

## RIVER FOREST QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Dear Neighbors,

The River Forest HOA Board has decided to publish a quarterly newsletter to keep everyone informed about what the Board is doing and what is happening in the neighborhood.

The Board consists of the following of your neighbors:

Gary Knapp--President

Larry Ribbeck--Vice President

Kenny Sopchak--Secretary

Ric Bailey--Treasurer

Sarah Gonzalez--Director

Sarie Fellwock is our Community Manager from Graham Management.

First off, as an update with regard to the COVID-19 Coronavirus, Graham Management has requested that we suspend our in person board meetings for the next eight weeks. We have already had our March board meeting, so this will affect our April and May meetings. Please understand this precaution, and know that we will work together through email and/or conference call to address our upcoming agendas.

Graham Management has also requested that homeowners consider postponing any Architectural Committee approval requests that would require going out in public to acquire materials or contracting outside help to complete. Any projects a homeowner intends to do themselves can still be submitted for approval.

Graham Management is operational, but for the next eight weeks they will not provide public access to their offices. But homeowners can still drop off payments through their drop box or pay online.

Speaking of projects, with all your newly found free time as we all practice social distancing, what better time than now to spruce up your home? This is a great opportunity to power wash your driveway and exterior of your home, trim and brighten up your landscape, and just generally get your home all ready for spring!



Please remember that any modifications to the exterior of your home, such as painting, structural changes, major landscape changes, or home additions require approval. Applications for approval are available on the River Forest website, located at <http://www.riverforesttx.com/index.html>.

**Assessments:** All homeowner yearly assessments were due in January, and are considered past due if unpaid by January 31st. If you have not yet paid your assessment, please make arrangements to do so as soon as possible. Please know that all late payments will accrue late fees and interest.

**Camera System:** We have a security camera system installed at the entrance of the neighborhood, but the board is currently reviewing bids to upgrade the system, to allow us enhanced capabilities and access to footage should it be required. We will update you when we have made a choice for the new system.

**New Construction:** We currently have two new homes under construction in the neighborhood, and one lot that has recently sold that will presumably eventually have new construction.

**Power lines/Tree trimming:** You have probably noticed that the power company has contracted with Davey Tree Service to trim foliage from around our power lines. If your property has power lines running through it, the tree service will be on your property to trim your trees around the power lines. They will remove the debris, usually placing it at the street, where a chipper will come and clean up.

**Road Striping:** If you squint and look really hard, you can see that at one time, the streets in our neighborhood had striping to indicate the edges of the road, and the dotted center line. These have faded significantly, and the county has informed us that we are scheduled to have the streets restriped in the next 4-6 months.

**What else?** What would you like to know? We would like to use the quarterly newsletter to keep everyone informed of neighborhood happenings. If you have any questions or concerns you'd like to see addressed that benefit the whole neighborhood, please feel free to send an email to Sarah at [hlgon@msn.com](mailto:hlgon@msn.com). Also, every homeowner is welcome to attend our monthly board meetings, once we resume them. We meet the second Monday of each month at 6pm at the River Forest offices at the entrance of the neighborhood.