

**Forest Lakes Country Club Estates
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Block captains as of June 2010

Beneva Road	OPEN
Brookhaven Drive North	Sandy Ayers Rose
Brookhaven Drive South	George Prozzo
Brookline Drive	Howard & Riki Firth
Collins Street	Carolyn Fitzpatrick
Espanola Ave./Dr. West	John Lewis/Lynn Thomson
Espanola Dr. East	John Lewis/Lynn Thomson
Glenna Lane	Sandy Ayers Rose
Mid Ocean Cir. North	OPEN
Mid Ocean Cir. South	Linda Petrilla
Pine Valley Dr. West	Jody Maxwell
Pine Valley Dr. East	Joseph Melancon/Belle Heneberger
Pine Valley Lane	Joseph Melancon/Belle Heneberger
Riviera Circle	Joann Ganey
Riviera Drive	Marie Diffley
Sea View Street	Stephanie Jones
Stafford Lane	Nancy Plummer
Tanglewood Drive	Bill Taft
Westport Lane	Nancy Plummer
White Sulpher Place	MaryAnn Figlow

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JUNE 2010 NEWSLETTER

Forest Lakes Homeowner's Association Social Committee hosted the Spring Fling in May. What a success it was! Over 100 guests enjoyed some of the best barbeque around while we were entertained by Sam and Co., a husband and wife team, and Forest Lakes residents, who sang, played guitar and kept us in a great mood. The Forest Lakes Talent Show was total entertainment with kids singing, doing the hoola-hoop, somersaults and adults juggling! Then we had the kids' fishing tournament thanks to Forest Lakes residents who made fishing poles, provided the trophy and even the fish!

Thank you to the Social Committee headed by Marie Diffley. This team made the Spring Fling one of the best attended and the most fun. Marie and her husband Kevin hosted the party at their home and we thank them for extending their home and being great hosts, neighbors and Forest Lakes Residents.

Local businesses provided great gift items for our raffle and we appreciate their generosity!

COSIMOS II
SARASOTA SQUARE MALL

**PET SUPPLY CENTER
PUB**
3558 WEBBER STREET
WEBBER STREET

WAGGIN TAIL
BENEVA ROAD

MOM'S RESTAURANT
2247 Beneva Road

AHEAD OF THE TIMES
3643 WEBBER STREET

CHAMPIONS
3676

ALL ABOUT YOU SALON
1255 BENEVA ROAD

Thank You!



An Update on the Golf Course

Our FLCCE golf course committee (Bill Taft, Laura Odley, and Graham Hildebrand with participation by Board President Lynn Thomson) is continuing to maintain contact with the other principals in the golf course situation – the **Lender Wachovia** (with a \$12 million lien against the property), **Sarasota County** who continues to receive complaints about the property and has taken what action they can, in addition to placing liens, and the **South West Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD or 'Swiftmud')** who controls the water use permit on the property.

The basic problem of ownership has not changed: The golf course is still private property owned by a corporation headed by Mark Miller. When our Association receives complaints we have attempted to facilitate a solution by calling the appropriate authorities such as the County code enforcement, traffic department, zoning and the Sheriff's Office to name a few. Weeds, fire hazards, illegal dumping and homeless living on the property are a few examples that the Association has monitored and has attempted to keep the other principals updated and informed.

Our negotiated restrictive covenant protects us from commercial development on the golf course. This covenant remains in effect and 'goes with the land'.

Our committee has been successful in maintaining close relationships with all three entities. We have had limited success in contacting Mark Miller when the need arises. We did receive permission from Mark Miller to do volunteer mowing which is ongoing.

Wachovia remains to be the entity that can eventually foreclose on the property and seemingly bring the matter to a conclusion. Wachovia is also receiving complaints about the property.

The County also has a vested interest in seeing the property restored – the tax base lost is tremendous. In the meantime, many of our residents have done more than their part in mowing parts of the golf course for the benefit of all.

