

Forest Hills East

For all Forest Hills East residents, courtesy of Forest Hills East Civic Association, Inc.

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PO Box 3781 Holiday, FL 34692
Annual Dues: \$30 per household
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PASCO COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Code Enforcement: 727 853 1016
Water: 727 847-8131
Animal Services: 813 929-1212
Tax and Tag Office: 727 847-8165
Duke Energy General #: 1-800-700-8744
Waste Connections (Trash Collection): 727 847-9100

Our Next General Meeting: Will be held on Tuesday, September 5th.

Committee: Some island surveys were going on, but nothing else new to report.

Fireworks: There has already been some fireworks in the neighborhood that are illegal. For Pasco County the dates/hours are 6/28 12 - 11pm, 6/29 thru 7/3 9am to 11pm, 7/4 9am to 12 midnight, 7/5 9am to 11pm. Aerial fireworks are prohibited and can incur a \$250 fine. Check the county website for what is permitted but in short if it 'goes up or blows up' it's probably not permitted.

Garbage: We have had numerous questions about garbage pickup for the Forest Hills East community. Forest Hills Utilities (**NO** connection to FHECA) was formed many years ago and was the primary garbage pickup for our neighborhood, and billing for our street lights. It has been a running battle with that company to get them to bill timely and be responsive to billing inquiries. In late May some residents received an invoice from Forest Hills Utilities with a note advising customers to "Please call Waste Connections at 727-847-9100 to set up an individual account on or before June 1st. Our new number is 727-641-3623." Apparently Waste Connections is the sole garbage pickup service for our community. However Forest Hills East Utilities will still be sending quarterly billing for the street lights. How much that will be is unknown.

New Forms: We have forms available for architectural change requests. These requests are required to be reviewed and approved by the FHECA Board prior to commencing work (see our Deed Restrictions for further information). We are asking those residents to submit a copy of issued Pasco County Permits for work performed that had not been previously approved by FHECA. We will accept those County Permits as satisfying FHECA requests for changes, in essence to "Grandfather in" those past changes. Going forward prior permission is required. Florida law is very strong in the Association's favor from our case reading and it's easier for us to approve than for you to fix later. The same holds true for any commercial vehicles that you wish to keep here. Email for a form.

Front Entrance: As mentioned last month about \$1500 was spent on making it what it is now - very nice. We now have water and power to keep it that way. We requested donations to help repay the volunteer who took all this on. We have received \$800 in donations and are hoping for more.....

Ukrainian Refugees in Our Area: Hi, Brian Thompson here. My wife and I recently met a hard working Ukrainian family with 3 children They managed to escape the war in their country and are seeking an opportunity to raise their children free of the fear of war's dangers. They have entered the US temporarily. As my wife and I have slowly gotten to be friends with them I have taken a personal interest in helping them to be successful in their transition. I was talking about our new friends to another neighbor, and may have made a connection with a neighbor who has job openings. We also discussed the appropriateness of this for the Newsletter - and I think it came out as if we can use this forum to help (not for personal gain) why not? Anyhow, I am trying to help them find a more affordable place to live and with some job security. When I asked them what immediate needs they have, the answer was 'Nothing, we are Ukraine strong'. However, if they are to be longer term successful some sort of help is needed - its' real hard to even navigate daily life sometimes in a new country. Not 100% sure what I'm asking but if you have some ideas please call or text me 352-359-4279. Thank you, Brian

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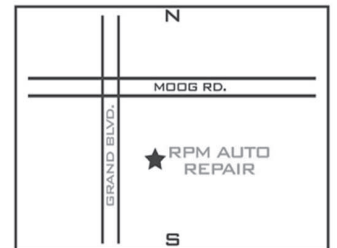
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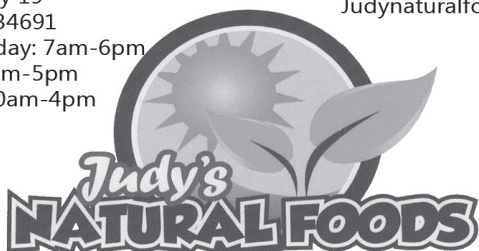
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