

# FORREST GROVES ESTATES Homeowner's Hotline

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAYS SAT/SUN, MAY 21 &22, 2022

"MEET N GREET" Sat or Sun June 4 or 5 T.B.D.

#### 2021-2022 FGE Board Members

President: Stan Dunlap 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Water and Sewer: Dave Kasper 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Roads, Trash, and Recycling: Joe Wise Treasurer: Mary Dunlap

Secretary: Susan Brown

## **FG BOARD UPDATES**

- Board meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of the month from 7-8 pm. January 20 via Zoom
- To contact the Board, please email <a href="mailto:fgehoa@gmail.com">fgehoa@gmail.com</a> Messages will be forwarded to the appropriate Board member(s) for response.
- Dave Rahn, Mike Riley & Tim Wheeler have volunteered to review and update the current FGE By-laws, while looking for gaps that may exist. If you are interested in being a reader/reviewer to provide a second set of eyes before the recommendations go to the Board for final approval, please email fgehoa@gmail.com
- FGEHA Board will be working on: Reserve Study of assets; Short Term Rental rules;

#### **COMMUNITY UPDATES**

- A FGE Facebook (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/361106958831506">https://www.facebook.com/groups/361106958831506</a>) has been set up for community members who would like up-to-date community information and notifications, e.g., road closures, outages
- Fragile Sewers: Please remember to be gentle with our aging sewer system. Only human waste and a little toilet paper. **NO** feminine products, diapers, pads, wipes, "flushables", etc. down toilets. **NO** Grease down sinks. If your home doesn't have a **Save Our Sewers** (SOS) placard for each toilet and the sink, email the Board.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

- Reviewers for the upcoming updates to the FGE By-laws.
- Wildfire Adapted Partnership (WAP) co-ambassadors to work to reinstate our FIREWISE status

#### WINTER IS HERE in Forrest Groves Estates -- a few reminders

- WINTERIZING YOUR HOME: Sometimes we have a cold snap and this might have an effect on your water and/or sewer system. In order to fix these problems in an efficient, timely manner, your water shut off value should be marked with a **blue** reflector and your sewer clean out marked with **green** reflector.
- CLOSING YOUR HOME FOR THE WINTER? Be sure to shut off your water valve and make sure a neighbor or Board member knows where your shutoffs are located ... just in case.
- COMMUNITY ROADS: Snow tends to cover everything. Every attempt will be made to make our roads safe and passable, but your help is needed.
  - Snow removal happens once we have 4 inches of snow. Generally, priority will be given to High Trails Drive from 521 High Trails to the entrance, then Verde Lane and Forrest Groves Lane.
  - Community speed limit remains at 10 mph during the winter months
  - FGEHA has a 10-foot easement alongside roads. FGEHA is **not** responsible for damage to anything in that easement.
  - Please do not throw or blow snow from your property onto the common roads, it just makes for inconvenience and additional cost to clear it off our roads.

- POWER OUTAGES: As we have recently seen, power outages can occur during the winter months and can last a while. Check out this page from LPEA <a href="https://lpea.coop/how-be-outage-ready">https://lpea.coop/how-be-outage-ready</a>
  - Our sewer system runs on power, so if power goes out, please limit flushing or it will cause our lift stations to back up.
  - Be sure to have some extra water on hand for consumption and toilets.
- FIREPLACE ASHES: Fireplace ashes need to be stored in a <u>metal</u> container and NOT placed on a wooden surface for at least a week before being placed in the dumpster.
- SLEDDING: Please be cautious of sledders/skiers coming down High Trails. To keep everyone safe place the orange cones on the side of the road to alert drivers of your presence. This use is at your own risk.

#### **TRASH**

- Please do not leave trash outside of the dumpsters.
- Close the dumpster doors tightly.

# **RECYCLING**

Thanks for your help keeping recyclable materials out of the landfill.

- Allowable: plastic bottles, newspaper, magazines, old mail, and flattened cardboard boxes.
- **Prohibited:** glass, trash, Styrofoam and plastic bags. If you collect your recyclables in a plastic bag, please empty the bag and toss the plastic bag in the trash.
- Pick-up: Waste Management now picks up every other week.

#### **KUDOS CORNER**

Thank you to those who have generously given of their time to support our community.

- Snow removal: THANKS to Tim Wheeler, Michael Rossback, Olin Kane and Bob Ewing for digging us out.
- To YOU for your ongoing neighborly generosity.

# **CONDOLENCES**

- To Jack Tipps and family on the passing of his wife, **Lu Tipps**. They were some of the early builders of FGE.
- To Mike Corr and family for the loss of their mother, Jean Corr, long time FGE resident
- To Heather Nardid whose father passed away in early December.