Residents input are important in this process – please let us know your thoughts on this matter at forestlakes@comcast.net.
The Committee

Dear Neighbors –

Many of us have been concerned with the extremely overgrown golf course for aesthetic, safety and property value reasons. Hopefully we are beginning to see some improvements, bit by bit, as you drive or walk the neighborhood. Several pockets of motivated neighbors have stepped into action to mow and de-clutter where they can. Taking inspiration from the Riviera Drive area, which now looks like a beautiful park, several of us on Espanola Drive and Pine Valley Drive have **“adopted a hole – or two.”** The first step was to hire a man with a bush hog to cut down the large weeds. We used Al Wyse (350-8339), who did a great job and is very reasonable. His rate is \$200 for 3 hours. He gets A LOT accomplished in 3 hours! After 2 bush hog sessions with Al, we finally have most of the fairways open again for a full view from Tanglewood / Pine Valley to Espanola / Brookline areas. We have also been trying to trim the pond areas and remove any debris we find “dumped” on the course. The job of eliminating the large weeds, encouraging grass to grow and maintaining the golf course is a very big job. Therefore, the **“adopt a hole”** approach made the most sense.

The cost to mow has been paid for by the individuals that scheduled Mr. Wyse. Donations would be greatly appreciated. Any money collected will be put towards future mowing. If everyone pitches in a little, the cost will be very minor to each family. The reward will be great - a “nature preserve” adjacent to our homes and the acknowledgement that Forest Lakes is a community that cares about our neighborhood. Which will translate into increased enjoyment of home safety, property values and aesthetics of our common areas.

If you have any questions about “adopting a hole” that still needs TLC or would like to participate in putting a group together on your street, please don’t hesitate to call Angie Hager from Espanola Drive (922-5058) or Lynn Thomson (923-2801), also from Espanola Drive. Also, let us know if we missed any organized neighborhood groups and we’ll pass the word in the next newsletter. Thank you to those that have called and said how nice the course looks and to those who have already pitched into the coffers ☺
The following have already adopted a hole and if you live in that area, donations would be appreciated.

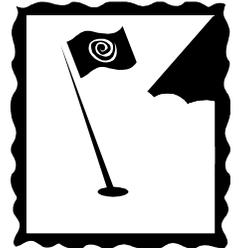
“Adopt a Hole” Donations can be given to the following for the respective areas:

Tanglewood / Pine Valley (south side and western ½) / Espanola Drive (western ½):
c/o: John & Angie Hager
3123 Espanola Drive, 34239

Espanola Drive (eastern ½) / Pine Valley (south side and eastern ½) / Brookline:
c/o: Lynn Thomson & John Lewis
3391 Espanola Drive, 34239

Riviera Circle & Drive:
c/o: Kevin & Marie Diffley
2134 Riviera Drive, 34232

N. side of Pine Valley:
c/o: Kathy & Jerry Jordan
3263 Pine Valley Drive, 34239



** Special Thank You: We can’t thank our wonderful neighbor Bill Taft from Tanglewood Drive enough for hopping on his riding mower to cut down whatever is in his way! Bill has been spotted behind Tanglewood / Espanola and at many entrances mowing to keep our areas trimmed

** A thank you to whoever bush hogged the remainder of Riviera Drive fairway.

** A continued “shout out” to the Riviera gang who inspire the rest of us to follow your lead! Your area looks amazing and was the best place to celebrate our neighborhood at this years Spring Fling!!

See a neighbor going above and beyond for the benefit of the whole? Let us know...

Angie 922-5058 / achager@mac.com and Lynn 923-2801 / lt1039@verizon.net

FAIRWAY ENTRANCES

Several residents recently chipped in with their own money and got the fairway entrances off of Beneva bush hogged approximately 100 ft from the sidewalk. We would like to form “teams” to help mow and keep each entrance way looking nice on a consistent basis. This is how Riviera Drive has consistently maintained their area. Volunteer maintenance crews are needed at the following locations:

Riviera Drive fairway entrance behind condos.

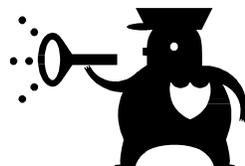
Fairway entrance between Brookline/Pine Valley

Fairway entrance at Pine Valley/Beneva

Fairway entrance at Sea View/Beneva

Brookhaven along the curve.

**If you can volunteer please contact
Lynn Thomson at lt1039@verizon.net.**



To All Forest Lakes Residents

Our Security Patrol is made up of Forest Lakes residents who volunteer to help keep our neighborhood safe. They are an invaluable part of our community. Over the past many years residents have continuously helped out on the patrol in volunteering a few hours once a month. They have tirelessly given their time for the betterment of the neighborhood and we thank them!

The patrol is now in a transition time where new volunteers are needed to replace a number of “retiring” patrollers. Please consider helping us keep our neighborhood safe!

All that is asked of you is less than two hours per month – time of day or night to be determined by you. Your responsibility is to drive around in your vehicle and look for anything suspicious that needs to be reported to the Sheriff’s Office or just to the Security Chair. It takes about 45 minutes to slowly drive around the entire neighborhood once. Two trips around the neighborhood is appreciated.

