

Forest Cove Beacon



A Newsletter from the Forest Cove Property Owners Association www.forestcove.org August 2023

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

In our last edition we were preparing to celebrate with our 54th Fourth of July BBQ and parade. As I look back at our recent Fourth of July events I am heartened by the hard work, commitment, and resolve of our residents to ensure that every one in Forest Cove could enjoy an Old Fashioned Fourth. Thank you to everyone that took steps large or small to make this event happen. I know I enjoyed my meal and a chance to visit with so many friends.

It is now time to focus our energies on recreating and reimagining the facilities for our community. We need to rebuild in a manner that embraces, or at least better tolerates, what appears to be inevitable flooding.

In the next few weeks, the interior of the community center will be demolished. Then we will work with our architectural firm to obtain permits for rebuilding a structure that we believe will be resilient in the face of future floods.

Due to the vandalism that came with the dilapidated town homes, the rebuilding process has taken much longer than any of us expected. However, we are hopeful that we will make significant progress with this project this year. If you have any specialized skills in the building or engineering of projects of this nature, please let us know.

I have noticed many of our neighbors traveling the neighborhood in golf carts. Please read the article later in this edition to make sure you are in compliance with Texas law.

It's too darn hot out there these days! Find some time in the shade, grill something fabulous, and enjoy a beverage with friends and neighbors.

FOURTH OF JULY CONTEST WINNERS

Successful events that were enjoyed by so many. Thank you to all who entered and participated. After the judges tallied their score cards we had the following winners:

Dessert Category Winners:

Cake – Ellyn Mead
Pie – David Mauck
Other – Isabella Daniels

Parade Category Winners:

Golf Cart – Dottie Wilner
Float – Lee Michelle Lewis, Tammy Stewart
Bike – Damian & Jackson Pool

Horseshoe Tournament Winners were Paul Mead and Ian Sadler.

GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The golf course was sold to Kingwood FLOG Properties in April of 2019. We are working with our attorneys to assert our legal positions. If you have concerns regarding the upkeep of the golf course, please call the City of Houston's 311 number and let them know. You will need the property address which is 805 Hamblen Road; the 311 operators will give you an incident number to reference for follow up. You may also call Ron Holley at 281-812-2700 to voice your concerns. And you may contact our Councilman Dave Martin at 832-393-3008; refer to your incident number when contacting the Councilman's office.

It is important to note that neither the community nor the FCPOA have any authority over the golf course.

FOREST COVE MARINA

The marina is open for use. If you have any questions, please call Randy Koshnick (281) 358 - 9809.

FOREST COVE POOL

The pool is open to Forest Cove residents Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. through and including Labor Day. If you have any questions, please call Steve Atchison, (281) 757-0732.

ACC PERMITS

If you are building or remodeling your home, adding a shed or fence, replacing a roof, windows or driveway, or building a pool house, you need a permit from the Architectural Control Committee ("ACC"). As a deed restricted community, your plans need to be approved by the ACC. Download the ACC permit form at: www.ForestCove.org; some activities require sets of plans be submitted along with your permit form so please contact Wade Hopper with any questions on requirements by email at: sparkys65stang@aol.com.

DRAINAGE IN FOREST COVE

At this time things are pretty quiet with drainage in the Cove. If you are concerned about the flow of water through your culvert, you should contact 311 and get a case number. Call or email Dave Martin's office and give them your case number for tracking. Also, please take a picture and email it, your street address and case number to Cameron Williams asatime@gmail.com.

DEED RESTRICTION REVISION COMMITTEE

If you are interested in assisting the Board in revising our current deed restrictions, please contact Joy Sadler via email at joydsadler@gmail.com. We are looking for volunteers to canvas their section of our neighborhood with petitions; you would go house to house explaining the revision and compiling signatures. We need to cover all sections within Forest Cove.

CHANGES TO TEXAS LAW ALLOWS GOLF CARTS AND MOST OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES TO BE OPERATED ON PUBLIC ROADS

With summer upon us, there have been many neighbors out enjoying a tour of the neighborhood. Did you know there have been recent changes in Texas law that now allow golf carts and most off-highway vehicles to be operated on public roadways. However, their operation is restricted to certain conditions, and there are certain stipulations that have to be met in order to legally do so. For the purposes of this advisory, an "off-highway vehicle" includes ATVs, ROVs, UTVs, and sand rails. The following are the conditions were golf carts and off-highway vehicles may be operated, and their requirements.

CONDITIONS:

A person may operate a golf cart or off-highway vehicle in:

- A county or municipality approved master plan community containing a set of HOA/POA rules or restrictive covenants; or
- A public or private beach approved for vehicle or travel; or
- A roadway for which the posted speed limit is not more than 35 mph, and the vehicle is operated during daytime hours in an area not more than 2 miles from the location where the vehicle is usually parked and used for transportation to and from a golf course.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Golf carts and off-highway vehicles must display the appropriate license plate to legally operate on the roadway. The fee for the plate is \$10, and the plate does not expire.

- Golf carts and off highway vehicles traveling at the speed of not more than 25 mph are also required to display slow moving vehicle emblem.
- All traffic laws pertaining to the movement and operation of regular motor vehicles apply, and must be obeyed while operating a golf cart or off-highway vehicle in a public roadway.
- The Texas Attorney General's office has stated (No. KP-0364) that the requirement to possess a valid driver's license to operate a vehicle on a public roadway applies to the operation of golf carts and off-highway vehicles while on a public road. Yes, an operator of a golf cart or off-highway vehicle must possess a valid driver's license (or learners permit with adult present) to drive on a public roadway.

TREE WASTE AND JUNK WASTE PROGRAM

On the 2nd Wednesday of the month, residents may dispose of their Heavy Trash Waste at the curbside. Tree Waste is collected during odd numbered months and Junk Waste is collected during even numbered months; Tree Waste is accepted during Junk Waste months. Trash may be put out at 6:00 pm the Friday before through 7:00 am on the scheduled collection day. Your adherence to the guidelines is appreciated.

Tree Waste Months are January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Junk Waste and Tree Waste months are February, April, June, August, October, and December.

SOME THANK YOU'S...

Thank you for watching out for walkers and bikes, keeping up with your yard, picking up after your pets, friendly waves, and being kind. You make Forest Cove a good place to live.

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BUILDING PERMIT INFORMATION

If you are building in Forest Cove, you need an ACC permit from Forest Cove POA. As a deed restricted community, your plans need to be approved by the property owner's association. Download the building permit form from www.ForestCove.org.

MONTHLY FCPOA MEETINGS

The FCPOA meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.. We hope to be at the Old Firehouse, 1108 Mustang Trail beginning in August.

