Forest Hills East Newsletter March 2020

For all residents, courtesy of Forest Hills East Civic Assoc. Inc.

Next Meeting Tuesday March 3, 2020



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President's Report

Dear Fellow Members,

We are having a guest speaker at our Tuesday, March 3rd Meeting. Code Enforcement from Pasco County will be speaking about Pasco County Ordinances and how they impact our County and our community. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm with social time from 6:30 to 7:00 pm.

If you have never attended a meeting or haven't been to a meeting in a while, please feel free to join us. If you are new to our community this is a great time to meet your neighbors and learn how you can help keep our community a great place to live.

Please invest in your property values through your dues and donations to:

FHECA P O Box 3781 Holiday, FL 34692

\$30.00 Per Joint Owners

\$15.00 Per Single Owners



Meetings are held at:

Church New Fellowship Hall Meeting Room Located at Corner of Berry Hill and Grand Blvd., Social Time 6:30 PM, **Meeting 7-8 PM**

FHECA, Inc. is a Florida registered Not-for-Profit Civic Association Visit FHECA on-line at WWW.ForestHillsEast.com You can report problems by calling the Sheriff's office at **800-706-2488** anonymously.

If you have reported suspicious activity before, do it again. If reporting stops, it will be assumed the problem has been solved. I was told by a Local Sheriff's deputy this is important and may be the reason some of our biggest concerns have not been eliminated.

Call **727-847-8102** for non-emergency issues and remember these are answered on a priority basis.

Child and Elder Abuse can be reported to a new number confidentially: **800-962-2873**. You can also call this number to speak to Someone about the problem: Pasco Victim Advocate—727-570-9696 EXT. 259

DEED RESTRICTIONS

Reminder: The front of your home cannot be used for storage—behind your fence or in your garage is the right place.

Trailers must be parked behind your fence or along side your residence, behind your house with no part extending beyond the front of the residence structure. This is a Pasco County ordinance as well as a Deed Restriction.

Reminder: Dogs must be on a leash when not behind a fence. Be a good "pack leader" for your pets, and keep them safe behind a fence or leashed.

Reminder: Not everyone wants to hear the bass in your car inside their houses.

Please abide by the Pasco County noise Ordinance as you drive through the Subdivision.

RECYCLING:

Papers can now be recycled with plastic, aluminum cans, and clear, green, or brown glass using your designated container.

TRASH CAN LIDS:

All trash cans placed outside must have a lid to keep critters out of the trash and secure enough to keep contents from spilling out if the can is tipped over.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported \$2,076.72 in checking and \$116.00 in savings. There will be a budget shortfall for 2020 of \$1,000.00 but we have money to cover.

We purchased a printer, toner & paper for the Secretary's use in printing the newsletter at home. The cost for these purchases were \$246.17 however, the cost savings for the year will be \$700.00. The expenditures for January 2020 was approved anonymously.

Treasurer's Commentary

We need to have more Forest Hills East home-owners join in and support the Civic Association. This is an inexpensive way to continue to make Forest Hills East a desirable place to live.

Look to some of the communities near ours. You can spot those who have an active association supporting their community, and those who do not.

Secretary's Report

The February, 2020 monthly meeting of the FHECA was held on February 4th. 28 members attended. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Stan Moretz. No "Old Business" was presented. Upon review of the Treasurer's report and 2020 Budget, discussions were held regarding increasing the membership rolls and opportunities to reduce costs

We have a notary available with a \$10.00 donation to the association. Please contact Millie Olsen.

We have space in the Newsletter and on our website for advertisers. Please let us know if you know of any business who would like to purchase advertising space.

What does FHECA do for our Community?

Provides a place to discuss our concerns within the community and to meet our neighbors, old and new.

Provide maintenance of properties that are abandoned or in foreclosure until owners resume maintenance. (This can be long process if owners cannot be personally served.)

Locate and contact lenders to make sure they secure and maintain their properties until they are sold.

Contact and follow up with Pasco County on issues affecting our Subdivision.

Forging good relations with our local Sheriff's Department, scheduling speakers from the Department to address our issues and our questions.

Letting our Commissioner and local officials know we are interested and active in keeping our subdivision a place we all want to live.

Maintain the entrance to the Subdivision. Notice other local subdivision entrances that are no longer maintained. It is not the appearance we want for our entrance. The association funds some of the cost of materials though all of the maintenance work is donated.

Remember, the Board members serves as volunteers, giving of their time for the benefit of all.

Spring forward into the great outdoors

Spring is a wonderful time to be outside and work on your landscape. It's not too hot yet, but it's warm enough that many plants will flourish through this time. Now is a great time to check your irrigation. Make sure it is in good working order for the dryer and warmer months ahead.

Pruning: Prune azaleas right after the plants finish blooming. This is the time to shape your azaleas. If you are pruning flowering shrubs or trees, prune after the last flowers have withered but before the new buds have set. This guarantees a well-shaped tree or shrub and keeps you from removing the buds for next year's blooms.

Flower beds: Remove any dying winter annuals and replace with varieties that will bloom into the warmer months. Plant bulbs like caladiums. Caladiums will grow well throughout the spring and summer. Consider planting daylilies, which come in early-, mid-, and lateblooming varieties to guarantee months of blooms.

As we come into the warmer months, it is important to consider where you are planting your flowers. Remember to look for plants that will do well in the specific areas in your yard. Some plants will thrive in the sun while others will need more shade.

Now is a great time to consider adding a pollinator area to your garden. A pollinator garden helps attract pollinators such as bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies. Planting Florida natives is a great way to reduce the need for fertilizers and heavy watering.

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You can read the Community Newsletters and the Forest Hills East By-Laws and Deed Restrictions at www.foresthillseast.com.

Forest Hills East Civic Association has a twitter account. You can see it at @foresthillseast.

The Pasco County Sheriff's non-emergency number is 727-847-5878.

3rd Annual Strawberry Festival, Sunday, March 8th, Sims Park, Grand Blvd & Bank, New Port Richey, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

36th Annual Art in the Park, Saturday March 14th, Tom Varn Park, 301 Darby Lane, Brooksville. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