You are not asked to get actively involved in anything – just to be the eyes and ears of the neighborhood. We provide the FOREST LAKES SECURITY PATROL magnetic stickers for your vehicle to identify yourself to the neighborhood. We provide a map of the neighborhood & streets to be driven, and a cell phone for calling the sheriff’s office if needed (or you can use your own). For anyone who’s interested, Security Chairs Belle Heneberger & Joseph Melancon (3350 Pine Valley Drive) will be happy to answer any questions you might have about volunteering. If you decide to join the Patrol, they will go over the information with you in more detail.

Although Forest Lakes has had a few break-ins over the last year we have been extremely successful in coming together as a neighborhood in reporting crimes, looking out for our neighbors and being cognizant of our surroundings. This proactive work has resulted in a dramatic decrease in vehicle and house burglaries, the reporting of suspicious solicitors, suspicious persons and the arrest of one individual for a residential burglary due to neighbor input. It is due to this diligence that Forest Lakes remains one of the safest neighborhoods in Sarasota. Let us keep it that way!

Please consider donating a couple of hours a month to your neighborhood. Not only will you help keep our neighborhood safe - it’s also a nice way to casually meet a lot of your Forest Lakes neighbors when you pass the briefcase off to the next volunteer on the monthly list. If interested, or if you have questions, please call Security Chairs - Belle Heneberger or Joseph Melancon - at 923-4949 or email Belle at: belleheneberger@comcast.net
Your Board President, Lynn Thomson



Have you visited the Forest Lakes website recently? Go to <http://www.flcce.com/> to keep up-to-date on the latest Forest Lakes news. Along with recent newsletters and other Association documents, there are links to many local organizations and attractions. The FLCCE HOA budget will be posted, as well. And in another effort to keep our homeowners connected to local news and recent events, the FLCCE HOA and the Southgate HOA have begun to communicate and will be sending out blasts as needed.

The political season is upon us and as a friendly reminder to residents our deed restrictions do not allow political signs.

In reference to the political signs for a particular candidate that have sprung up at Riviera/Beneva, Pine Valley/Beneva and one on Webber (entrance to golf course), we are presently in communication with that candidate and will be requesting that he take down his signs in the spirit of keeping with our neighborhood deed restrictions. Some residents have expressed that at the intersection of Riviera/Beneva the sign is obstructing traffic. We will be reporting this and asking the County to look into this matter. We of course are hoping that this candidate will cooperate with our Homeowner Association. We will keep our membership posted. Phone number to report political signs in right of way or obstructing traffic is 861-6403 for Sr. Code Enforcement Officer Jerry Shaw.

John Maxwell is now heading up our Beautification Committee and he has offered the following tips and guidelines.

There are measures that any homeowner can employ to increase water conservation to reduce the use of potable water. Reroute gutters away from driveways to planting beds or rain barrels. Use micro-irrigation in beds and properly operating irrigation systems on turf areas. Rain or soil sensors will run your irrigation system only when it is needed. Unnecessarily watering plants will waste water, but can also lead to disease and pest problems.

Current water restrictions for Sarasota County, City of Sarasota, Venice, North Port and Englewood.

(Reclaimed water is exempt)

Irrigation system watering is permitted once per week before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

Even numbered addresses on Tuesdays and odd numbered addresses on Thursdays.

Hand water is permitted any day, but is prohibited between 8 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Car washing is permitted once per week and is recommended to be done on turf areas.

New installations are limited to 15-days daily watering for turf and 30 days daily watering for
ornamentals (before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.)

Fertilizer/pest control applications before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

Fountains/waterfalls are permitted to operate only 4 hours per day.

Violators will be fined \$100 up to \$500 per violation. No warnings will be given. Call 861-5000 to
report violations. For more information on water conservation and water restrictions, go to
<http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/conservation/> or visit our office.



Timely reminders:

The new fertilizer ordinance makes it illegal to apply Nitrogen and Phosphorus June 1 –
September 30. If your turf needs greening up this summer, you can apply chelated iron.

Every time a palm is “hurricane cut,” it is stressed. When pruning palms, only remove the brown
fronds.

Our new Deed Restriction Chair is now Charles Rose. Charles has been a long time Forest Lake
volunteer and has handled deed restrictions for many years. Bill Taft did an admirable job and we
all thank him for helping out.