



FORREST GROVES ESTATES

Homeowner's Hotline

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

WAP Appointments

Tuesday, Oct 11, 2022

October Board Meeting

Thursday, Oct 20, 2022 7:00p.m. Zoom

2022-2023 FGE Board Members

President: Stan Dunlap

1st VP – Water and Sewer: Dave Kasper

2nd VP – Roads, Trash, and Recycling: Jen Redfern

Treasurer: Beth Gordon

Secretary: Jill Corr

FG BOARD UPDATES

- Board meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of the month from 7-8 pm. **October 20 via Zoom**. Agenda will be posted on the FGEHA website a week before the meeting.
- To contact the Board, please email fgehoa@gmail.com Messages will be forwarded to the appropriate Board member(s) for response.
- FGEHA Board will be working on Developing a **Reserve Study** with Robbie Pepper from Facilities Advisors; updating the FGEHA **Covenants**; updating **Policies** and **Rules** based on the updated covenants.
- Annual Report: included in this mailing is the **FGEHA Annual Report** for 2021-2022

WAP (Wildfire Adapted Partnership) update

- Alex Graf, La Plata County coordinator, will be here in the neighborhood on October 11 to assess the fire prevention readiness of your property so you can be sure your home is defensible in case of a wildfire. Sign in to the WAP website to make your appointment. <https://wildfireadapted.org>
- Chipper Rebate of up to \$250 for an individual for mitigation work through 12/31/22. fgehoa@gmail.com or <https://wildfireadapted.org> for an Application.
- "Income 65: Colorado Wildfire Mitigation Measures Subtraction" – information about expenses deductible from Colorado state tax. fgehoa@gmail.com
- Home insurance – at the bi-monthly WAP meeting, homeowners were advised to closely monitor your insurance policies to be sure you have sufficient coverage.

REMINDERS

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.

SPEED LIMIT: Now what is the neighborhood speed limit, again?? Oh, that's right **10 m.p.h.**

Free Firewood: Thanks to Morgan Reeder and a couple of dead trees that he downed, there are several dozen rounds of bucked wood on the side of the road on upper High Trails. Some disassembly required, like splitting.

TRASH

- Please do not leave trash outside of the dumpsters. Pick-ups are Monday morning and Thursday afternoon.
- Close the dumpster doors tightly and latch. Let's not invite the bears to dinner.

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 on Wednesday.

WINTER IS COMING to Forrest Groves Estates -- a few reminders

- WINTERIZING YOUR HOME: Sometimes we have a cold spell that may 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 valve should be marked with a **blue** reflector stake and your sewer clean out marked with **green** reflector. fgehoa@gmail.com to get your markers. It really helps if someone can have access to your home in an emergency.
- 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.
 - Orange reflectors are available for you to mark the edges of your driveway. fgehoa@gmail.com
 - 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.
 - Chains are advised up High Trails if the roads get icy.
 - Please do not throw or blow snow from your property onto the common roads. It just makes for inconvenience for our volunteer drivers.
 - POWER OUTAGES: Power outages can occur during the winter months and can last a while. Check out this page from LPEA <https://lpea.coop/how-be-outage-ready>
 - Our sewer system runs on power, so if power goes out, please **limit toilet 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 metal container and NOT placed on a wooden surface for at least a week before being placed in the dumpster. NO dumpster fires, please.
- 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.

CodeRED Did you get a CodeRED test alert today? The La Plata County Office of Emergency Management sends an important message for all residents and businesses located in La Plata County. We use the CodeRED Community Notification System to help disseminate important or critical information.

We encourage all residents and businesses to go to the La Plata County website, click on the CodeRED logo, and enter their contact information, including additional phone numbers, and text and email addresses, to ensure all of the data in our system is accurate and current.

If you know of anyone who did not receive this call who lives in La Plata County please encourage them to visit the La Plata County website, www.co.laplata.co.us, and enter their information or text DURANGOLAPLATACOUNTYCODERED to 99411 from your mobile phone and enter your contact information

OBSERVATION & SUGGESTION

- We very much appreciate the work of our volunteers on neighborhood projects. Unfortunately, it seems to be same 15-20 people who do the work. A member suggested that the Association have a \$100 per year Special Assessment for each property that could either be paid in cash if volunteering is not possible or paid off at \$20 per hour of work time. The funds raised could be used to hire contractors to complete the work. Let us know your thoughts fgehoa@gmail.com

KUDOS CORNER

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

- Olin Kane and Dave Kasper for lagoon work on the aspirators and blower system.
- All of you who volunteered your time for mitigation work to make FGE look better and be safer
- To YOU for your ongoing neighborly generosity.

CONDOLENCES

- To Susan Brown on the passing of her aunt.