

Forest Glade Estates

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From the Board

Happy Summer 2024 from the HOA board. This newsletter is coming out a bit late in the year but I still want to extend my thanks to the families who opened up their homes for the holiday open house in Dec 2023 as it was a great time being able to connect with folks. We were pleased to end 2023 with having the tennis courts resurfaced which helped the start-up of Pickleball in FGE (see article). In 2024, we should be able to get a plan in place for the islands and start doing some transformation and your participation will be encouraged. And as always, I encourage everyone to look at the different topics in this newsletter and let anyone on the board know if you would like to be involved. It is a great neighborhood if we all take part.

Sincerely,
Jim Mackanic – President

2023 Holiday Open House

The Holiday Open House was well attended and a great way to close out 2023. Thank you again to the families that generously opened their homes for our festive gatherings: Tim and Claudia Barry, Rob and Sarah Busa, and Scott Moore and Ashley Williams. Your warmth and hospitality created an atmosphere of joy and togetherness that truly embodies the spirit of our great neighborhood! A sincere thank you to all who participated, whether as hosts or guests, in making the holidays memorable for everyone.

Thank-you to the Several Kris Kringles & Secret Santas who decorated the common areas so festively 2023 holiday season.

Thank-you to our neighbors who made an effort to light-up their lawns with fun, festive, tasteful lights, ornaments, and decorations.

Tennis Court & Pickleball

The tennis courts are newly resurfaced and looking good with the addition of Pickleball lines on one of the courts (the line color did not show up well so the plan is to repaint it sometime this summer).

If you are interested in learning to play or playing Pickleball there is a group that plays on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 11:00am (weather permitting) and you can contact Evelyn Fletcher at evfletcher@comcast.net or 925.899.3426

Reminder:

Please ensure the tennis courts are locked after use. The combination must be spun before the lock will engage. If you need the combination to the courts, please contact any of the Board members.



2024 Calendar

As our 2024 social events approach, we are excited to share the dates for our upcoming events. Save the dates for these opportunities to connect with each other and celebrate our unique neighborhood. Come out and get to know your neighbors!

Summer BBQ - Saturday, June 1st

At the west end of Creek Road. The island renovation will be a featured discussion. The HOA will be grilling up some delectable menu and homeowners bring a salad or dessert to share.

Fall Gathering - Saturday, November 2nd

Annual Meeting, usually held at Jean Shuler's driveway on Old Tower. Come out to hear updates about the work of the HOA plus results from the annual HOA election for Board members.

Holiday Open House - Sunday, December 8th

Hosted by generous neighbors. As the year comes to a close, gather with neighbors for a festive winter celebration. Enjoy holiday lights, seasonal treats and the company of friends.

We look forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new neighbors to these upcoming events. Suggestions or want to help plan? - Please contact Evelyn Fletcher (evfletcher@comcast.net or 925.899.3426).

Neighborhood Resident Hoyt Walker passed away

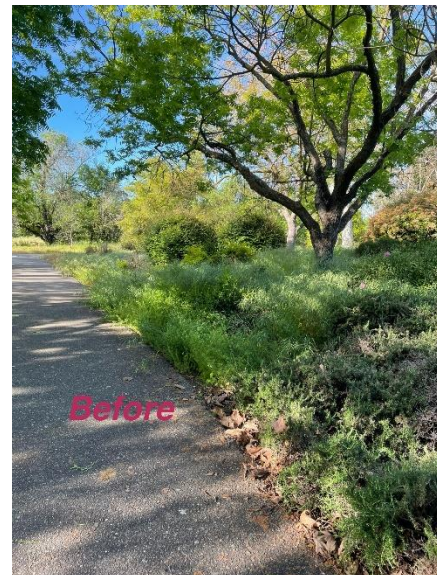
We have some sad news to share with you: Hoyt Walker, longtime member of this community, passed away on the 15th of February. In his working life at LLNL, he played a key role in the development of NARAC, arguably the world's most effective system for predicting how pollutants travel through the atmosphere and settle, and invaluable after industrial accidents, volcanic eruptions and more. He was an LLNL retiree who enjoyed traveling and life with his wife Sue and daughter Nikki here in Forest Glades. We will miss bike path chats about shared destinations.

FGEHA Landscape Update

- FGE Garden Gatherings: Save-the-Dates - the fourth Saturday of each month, weather permitting starting at 8:30am. Our objective is to spruce-up our common-areas: the islands, tennis/pickleball courts, acreage west of the courts. Come spend some time outdoors, admiring and beautifying our neighborhood, meet your neighbors. Participants should dress appropriately: shoes, sunscreen, gloves. Bring garden tool(s) of choice. Organic green bins are always welcome.

Our next Garden Gathering is scheduled Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 8:30am (weather permitting).

- You are encouraged to "adopt-an-island". Forest Glade Estates has ten common-property islands in the neighborhood in addition to acreage surrounding our tennis courts. The association will reimburse for qualified incidental expenses (<\$100 with receipts) used for the common areas.



- There is a tall-tree incentive for tree planting on your property; please see a board member for details or the City of Livermore listing of recommended trees.
- Reminder: If you notice any leaks or broken sprinkler heads please leave a message with a board member (ForestGladeEstates@outlook.com or Renee Lau - rlau@pacbell.net) so it can be investigated & remedied. Suggestions for improvement are welcomed.
- Effective Jan 2024, FGEHA has contracted a new landscape service to maintain the common areas: islands, shrubs and pathways east of the courts. Welcome Jesus Mancillas Landscape Services!

Island Renovation



So far, the progress we've made on the island renovation committee is:

Hired a certified arborist to evaluate the trees - we've received the report which states that overall, our trees are in good shape and have begun implementing some of the recommendations to keep them healthy, such as cabling one of the trees and trimming an overhanging branch from the same tree.

We have contracted with Eric Teberg to develop a unified plan for renovating the islands. One benefit of Eric's approach is we will be able to address each island individually as resources allow. More details of the planned island renovation will be shared at the Summer BBQ in June.

Judy Mackanic (1755 Creek Rd) is leading the Neighborhood Island Renovation (Beautification) Committee, feel free to contact her if you have ideas or interests.

CC&Rs and Bylaws



A new revision based upon the existing governing documents is a work in process. The next task is to rewrite the existing CCRs to: 1) eliminate the text that is no longer applicable, and 2) adjust a couple of articles, e.g., restricting short-term rentals, based on the survey feedback in Fall 2023.

Financial Reserve Study



We mentioned in the last newsletter that to comply with CA regulations, we engaged with a company to evaluate our financial responsibility in maintaining the common area and associated assets (trees, irrigation system, tennis courts and hardware) and create a 30-year plan for what we should have in financial reserves to cover repair and replacement costs. maintaining these assets and do a bit less "fix on failure". The plan is complete and it will be part of the budget

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