

Forest Cove Beacon



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City of Houston Heavy Trash Dates:

CoH picks up every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Dec 11 JUNK WASTE & TREE

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Jan 8 TREE WASTE

President's Letter



Dear Neighbor, As 2013 winds down and we prepare to spend some quality time with our families and celebrate the season, it's a good time to look back on goings on at the Forest Cove POA this past year.

Last May we held board elections, the board was reshaped and I was nominated president. I am honored to serve as president and promise to do my best for Forest Cove. Since then I have sometimes been asked 'what does the POA actually do?' Here are some of the highlights:

First and foremost, we have instituted an emergency mosquito response plan! We are currently spraying 3 to 4 times a week and will continue to do so until the problem abates. We hear you loud and clear and we are all feeling the impact of those pesky insects. Because City Of Houston does not help us with this, the spraying is coming directly from our rainy day fund.

In July, we held our annual 4th of July BBQ and parade. With over 300 plates served and dozens of residents participating in the parade, it can only be counted as a success. There was music, great raffle prizes, good food and fun for all. In August we held the Swim Team Divisionals at the Forest Cove pool. With the help of the Fighting Frogs Swim Team and awesome volunteers, we were able to accommodate over 800 visitors, their cars and marquee tents, food and t-shirt stands in a fun-filled country fair atmosphere. Through the summer, kids and adult residents were able to use the newly resurfaced pool for free. The baseball fields have been in 'full swing' all summer and fall as well.

It was pointed out to us that the Forest Cove Marina, situated behind the apartments on Marina Dr. needed some attention as it was being trashed and used for late night parties. The Board appointed Randy Koshnick to put a new gate in place so that access is restricted to Forest Cover property owners exclusively.

The Board has been very active in responding to resident's complaints regarding deed restrictions under the leadership of committee chair, Jean Montes. This is not publicized and you wouldn't hear about it unless you were directly involved. But if you are breaking deed restrictions, trust me, you *WILL* hear from us. The Board is committed to forcefully go after delinquent accounts and repeat deed restriction offenders. (cont'd)

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Feb 12 JUNK WASTE & TREE WASTE

To that effect, we are working very closely with the City Of Houston's Department Of Neighborhoods, HPD and councilman Dave Martin, to remedy these offenses. You can report deed infractions on the new website by filling in the contact form. All communication is confidential.

Speaking of the Police, Kingwood was assigned a new Police Captain, Officer May. I personally met with Officer May at the Kingwood Town Hall meeting in October and we discussed some problems we have with poaching in the area. The response was swift. Captain May dispatched patrol units to the areas around the river and dismantled several hunting blinds. Additionally, units are being dispatched on a regular basis to patrol the area and Texas Parks and Wildlife have been contacted. If you witness poaching or hear gunshots, immediately call HPD at 911 or Kingwood Police at 281-913-4500.

Finally, the Board's Architectural Committee, headed by Walt Cook, has been busy approving plans for some very elegant new homes going up in Forest Cove. This is a welcome sign as we believe these properties will add value to our neighborhood.

If you need an AC permit, you can now download it straight from the new website, www.ForestCove.org. We also wish to welcome several new out-of-state families to the area. It seems the word is getting out that Forest Cove is indeed a great place to live!

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

Thank you and have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

Beau Tardy
FCPOA President



ATT: REAL ESTATE AGENTS

DEED RESTRICTIONS ARE ONLINE

If you are a real estate agent active in Forest Cove, you should bookmark our website. Deed restrictions for Forest Cove are posted at www.forestcove.org

We ask that you make sure to tell prospective buyers they are buying in Forest Cove, not Kingwood. As such, they need to read and understand the deed restrictions that can be found on the website.

We love it when you sell a Forest Cove house. We welcome anyone who appreciates our neighborhood, with its large lots, leafy woods and excellent schools.

CIVIC CENTER RATES

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 is an excellent location for your next event, with capacity for up to 250. Info: Ginger Wilson at 713-201-5030.

- *Parking, kitchen, fridges, stage, tables and chairs
- *Residents may reserve up to 12 months ahead
- *Non-residents may reserve up to 6 months ahead
- *Alcohol requires permit from the police and security



The open letter below comes from Forest Cove property owner, Mr. Lloyd Jones.

Dear Neighbor, I'm very concerned about the lack of concern and deterioration I see in our neighborhood. Last Friday morning while walking my dog, I came upon all manner of dumped debris on Sunrise Trail, after hearing some noise and seeing truck lights the night before. Friday afternoon, my wife asked me to take her down Sunrise in the car so she could also see the debris. As we turned the corner, we saw not only the dumped trash but a truck further down the road. Two men were in the process of dumping fencing, tree limbs and other waste, mid-afternoon no less. When I asked them 'what the hell' they were doing, they quickly got in their truck and sped down the road, almost hitting my vehicle. This kind of behavior has been witnessed by me too many times since the '94 flood. What can you do as a Forest Cove resident?

1. Please use Sunrise Trail when possible, when entering or exiting the area. If you see something, say something. You can call the Kingwood Police Dispatch. It's 281-913-4500.
2. When you see the road sides need cutting, call 311, City of Houston's help line. When you see a street light out, take the pole number and call 311 and ask them to replace it.
3. Encourage your neighbors to get involved and be proud of Forest Cove. You are a part of Forest Cove and you can make a difference. What do you think will happen to your home value if you sit by and do nothing?

Please help me and yourself by holding Forest Cove to a higher standard. Together, we all stand to gain and we will all be safer for it. Thanks!

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Marina keys are available for free to property owners with dues fully paid. You will need proof of residence. Contact Randy Koshnick: 281-358-9890

HAVE YOUR SAY:

Forest Cove POA meets the 4th 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. We invite you to get involved in shaping your community. Find out about Forest Cove - come to the meetings.

Dear Business Owner:

If you own or run a business in the Forest Cove area and would like to advertise in our newsletter, we welcome your inquiry. Each issue goes to 1,000 property owners. For more information please call the editor at 281-312-0418.

OPEN THIS NEWSLETTER TO READ ABOUT:

MOSQUITO SPRAYING

NEW MARINA GATE

FORESTCOVE.ORG WEBSITE

Editor's Corner:

The right to vote is a privilege of this great country. This past month I exercised that privilege by casting my vote at the local elections down at the Forest Cove Community Center.

I have to admit I don't often visit the Center, but while I was there I was impressed at how clean and tidy everything looked. The American flag was flying outside the building and the folks running the elections had neatly organized tables, chairs and voting booths inside – everything looked spic and span. You can't help but feel a little proud of Forest Cove when you see citizens and neighbors making a real effort. By the way, the Civic Center is available for rental. It's an excellent location for a party or family event.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas, and remind everyone Forest Cove is a community, not a freeway. Next time you are ramblin' down Hamblen, remember to slow down & enjoy the scenery.

Mara Tardy, Editor

If you have any Forest Cove news you'd like to share, please email maratardy@gmail.com

