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Special points of interest:

- 2019 Board of Directors Election & Annual Meeting
- Carports & Parking and Homeowner Insurance Renewals
- Letter from the President , Recycling, & Other Miscellaneous Information

Annual Board of Directors Election



This year there are two positions on the board up for election. The positions are currently held by Canion Boyd and Philip Salerno. Each candidate wishes to continue serving the community and is running for re-election. Envelopes containing the election instructions and ballot will be mailed out on September 20th to each townhomes' owner on file. If you did not receive the envelope, please contact the office to obtain a replacement ASAP. All ballots must be received no later than 5 PM on October 11, 2019. Any ballots received after the deadline, or that do not include your name and townhouse number, will not be counted. PLEASE be sure to follow the instructions included in the envelope exactly.

Also the Emergency Notification form and a survey form from the Social Committee will be present in the mailing. Please complete the Emergency Notification form, the survey, and return them in the outer envelope along with your ballot in its separate ballot envelope.

The annual meeting of the Association is October 17, 2019 at 7:30 PM in our clubhouse.

Candidate Bio's *In Alphabetical order*

Canion Boyd (Incumbent)

I would first like to thank everyone at Forrest Lake for allowing me to serve on the Board for the past five years. These past couple of years we did have some struggles but predominantly we've had major success in the projects we undertook. We have resurfaced the pool, continued our landscaping project, and increased our social events. We have kept our budget in check and balanced. This coming year we have a few major projects in the queue that we are excited to share with you all soon. For this election, I would be honored to have your vote.

Philip Salerno (Incumbent)

My name is Philip Salerno and I live in unit 56, and I am seeking to continue to serve on your board of directors of the Forrest Lake Townhouse Association. I have served on your board for the past eight years as the Treasurer and Vice President. During those years, we have significantly improved our community while managing our resources and finances. If I am re-elected, my primary goals are to continue to ensure that the board

New Fish Coming to a Lake Near You

Our lake will be receiving some new permanent residents by the end of September. Seven new grass eating carp will be coming to our lake. Some residents may remember back a few years ago to when we had several carp in the lake with their dorsal fins above the water line as they swam making them appear to be mini sharks. Not only will be fun to watch but they will also help to control the growth of the grass in the lake that has blossomed due to the reduction of algae blooms especially during the hotter summer months.

Carports & Parking



Each townhouse has been assigned a minimum of two carports adjacent to the townhouse that is reserved for their sole use. The carports and storage sheds are located within the common area of the Association and are allocated to homeowners for their use. Homeowners have the right to have towed any vehicle illegally parked in their reserved carport. On request, the security guard can assist you with this issue. Homeowners should utilize their assigned carports for parking. Vehicles parked on our private roads should ensure that they are not parked in red zones, fire lanes, behind carports, or blocking the entries/exits of our private roads. Vehicles so parked may be towed. These areas are clearly marked and/or signs posted. **No vehicle shall remain unmoved on Association private roads for longer than 24 hours. Such vehicles may be towed at owner expense.**

Currently the Association uses the following towing service when violations occur:

All Nite Wrecker & Storage, 8111 Eastex Freeway, Houston, TX 77093, and can reached at (713) 697-1111



Homeowners Insurance Renewals

Just a reminder that everyone needs to send a copy of their insurance declaration page to the office by the month when your homeowners policy is renewed. You are required to carry a homeowners policy for full replacement cost of your unit.

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Letter From the Association Board President

This past year has been a year of low activity with respect to changes to the property. This is a good thing. We did not have as many storms as we have previously which allowed for fewer repairs and some cost savings. The largest project of the year, and the most cost effective, was our replacement of our water well. This is the well that fills our pond and now supplies our sprinkler system. By moving off the city water, we are saving thousands of dollars a year in water costs. With these future savings, the Association will be able to budget for more security projects, wall repairs, and adding to our rainy day fund. Going forward, we have plans to add to our security camera network on the east side of the property. We also have plans to expand the shaded area of the pool to increase the comfort of the pool.

One of the highlights of this past year has been the increase of activity with our Social Committee. They have been doing a wonderful job with our events, and I want to congratulate them for their hard work.

Along with our Social Committee, I want to extend a sincere bit of gratitude to the Forrest Lake staff. They have been doing a wonderful job keeping our community on the move. Jamie has been a fantastic addition to our team; she has been an immense help. Our ground crew, Willie, Francisco, and Nahun have been keeping our place running smoothly and we thank them for all their help.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who has been attending our monthly meetings. It is great to hear your feedback and seeing an increase in the interest in the community. I want to again extend an invitation to any owner to attend each third Thursday of the month.

Sincerely,
Canion Boyd
President

Trash Collection and Recycling

A reminder to all residents that all trash and garbage should be placed in bags in their trash can. This helps to prevent animals, etc. from gaining access to the trash and garbage. In addition, wet trash weighs four times that of dry trash. Our trash company is limited to 10 tons of trash per truck. So disposing of your trash and garbage properly helps our community clean and constrains our costs. Please ensure that your trash or trash cans do not extend out into the driveway.

The Board voted to approve the addition of recycling service to our trash collection contract effective October 1, 2019. Residents should have already received the 18 gallon recycle container in their carport.

Below is the information about the recycling program:

- Recycle pick-up is every Thursday.
- If you need additional space for your recycle materials, you may use additional containers of your own as long as they are labeled as RECYCLE.
- Recycle materials should be loose within the 18 gallon container.
- Materials that are eligible for recycling are:
 - ◆ Paper (newspaper, computer paper, envelopes, magazines, etc.)
 - ◆ Cardboard
 - ◆ Paperboard (shoeboxes, soda/cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.)
 - ◆ Plastic #1-7 excluding Styrofoam
 - ◆ Glass bottles and jars
 - ◆ Aluminum and tin

If you have large pieces of Styrofoam; e.g., used as packing for electronic equipment, etc., you may recycle them at the City of Houston consumer recycling center at 5900 Westpark, Houston, TX 77057.

Mail Room

The US Postal Service requests that you retrieve your mail from your mailbox in the mail room periodically throughout the week as the boxes become full in a few days and then the letter carrier cannot insert any further mail. If your mail box is full and the letter carrier cannot place any further mail in your box, then all of your mail will be returned to our local station and you will have to retrieve your mail there. Also please pick-up your packages quickly as we have a limited number of parcel lockers.

State, County, & City Propositions Elections

Early voting begins Oct 21, 2019 - Nov 1, 2019 for any state, county, and City of Houston propositions and elections. Election day is November 5, 2019. The closest early voting location is The Grand Tuscany Hotel, 12801 Northwest Freeway Houston, TX 77040. That's the refurbished hotel at Pinemont & 290.

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