

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

Block captains as of March 2010

Beneva Road	OPEN
Brookhaven Drive North	Sandy Ayers Rose
Brookhaven Drive South	Susan McGann
Brookline Drive	Howard & Rica Firth
Collins Street	Carolyn Fitzpatrick
Espanola Ave./Dr. West	John Lewis/Lynn Thomson
Espanola Dr. East	John Lewis/Lynn Thomson
Glenna Lane	Sandy Ayers Rose
Mid Ocean Cir. North	Jo Carter
Mid Ocean Cir. South	Linda Petrilla
Pine Valley Dr. West	Jody Maxwell
Pine Valley Dr. East	Joseph Melancon/Belle Heneberger
Pine Valley Lane	Joseph Melancon/Belle Heneberger
Riviera Circle	Joann Ganey
Riviera Drive	Marie Diffley
Sea View Street	Stephanie Jones
Stafford Lane	Nancy Plummer
Tanglewood Drive	Bill Taft
Westport Lane	Nancy Plummer
White Sulphur Place	MaryAnn Figlow

2010 Board of Directors

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Vicki Bass	Celeste Dority
Sandra Rose	Erica Firth
John Maxwell	Carol Miller
Nancy Plummer	Jo Carter
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Lise-Anne Charbonneau	

MARCH 2010 NEWSLETTER

***FOREST LAKES
ANNUAL
COMMUNITY YARD
SALE***

***SATURDAY MARCH 13TH
8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON***



*An announcement will be placed
in the Sarasota Herald Tribune
and signs will be placed around
the neighborhood. Set up in
your driveway and get ready for
those “early bird” shoppers! This is a great time to
catch up with neighbors, earn some cash and clean
out that jam-packed garage and attic!*

A Letter From Your President.....

Hello to all Forest Lakes residents, my name is Lynn Thomson and I am your newly elected Board President. I and my husband John Lewis have lived in Forest Lakes for 12 years. I have been active on the Board for the last year and have been a block captain for several years along with my husband. My involvement with the Sarasota community goes back to 1989 with a background in public safety and child advocacy. I want to thank my predecessor **Graham Hildebrand** who has worked tirelessly over the last two years as our Board President. Graham remains on the Board as a Board member.

As I fill the seat of President I will continue to work with the Board and residents to keep updated on any golf course development news. Many on the Board are and have been working many long hours in corresponding with State and local boards, licensing agents, Wachovia Bank and the golf course owner, Mark Miller to keep on top of any information that will impact our future as a community. Much of this hard work is not evident as we look around at the golf course, but I can assure every resident that anything and everything that the Board can think of doing has been discussed. Many of you came together with your community neighbors and chose to mow your "backyards" on the fairways to make things more presentable and prevent criminal activity and the threat of fires erupting. Even though the grass is not "green" it has provided a psychological lift to the community in many ways to see the weeds come down. It is easy to let the run down atmosphere of the course bleed over to our property as we are constantly reminded of "what was". The worse thing that could happen is for us to let our guard down with our property upkeep and deed restrictions and let the atmosphere of the golf course permeate throughout our community streets and homes.

We as a community again came together for a Crime Watch/prevention meeting in November after an unusual escalation in Forest Lakes of house and vehicle burglaries. Over one hundred residents participated to learn from Crime Prevention expert Sgt Neil Scully of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office. I am happy to say that after that meeting our crime rate of incidents occurring has dropped off to almost zero. However if you do need to report any suspicious/criminal activity please continue to do so at 316-1201 non-emergency or 911 if it warrants an emergency response.

Your Block Captains are people to get to know if you do not know them already. They act as the eyes and ears of our neighborhood, reporting to you and reporting to the Board any concerns, deed restriction violations, crime activity and welcoming new residents to their new community. If you are not aware of whom your Block captain is, go to the Forest Lakes Homeowner's Association's website: www.flcce.com and click on Homeowner's Association.

Let us stay positive about our Forest Lakes neighborhood we all love and show our pride by keeping our homes and community beautiful and safe.

Sincerely, Lynn Thomson



Security remains a very relevant issue for homeowners. It is imperative that we stay vigilant and continue to maintain our security patrols. Belle Heneberger and Joseph Melancon have graciously agreed to once again head up our security patrol scheduling. Rick Westover has worked hard keeping up with volunteers and patrols

and we thank him for his service. Although the County has not been able to do all that we would like, a fence/gate on County property near the Hyde Park Street water treatment plant was installed. This was completed after it was brought to their attention by your Board that Hyde Park Street was possibly being used as an access road by burglars, after it was reported that two homes were broken into. The sheriff's office felt that the getaway could have been via the treatment plant road. Additionally, the sheriff's office reported at the annual meeting that helicopter patrols would be utilized to better visualize the golf course property obstructed by high weeds and grasses.

The Forest Lakes Annual Meeting and Board election was held on January 12th. Approximately 40 homeowners braved the frigid Florida weather to attend. Sheriff Tom Knight addressed the group and the Sheriff and his representatives offered their expertise and suggestions to improve security and prevent crime in the community.

Jo Carter and Riki Firth, the two nominees to the Board, were introduced and unanimously elected to serve. Welcome Aboard!

The Holiday Lighting Contest winners were announced, as well, and a \$25.00 check was awarded for each category. Congratulations to:

Festival of Lights - Gail & Bill Balkwill 2151 Riviera Dr

Tropical Fantasy - Joe Orgaz & Mark Sampson 2340 Riviera Dr

Classic Christmas - Howard & Riki Firth 3417 Brookline Dr

Santa's Choice - Amanda & Samantha Dischinger 1937 Brookhaven Dr

You may have noticed areas of the golf course are being mowed. This is being done by individuals or groups of homeowners working together or hiring the work done at their expense. Some residents have inquired about getting permission from the owner, Mark Miller. Below is the correspondence Forest Lakes HOA received concerning the mowing. Correspondence is dated Wednesday, March 18, 2009 and is from Emma Joels (Miller's attorney) to Terry Boswell, a Sarasota County staff member.

Sent: Wed, 18 Mar 2009 2:51 pm
Subject: Forest Lakes

> Further to our telephone conversation this morning please allow this
> e-mail to confirm that Mark Miller on behalf of Forest Lakes
> Development does give permission to the homeowners who border the
> Forest Lakes golf course to access the property for the purpose of
> removing/cutting back and/or otherwise remediating the property with
> respect to the concerns expressed regarding any potential perceived
> fire risk.
> Sincerely,
Emma Joels

Are you on our e-mail list? An email concerning permission to mow on the golf course was sent to every address we had on February 4. If you did not get that message, but would like to receive occasional information, please give us your e-mail address. It will not be divulged to others or used for anything but Forest Lakes and safety messages. Write to us at **forestlakes@comcast.net** and we will add your name.



During the next month or two your Block Captain has been asked to contact their residents for the purpose of updating our Forest Lake Directory. As mentioned above, email and other personal information requests are never made public and are only used for the purpose of Forest Lakes HOA messages and are not given to anyone including solicitors. Once again this year the directory will include advertising. If you have any interest in placing an ad, please email



forestlakes@comcast.net for more information.

Have you remembered to pay your 2010 Homeowner's Association Dues?
Please support your Association and pay your dues now.

To Do: