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COMMUNITY UPDATES: MAY 2020

Hello Neighbors,

In this time of uncertainty, we wanted to let you know that your POA board is still hard at work for the neighborhood.

ANNUAL MEETING

The time is approaching for our annual neighborhood meeting, which is normally held in July. We are currently reviewing our options concerning an in-person neighborhood meeting given the current restrictions on gatherings related to COVID-19. We still plan on holding an in-person meeting for 2020, but it may be delayed depending on how the virus situation progresses. We will keep everyone updated on this situation as it unfolds.

FRONT ENTRANCE MAINTENANCE

As you may have noticed, landscaping of the common areas is back underway, including the installation of new mulch at the neighborhood entrance. An issue with renewing our contract with last year's vendor, coupled with difficulties in soliciting new companies due to COVID-19, presented some challenges in scheduling landscaping services in 2020. We thank you all for your patience as we worked out this issue.

ANNUAL DUES LATE FEE UPDATE

As indicated in our last mailing, we intended to charge late fees for unpaid POA dues. We have temporarily suspended these late fees in case any neighbors are experiencing financial difficulties related to COVID-19. We ask anyone facing virus-related hardships to please reach out to our treasurer, Joyce Toms (919-567-3345; stewjoy2@yahoo.com), to discuss potential payment options. Of the 105 households in our neighborhood, 36 have an outstanding dues balance.

RETENTION PONDS UPDATE

The retention ponds located off of Kinsman Court have presented an issue to our neighborhood for some time now. As discussed at previous neighborhood meetings, they will be in need of repairs and maintenance in order to pass state inspection. We are currently reviewing options and soliciting bids to determine the scope of these costs. We want to be as transparent as possible regarding this process, and will notify everyone of costs as they become finalized. We plan on discussing this further at our in-person neighborhood meeting. If there are any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact us at board@foresttrailspoa.com.

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SPEEDING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

The board has received complaints of speeding in the neighborhood. While any issues that present safety hazards within the neighborhood are of great concern to us on a personal level, the board has a limited ability to enforce legal matters, including traffic violations like speeding. As such, we encourage neighbors to report such activity to the appropriate legal authorities. In the case of speeding, this would be the Harnett County Sheriff's Office (910-893-9111). As a reminder to all neighbors, the speed limit throughout the neighborhood is 25 mph.

CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC

The new neighborhood being built at the rear of our neighborhood is actively under construction. This has caused an increase in construction-related traffic in the neighborhood. The board has received complaints concerning this traffic. However, the board has no ability to curtail the legal use of neighborhood streets, which are maintained by the county DOT. We have reached out to the builder to discuss options for this traffic to use an alternative entrance to their building sites. To date, we have not received a response to our inquiry.

DOG WASTE

We continue to receive complaints regarding dog waste in the neighborhood. Per our covenant, all neighbors are required to maintain their pets in a manner that causes them to not be a nuisance (Section II, Number 13). Please pick up after your animals!

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Website: forestrailspoa.com

Facebook Group: Forest Trails Neighborhood (facebook.com/groups/1283141171802794/)

Nextdoor: Contact us by email (board@forestrailspoa.com) for an invitation

WE INVITE ALL NEIGHBORS TO JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR MORE INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY ISSUES. WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!



Thanks to everyone who participated in the neighborhood "Bear Hunt"
You brought smiles to little faces.