# **Forest Cove News**



A Newsletter from the Forest Cove Property Owners Association <u>www.forestcove.org</u> Spring 2014

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# <u>City of Houston</u> <u>Heavy Trash Dates:</u>

CoH picks up every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

May 14 TREE WASTE June 11 HEAVY TRASH & TREE WASTE

## July 12 TREE WASTE

# LOOSE AND LOUD DOGS

An open letter from Sam Caldwell / Forest Cove resident, 1963 to present days

Dogs and cats have made my life in Forest Cove a better place. Over some 50 years, I have treasured a beagle, a dachshund, a bassett hound, several hardworking bird-fetching labrador retrievers (with multiple puppies) an easy- going golden retriever, as well as many cats. We loved them all, and miss them every one. I believe in your right to enjoy your dogs and cats, but there are limits that need to be maintained legally, and as good neighbors.

In late January, three "loose" dogs had one of my cats cornered, and might have killed it if I hadn't heard the commotion and intervened, loudly. The dogs ran away from me past a group of nearby school children. A neighbor said they had been approached shortly before by the same dogs. Earlier, another neighbor's cat was seriously hurt by two stray dogs, and sustained expensive injuries.

Legally: <u>Dogs may not run loose in Forest Cove.</u> Every year in Harris County, children are killed or maimed by dogs. The City of Houston has municipal codes that lead to penalties if dogs are not properly maintained.

Neighborly: Your dog may be a fine friend and family member and a hindrance to would-be intruders, but dogs that bark excessively can be an obnoxious problem for your neighbors - and that can lead to penalties from the City of Houston or Harris County. In case of dogs that are loose, seem threatening, or prolonged, intense barking, call the city service line, 311.

You can also call 911, Houston Police department to report a perceived animal threat. Always call 911 in case of life-threatening emergency.

Call Houston Police Animal Control, 713-884-3131 to report animal abuse, fighting or other mistreatment and/or animals in distress.

Best wishes for a safe and pleasant Forest Cove, Sam Caldwell.

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### "When you say you're from Texas, nobody in the world will ask you where that is."



## STREET LIGHT OUT? FIX IT FAST

If a street light in your part of Forest Cove is not working, call Centerpoint at 713-207-2222. Every pole has a number stamped on a metal medallion attached to the pole, to identify it.

Give Centerpoint the pole number for the light that is out so they can locate the problem and fix it. It takes just a few minutes to keep your block safe.

# **CIVIC CENTER EVENT INFO**

Forest Cove Residents	\$350 for up to 12 hours
Non-Residents	\$600 for up to 12 hours
Security & Clean-up Deposit	\$400

**Forest Cove Community Center** on Marina Drive has capacity for up to 250. Call Ginger Wilson at 713-201-5030 to book your next event.

\*Parking, kitchen, fridges, stage, tables and chairs \*Alcohol requires permit from the police and security

# HOW TO GET MARINA KEYS

Keys are available to property owners with dues fully paid. You'll need proof of residence. Call Randy Koshnick: 281-358-9890

# YARD WORK INFO

#### Dear Neighbors,

Spring is here! It's a wonderful time of year to be in Forest Cove. The trees have grown their leaves back, the multicolored Texas wildflowers are popping out everywhere and the birds and the bees are busy again. Spring is also a good time to do a little gardening and I would like to remind you that City Of Houston will pick up tree waste on these dates: May 12, June 11 and July 12. Please be sure to be considerate to your neighbors by helping keep our streets clear of debris and by putting heavy waste at the curb no sooner than one week before pickup. Thank you, Beau Tardy

#### ♦ President's Letter ♦ ♦ ♦

# Forest Cove, we have a problem.

Dogs are running loose throughout the subdivision and we have first hand reports of dog attacks on other pets, resulting in animal deaths and injuries, as well as attacks on persons and property.

The problem seems to stem from owners who believe that because we live in an area with low car traffic, large lots and many trees, that this equates to a free-for-all dog park. That is not the case.

Forest Cove is situated in the City Of Houston and is subject to all COH ordinances, including Sec. 6-101 that states that: **"It shall be unlawful for any person owning or having in his possession any dog to allow such dog to be at large without the owner or person in charge thereof having <u>direct physical</u> <u>control over such dog.</u>"** 

Further it provides for fines starting at \$500. I encourage anyone who sees a dog 'at large' in Forest Cove to call 311 and ask that BARC be dispatched to remove the dog immediately. You can also call **Houston Police Animal Control 713-884-3131.** 

If a dog is acting in a threatening manner, call 911 immediately. We are compiling a list of dog related incidents on the website at <u>www.ForestCove.org</u>. If you witness dogs running at large, note the time and the address and report it on the website. <u>You can upload</u> <u>photos as well.</u>

I intend to hand this list over to BARC to expedite enforcement.

To all dog owners, please understand that we all love our pets. But security concerns as well as sanitary concerns compel us to help enforce this city ordinance.

Beau Tardy FCPOA President

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me by email at poa@forestcove.org.



If you'd like to pen a letter for the Forest Cove community to read, contact the editor at 281-312-0418.



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# **GET YOUR BUILDING PERMIT HERE**

If you are building in Forest Cove, you need an AC 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 <u>www.ForestCove.org</u>.

# HAVE YOUR SAY

Forest Cove POA meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

FCPOA meetings are held at the Community Center at 7.30pm. As a property owner, you have the right to be heard. Get involved, speak up. Come to the meetings.

#### DEED RESTRICTIONS ARE ONLINE

Deed restrictions for Forest Cove are posted at <u>www.ForestCove.org</u> If you are a real estate agent active in Forest Cove, remember to bookmark our website.

**OPEN THIS NEWSLETTER TO READ ABOUT:** 

#### LOOSE AND LOUD DOGS

**BUILDING PERMIT INFO** 

**STREET LIGHTS** 

# Edítor's Corner:

What makes a great neighborhood? It all comes down to care and respect. A community is only as strong as its residents. Forest Cove needs us all to pitch in to keep our corner of the world a great place to live. What can you do?

- 1: Get to know your neighbors
- 2: Read the POA Deed restrictions
- 3: Call the POA, 311 and 911 for help, as needed

Dogs unleashed on the street, trespassing or barking? Call 311 City of Houston or Houston Police Animal Control 713-884-3131. Hear gunshots? Call 911. Hunting is forbidden in Forest Cove and all City of Houston limits. There are serious fines for noncompliance.

Neighboring property breaking deed restrictions? The POA can advise and help broker a resolution.

Don't forget, phone numbers for Board Members are on the front of this newsletter. The POA President and Board Members work on a voluntary basis. Come to the meetings and do your part. **Protect your property value and your neighborhood.** 

Mara Tardy, Editor poa@forestcove.org

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