

# **Neighborhood News**

## **Forest Parks 43 Residential Association**

Spring 2022

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## New Lighting Installed

Hopefully, you've already noticed the new up-lighting on the Crepe Myrtles at the first entrance. The median has been quite a challenge after an accident and then later by Alabama Power cutting our beautiful magnolia trees below the power line.

We appreciate Paul Thompson, who is now coordinating our Landscaping Committee. Since our last newsletter, which was pre-COVID, they have planted new trees in the median as well as replaced bushes in front of the signs at both entrances.

## Neighborhood Spring Party

*Pizza, drinks, treats, & crafts!* Let's get to know one another and have some fun. Pizza for adults too!

Sunday, May 1 4:30pm

148 Woodbury Drive

That's the home of Paul and Katie Thompson on the lower middle street.



### Remaining 2022 Bulk Trash Days

Saturday, July 23
Saturday, October 1
Pickup is usually scheduled for the first Saturday of every quarter.

## Seven Things You Can Do

#### To Keep Our Neighborhood Looking Great

A well-kept neighborhood makes an impression that benefits everyone!

 Keep your grass cut regularly. Trimming and edging add a lot to the look of your home.



- 2. Retrieve your trash cans Friday afternoon or night.
- 3. Blow or sweep your grass trimmings back in your yard instead of leaving them in the street.
- 4. Trim the bushes around your house. Also, keep any plants and grass trimmed back off and out of the curb.
- 5. Realize your back yard is visible to your immediate neighbors. Eliminate any eyesores from the back.
- 6. Store lawn equipment and project materials out of sight unless currently in use.
- 7. Consider a professional lawn mowing and/or fertilization and weed-control company.

Our Protective Covenants are listed on the website.



#### 2022 Officers & Board of Directors

Seven members of the Board were elected at our 2022 Annual Meeting. These volunteers work for the good of the neighborhood according to the Bylaws and Protective Covenants of the Residential Association.

Joe Bryant, President Julia Rachel Anderson, Treasurer Katie Thompson, Member Sheila Ricks, Member

Julian Davis, Vice-President er Jay Gordon, Secretary Janet Scott, Member

## **Multi-Neighborhood Yard Sale**

An annual event on the first Saturday of every May.

#### Saturday, May 7 7 am to 1 pm

Participating Neighborhoods Forest Parks 43 Forest Lakes, The Arbors Forest Parks 280

Start making plans to join a Multi-Neighborhood Yard

Sale. That usually draws lots of people. We will place signs at the entrances and advertise on Craigslist, Facebook, and at NextDoor.com. You are welcome to help with advertising, but if you mention the multineighborhood event, please promote and plan to do the 7-1 time period. Also, if you start on Friday, please advertise that separately to avoid confusion.

## SHOW THE LOVE

#### Winners are... Creed & Devan Sawyer!

We gave away a Buffalo Wild Wings Gift Basket, thinking, of course, that they'd be open by now. We drew from names of those who had paid by



the March 3 drawing. Thanks to all who paid dues. Your contribution is keeping our neighborhood attractive and keeps the property values up! If you haven't paid yet, please visit forestparks43.com and pay today!

Funds provide for the following

- 1) maintaining entrances with landscaping, mowing, water, electricity, and repairs
- 2) insurance for the residential association
- 3) administrative needs like postage and signage
- 4) neighborhood events
- 5) communications like newsletters/website

If you have any questions, please contact us through



## Neighborhood Work Day

A work day is coming soon. Each year we try to refresh the mulch and various other projects as needed. Watch for signage at the entrances for the date and time.



## 2022 Committees. Join one and help!

The Neighborhood Association has six committees that work to make our neighborhood better. The Protective Covenants Committee of three people is established by the Board of Directors, but other committees use any number of volunteers. If you'd like to help, we've got a place for you. Just go through the contact form on our website or call (205) 225-9973. We'll help you plug in.

#### Six Active Committees:

- Special Events
- Entrance Decorating
- Landscaping
- Protective Covenants
- Welcome
- Litter Control

# **Protective Covenants**

Over the last few years, we've been working to reestablish our Protective Covenants Committee in a way that meets three needs: 1) keeping the neighborhood looking great, 2) reminding us all of what they include, and 3) providing notices that are kind and neighborly. Each home in the neighborhood is subject to the covenants as they are attached to every deed. Please know that as we seek to remind you of the covenants, our desire is to do so graciously.

## Visit Forest Parks43.com

Find all the info about our neighborhood. This is a change from forestparkshoa.com, but currently both addresses still work.

New here? Please click the "Welcome" link and let us know who you are. We have a gift bag to bring you.

