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- Office Visits & Maintenance Requests
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  - Annual Board of Directors Election
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**Annual Board of Directors Election**



This year there are three positions on the board up for election. The positions are currently held by Brook Baker, Pam Meerbrey, and Jeff Weller. There are four candidates that have been nominated for the three board positions: Brook Baker, Pam Meerbrey, Susan Simmons, and Jeff Weller. Envelopes containing the election instructions and ballot will be mailed out by September 13, 2024 to each townhomes's 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, 2024**. Any ballots received after the deadline, or that do not include your name and townhouse number on the outside of the ballot envelope will not be counted. PLEASE be sure to follow the instructions included in the envelope exactly.

The annual meeting of the Association is October 17, 2022 at 7:30 PM in our clubhouse.

Candidate Bio's In Alphabetical order

**Brook Baker (Incumbent)**

I have been a homeowner of Forrest Lake for roughly 21 years and I have enjoyed living in the community. I have served on the board for the last 12 years, in multiple capacities. I look forward to continuing to serve on the board in whatever capacity is needed

**Pam Meerbrey (Incumbent)**

I have been on the board for one term and am running again, I have learned a lot about Forrest Lake and have enjoyed serving on the board. I was a parent volunteer at my children's schools. This included being on the PTO board at Reed Elementary, volunteer coordinator at Dean Middle School and Project Prom board member at Jersey Village High School. I also was a member of the district's VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools) Executive Board. I am currently a substitute teacher in CFISD. I have a BA from The University of Illinois. I have been a resident since 2012.

**Susan Simmons**

Three HOA positions are on the ballot, and it is time for a change! I've been a resident for 7 years and bring extensive experience of leadership. 15 years in banking along with over 40 years of experience in customer service make me uniquely qualified to represent our residents. We need more communication, more feedback and the assurance that your voice is heard and important. I believe in keeping our community safe, clean and successful. Concerns need to be addressed in a timely manner. Policies equally enforced. I appreciate your consideration and thank you for your vote.

**Jeff Weller (Incumbent)**

My name is Jeff Weller and I'm running for re-election to the Forrest Lake Board of Directors. I have lived at Forrest Lake for the last 13 years. During that time, I have volunteered on the Landscape Committee and the Election Committee. As a board member, I chair the Maintenance Committee that selected the new paint color pallet for the townhouses and worked with the maintenance crew to oversee several projects. I have always tried to listen to my neighbors' concerns and accomplish our goals. I hope to receive your vote this election. