

RIVER FOREST QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



We've made it through almost 3/4 of this crazy year! We want to let you know what's been happening in River Forest.

SPEEDING: First up, let's talk about speeding. An email went out to all of us recently regarding concerns from residents about speeding. We received a lot of feedback.

Many residents suggested solutions such as speed monitoring devices, increased law enforcement presence, and though not a favorite, speed bumps.

Unfortunately, we cannot control speeding that occurs with UPS trucks, school buses, and service providers. If you have someone you regularly interact with like a lawn service or other provider, please remind them of the speed limit if they are not adhering to it.

Equally as unfortunate is that a fair amount of the speeding going on in the neighborhood is committed by residents. We have all seen neighbors speeding. Cars, motorcycles, and even golf carts full of distracted teens are all at fault.

Please respect the speed limits set by the county (30 MPH), as it is so important to drive at a safe speed in the neighborhood for everyone's protection.

We have children, deer, squirrels, dogs, walkers and joggers in the neighborhood on our streets at all hours of the day.

All of the suggestions received are VERY expensive, and we as a Board feel a responsibility to manage the neighborhood budget wisely, and to use it to fund things that benefit the entire neighborhood, not punish a few people who think the law does not apply to them.

This would most certainly increase our annual dues to an exorbitant amount, and no one wants that.

So let's start with ourselves. Slow down out there. If we all do that and still find concerns about third party speeders, then we will reexamine our options to address that problem.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING: We continue to spray the neighborhood for mosquitos, especially in light of all the rain we've had. Our most recent treatment was Thursday, September 24th.

ANNUAL MEETING: Our annual neighborhood meeting is coming up on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 6:30pm at the Swinging Door restaurant, located at 3818 FM 359. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect two (2) Directors and to discuss the affairs of the Association. Registration commences at 6:00pm.

We have decided to hold an in-person meeting, with everyone in attendance practicing safety protocols.

We'd love for as many neighbors as can attend to join us! It's always a fun time to socialize and talk about what's going on in the neighborhood.

So be on the lookout for info regarding the meeting coming soon.

Some of the items of business we will discuss will be:

Annual dues increase: River Forest annual dues have gone unchanged for several consecutive years. The board has voted to increase the dues very slightly for the upcoming year. You will receive that information in your annual statement from Graham Management.

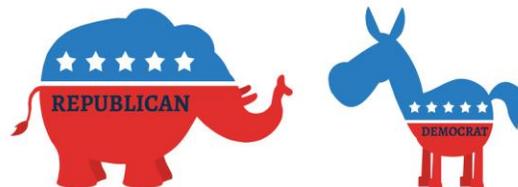
359 Expansion: We have received a bit of information here and there from the county regarding the pending expansion of 359, including possible alteration of the entrance to the neighborhood.

There are still studies to be conducted, and at least one other public meeting before the work will commence.

Because of the possible reconfiguration of the entrance in all this, the Board has decided to place an upgrade of the security camera system on hold until we know what is happening with the expansion. We have been reviewing bids and the process of installing a new camera system, and have not committed to a purchase as of yet. It would not make sense to spend money to invest in the placement of a newer system, only to have it removed when construction starts. So we will keep our current system for the near future and revisit the possibility of an upgrade at a later date.

Bridge remodel: We have been in discussions with the residents in the Grand Reserve and some consultants with the county about changes to the bridge on Forest View Drive. We will keep you informed of the plans as they evolve.

One final reminder:



POLITICAL SIGNS: With election season upon us, we want to remind everyone that our neighborhood deed restrictions do allow for ONE political sign per candidate, and they may be placed **no more than 90 days prior to an election, and must be removed within 10 days after the election.**

That's it for now! If you have any questions or concerns you'd like to see addressed in the newsletter, please feel free to email Sarah Gonzalez at hlgon@msn.com.

We hope to see you in November!

