

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

Block captains as of June 2011

Beneva Road - open
Brookhaven Drive (north) Sandy Ayers-Rose
Brookhaven Drive (south) George Prozzo
Brookline Drive - open
Espanola Ave./ Espanola Dr. - Lynn Thomson
Glenna Lane - Sandy Ayers-Rose
Mid Ocean Circle (north) - Whitney and David Verdoni
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 - Joann Ganey
Riviera Drive - Marie Diffley
Sea View Street - open
Tanglewood Drive - Michael & Alana Blasewitz
White Sulpher Place - MaryAnn Figlow
Village Green Sect. #14 - Nancy Plummer
(Westport, 1300's Stafford)
Village Green Sect. #12 - Carolyn Fitzpatrick
(1500's Stafford, Collins)

Summer 2011 NEWSLETTER



Hello to all Forest Lakes residents

Let's Talk Positive!

Wow! What a year so far for our community! It has been a whirlwind of updates on the Golf Course, security alerts, the demise of the water treatment plant, updating our entranceways and let's not forget the Coyote alerts!

It has been an honor and privilege to be a part of this exciting time in Forest Lakes. We have all "survived" the golf course fiasco and now with a new owner – hopefully this will be a positive time of transition. You are represented by a team of energetic, communicative board members, committee chairs and block captains - all rallying around the cause – to always maintain Forest Lakes dignity as a supreme place to live. We are truly blessed to have weathered the storm so far with the economy, and golf course situation as it is. I want to again thank all of you for maintaining your piece of the community and upholding the Deed Restrictions for the sake of property values and esthetics. The recent article in the Sarasota Herald Tribune is evidence that Forest Lakes is still seen as an attractive community - as quoted from the article:

"Charming, attractive surroundings", "Winding streets", "well established and maintained", "generously sized homes" and "spacious lots" "well – kept, beautifully landscaped" "Many (homes) have undergone extensive renovation and updating and have attractive barrel – tile roofs", "active Homeowner's association", "neighbors are friendly and helpful."

Part of anyone's success is to plan for the future - that attitude has been adopted by your Association Board and is a big part of your Association's commitment to its residents and fiduciary role. The Board has committed time, energy and monetary resources this year to begin - over the summer months - a careful look/review of the Deed Restrictions. Your input as a resident will be valued and solicited. Please read in this newsletter further explanation from the Committee itself.

You have heard me speak of this many times and I have conveyed to you that a fresh look at the Deed Restrictions and enforcement of those would be taking place. It has been a slow, thoughtful process of looking at how to proceed. Communication with our residents has always been the priority – to ask and receive input from you the people we represent. I am happy to announce that this process will begin this summer by asking YOU – the resident for feedback.

I want to thank those residents that helped to make our Forest Lake's lantern shine again at our entranceway wall on Beneva.

I also would like to thank the Beautification committee, Chaired by John Maxwell, for upcoming signage: replacing the old signage on the Tanglewood entrance (coming soon) with new (unfaded) ones and adding "No Solicitation" signage to our Forest Lakes Deed Restrictions signage already in existence. And I would like to thank the residents who faithfully change the light bulbs at the Tanglewood entrance when needed.

Most of all, I would like to thank all of you that continue to faithfully pay your \$50.00 annual dues. I am so proud to say that our membership has steadily risen over the years and we are seeing more and more residents re-engage with their Association. To those that cannot commit financially, I thank you for supporting the neighborhood and Association in other ways – such as volunteering for the Security Patrol or clean-up activities.

Our Golf Course Committee, Chaired by Laura Odley, continues to stay on top of the ever evolving situation. As we receive updates, we will forward them to you.

We have also started to go "Green" with our newsletters. Read the article about accessing your newsletter on the website rather than having it mailed – if that is your wish.

Have a great Summer, be ever vigilant about your personal and home safety, and continue to communicate with your neighbors and Board.

Sincerely submitted, Your Board President – Lynn Thomson



According to the Sarasota County Clerk of Court website - The sale of the Forest Lakes golf course happened 6/3/11 at 9:04 am - right after the Clerk's Office opened. The Certificate of Title recorded with the Clerk of the Court shows that the property sold to Grosvenor Square Capital, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company. As of this writing, Grosvenor is not yet registered with the State of Florida hence we do not yet have the names of individuals representing Grosvenor. We have reached out to Grosvenor through the Receiver stating our interest in meeting to hear plans for the property. To date, as one might assume, they are not ready to converse about the project and they have not yet contacted us.

