BOARD: NOTICE TO ALL LOT OWNERS: WHEN SEEKING INTERPRETATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE DEED RESTRICTIONS, YOU CAN ONLY RELY ON THE DECISION OF THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NOT AN INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO forestlakes@comcast.net.