

The Babbling Brook

Forest Brook Neighborhood Newsletter

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A Message from the Board

The past many weeks have presented challenging times for all of us. A strong sense of community has never been more important. Here in Forest Brook, we pride ourselves on being a “neighborly neighborhood,” with a safe environment that all can enjoy, and with friendly residents on every one of our only four streets. As members of the Home Owner’s Association board, our top priorities when making decisions about our neighborhood are the safety of our neighbors, and the betterment of the neighborhood for all residents.

In this current environment, we are discussing timelines, proposals, and future actions frequently as conditions change. We will continue to follow government and health officials’ guidelines, and will do our best to keep neighbors informed about any updates that impact our neighborhood.

Everybody has their own opinion about the coronavirus and the response our country, and the world, is taking. We won’t always share the same opinions, but as neighbors in our community, we all want the same thing... a safe neighborhood, with nice amenities, and friendly neighbors. We’re all in this together. Let’s keep positive, and safely support each other through these times. In doing so, we feel confident that our sense of community will be even stronger when we come out of this.

Virtual Annual Homeowners Meeting Reminder

All residents should have received the annual packet in their mailbox a couple of weeks ago. Within are details about association dues, voting for new board members, and our annual homeowners meeting, which will be virtual this year due to current social distancing measures in place. We will be using the Zoom platform for the meeting, and there are instructions within the packet on how to join the meeting. In addition, we will be performing a “trial run” a week in advance to work through any technical issues that residents may

experience when joining the Zoom meeting. On the back of this sheet, you will find more details.

Annual Dues

As mentioned in the packet, our annual dues are due on April 28th. In an effort to provide additional flexibility during the current pandemic, we have modified the late fees timeline by an additional three months. We want all residents to know that if they are experiencing financial hardship, we are able to work with you to set up a flexible payment plan if needed. Please reach out to our Treasurer, Brian Reed, via the Forest Brook website to discuss further.

The “New Normal”

These times have made us all realize just how much we rely on our social interactions within the community. If you have any thoughts or ideas on how we can continue to come together as neighbors, while still obeying required social distancing measures, please reach out to our social coordinator, Mindy Cozart, via the Forest Brook website.

Our Neighborhood Pool

As the weather continues to warm up, and with kids out of classes for the remainder of the school year, many of our neighbors have been curious to know when the Forest Brook pool will open. At this time, we must adhere to government and health officials’ guidelines. With this, the pool will remain off limits to residents until it is safe to open. The board members will be following federal and state government timelines closely, and will make the decision to open the pool as soon as it is safe to do so for our neighbors. Please note, the pool cover will be taken off later in the month for the pool inspection to take place. This does not mean the pool is open. We just want to get the inspection done, so that when restrictions are lifted, we can open the pool as quickly as possible.

Please email the names and colleges/post high school activity of your graduating High School Seniors to Alex Reed at alex.reed@vmail.com. Stay Safe Forest Brook!

ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING FOREST BROOK ANNUAL HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

As mentioned in the annual packet that all residents should have received in their mailbox earlier in April, this year's Annual Home Owners Association meeting will be held virtually on the Zoom platform.

We understand that many residents may not be familiar with Zoom, and this may be their first time joining a Zoom meeting. With this, and in an effort to make the meeting go as smoothly as possible, we will be offering an optional "trial run" for any resident who wants to join and work through any technical issues.

The trial run will be held on Tuesday April 21st 2020 at 6:30 PM. At this time you will be able to join the meeting via the steps provided in the packet, and we can help residents with any technical issues.

Again, this trial run is not the meeting. The official meeting is still scheduled to occur on Tuesday April 28th at 6:30 PM. Please ensure just one member of each household joins, so that we don't over crowd the meeting.

When opening Zoom, you do not need to download any programs. You will be able to join via your web browser.

Steps:

1. Visit www.zoom.com (same as www.zoom.us)
2. Click on "JOIN A MEETING" in the top right of the web page
3. Type in the meeting ID of 776 867 999 and click "JOIN"
4. At this point, you will be given the option to either install the Zoom Application or "join from your browser." Make your choice. If joining via web browser, you will need to create a free zoom account.
5. When joining the meeting, you can join the audio via your computer audio, or by phone. Just follow the prompts on the screen.
6. If you are unable to join the video meeting, you can join just via phone to listen. To do this, dial the following: 1-301-715-8592. When prompted for the Meeting ID, enter 776867999#.

For further information, please visit the Zoom website where you will find a variety of videos and tutorials. You can also visit YouTube and search for additional instructional videos.

We look forward to seeing you at the virtual meeting!