The Receiver remains available to respond to our inquiries for a while longer, time unspecified, at the request of the new owner. The HOA continues to maintain contact with him regarding ongoing issues including mowing, and posting of the property to keep vagrants off and prevent dumping. As stated in a previous neighborhood blast a contractor hired by the Receiver (prior to the above sale) was to initiate posting of the course and nothing happened. That is because the contractor's sub consultant went out of business, so there was a delay. The HOA was notified on 6/2/11 by the Receiver that the contractor has retained a new sub and that preliminary flagging and stake out work with posting to follow is to occur. We have not yet seen action, but expect this to be addressed in the near future. Please stay off the course as it is privately owned and we have been asked to convey this to our residents by the Receiver. A friendly but serious reminder that those trespassing are subject to arrest.

We continue to remain in contact with nine neighborhood associations that we have been in coordination with since last year.

The Committee and the Board will continue to monitor the ownership, posting, and will address other issues to the Receiver or new owner, as appropriate, as they arise. As soon as we know anything about proposed activities, we will notify our residents so that you continue to stay up to date.

Golf Course Committee



Get your Forest Lakes HOA Newsletter on-line

A number of people are interested in 'going green', which saves trees and saves our treasury printing and mailing costs.

As an experiment, we will send out an e-mail blast with a link to the [FLCCE web site flcce.com](http://flcce.com) when the new newsletter gets posted there. If you would like to receive the newsletter this way **instead** of a paper copy, please reply to the message and ask that your name be removed from the Newsletter (snail) mailing list.

If you haven't received the e-mail with the link within two weeks we don't have your current e-mail address. Please send a e-mail to forestlakes@comcast.net so we include you in our blasts.

A big thank you goes to Erica Firth and Graham Hildebrand, two of our board members who have resigned recently. We certainly appreciate their dedicated service and hard work. Our volunteers offer their time and expertise to maintain an active homeowners association, which helps to create a stronger sense of community among the homeowners!



The Forest Lakes Annual Community sale was held on Saturday, March 19th. As in previous years the event was successful for both buyers and sellers alike! In addition the sale was a perfect opportunity for homeowners to meet and greet their neighbors!



Beautification Committee RecommendsDrought Conditioning|

Here in Forest Lakes, as in every neighborhood, we are experiencing a severe shortage of precipitation. In light of mandatory watering restrictions in Florida, consider management practices that will increase the drought-tolerance of your lawn. The primary objective of drought conditioning is to grow a good quality lawn that will survive on little or no supplemental irrigation. A drought conditioned lawn can withstand more stress than a lawn that is not conditioned. A properly prepared lawn will have a deep and extensive root system that is better able to seek out water. Proper irrigation is the first step in conditioning a lawn for drought. **Less frequent, longer irrigations will assist in establishing a deeper, more viable root system.** Proper mowing practices are essential for good quality and drought-tolerant turf. Mowing should be done often enough and with sharp blades to minimize the shock of cutting. Proper fertilization can also enhance the drought resistance of turf grasses. A program of nitrogen and potassium applications will provide the nutrients necessary for stronger grass above and below the ground. Finally, if a pest problem has been diagnosed, pesticide chemicals may be applied with a great deal of care. Spot treatment of a pest problem is usually as effective as treating the whole lawn. If you have any questions about maintaining a healthy lawn, please call **861-5000** and ask for the Sarasota County Extension.



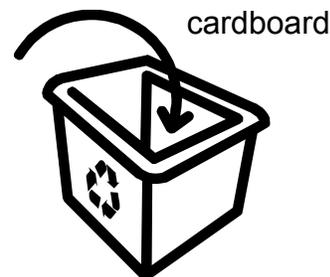
In April, all of the Block Captains met for breakfast at Troyer's Dutch Heritage restaurant. It was a time for fellowship and getting to know one another a little better. We as a neighborhood are so thankful to have dedicated residents who commit their time to watching out for their street. Thank you again to all Block Captains that give of their time.

Lynn Thomson - President

Sarasota County Recycling tips.....

Call Waste Management at 941-493-4100 for the following:

- Recycle bins: for new, additional or replacement bins.
- New resident move-ins: there is a one-time courtesy pick-up of your boxes.
- Missed pick-ups: if your recycling is not picked up on your scheduled day.



Do Not place these items in recycling bins. Items should be placed in your garbage:

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| • beer and soda cartons | • pool and other chemical containers |
| • butter or margarine tubs | • packing materials |
| • ceramic items | • pizza boxes |
| • cereal boxes | • plastic bags |
| • egg cartons | • plastic deli trays |
| • flower pots | • plastic toys |
| • gift wrap and tissue paper | • Styrofoam® peanuts, cups, plates, egg containers, etc. |
| • clothes hangers | • glass dishes |
| • hard covered books | • window glass |
| • mirrors | • yogurt cups |
| • prescription bottles | |