



Dear River Forest Neighbors:

Welcome to the 2nd Quarter neighborhood newsletter! We have quite a few things to share. Before we do, just a reminder of who your HOA Board of Directors are:

Larry Ribbeck: President

Ric Bailey: Vice-President

Katie Hart: Treasurer

Sarah Gonzalez: Secretary

Kenny Sopchak: Director

Sarie Fellwock, who was our neighborhood manager from Graham Management, has retired and we are happy to welcome the lovely Jessica Delgado to our team. She attended our most recent board meeting and we look forward to working with her!

On the subject of Graham Management, they have informed us that they are in the process of updating their management software. This will enable them and us to manage all the neighborhood processes more efficiently. It will also allow all homeowners more access to their information regarding applications, monetary balances, and more. Graham Management expects to have everything ready to go sometime in August, so we will keep you posted.



Up first, **TREES**. We love our trees in River Forest. So much so, Forest is even in our name! We have recently had issues with quite a few trees being cut down without approval.

We want to remind you that **no trees can be removed from your property without first submitting an application to the HOA Board for approval**. We will want to know how many trees you are requesting to remove, and why.

You can access an application on Graham Management's Documents page for our neighborhood here:

<http://grahammanagementhouston.com/Communities/River%20Forest/riverforest.html>



**SPEEDING:** As you know, many residents have concerns regarding speeding in the neighborhood. We placed a speed monitor in the neighborhood to collect data, which was shared with all the neighbors. We have received bids for the permanent placement of two speed monitors on River Forest Drive.

We want to solicit your opinions on this project. We will be sending out a brief survey on this issue so that you can answer some questions and share your thoughts. This will enable the Board to determine the commitment level of residents to this project.

Your answers will be confidential and anonymous, so please feel comfortable sharing your thoughts on the survey.

You will receive a link to the survey in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, please remember and remind any contractors you use that the posted speed limit in the neighborhood is 30mph.

**EMAIL ADDRESSES:** Before we send out the survey, we want to make sure we have the best email addresses for each resident. If you haven't already done so, please make sure to provide your email address to Jessica at Graham Management by the end of this month. Her email address is:

[jdelgado@grahammanagementhouston.com](mailto:jdelgado@grahammanagementhouston.com)



**MOSQUITOES:** We know the mosquitos are big, mean, and nasty this time of year, especially with all the rain we have had recently. We have a contract to have the neighborhood sprayed weekly during the summer, and more frequently if the problem is particularly bad. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you are getting eaten alive and feel a more frequent trip is warranted.

**DITCHES:** On the subject of rain, we have been reviewing the performance of the ditches in the neighborhood. Some are working properly; some, not so much. The landscape company we contract to mow the neighborhood maintains the ditches in the front of each of our homes.

If you have a ditch that runs alongside or behind your property, that may be your responsibility. If not yours, then your neighbor's. Take a look at your plat and see where your property line falls and whether a ditch next to your property requires your attention.

Talk to your neighbors. Let's all be good stewards of the land out here and work together. None of us is an island when it comes to drainage. We all depend on one another to make sure we stay dry.

Some of you will be receiving letters from the HOA in the near future if your property includes a ditch that needs to be maintained.

**NEIGHBORHOOD ENTRANCE:** Like many of our individual properties, the landscape at the entrance of the neighborhood took a hard hit during the freeze we had in February. We have been waiting to see what has powered through and decided to recover, and what has not.

We are reviewing bids to replace landscape that did not survive, and will be refreshing the entrance greenery very shortly.

**EXPANSION OF FM 359:** We continue to monitor the prospective widening of FM 359 and its effects on

our neighborhood. We have no new information on a timeline for that project, and are monitoring the situation with regard to upcoming public meetings. Meetings for this year were originally scheduled to be virtual, but that may have changed due to the lifting of many of the pandemic restrictions.

We will keep you posted with any information we learn.

So that's it for now! 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.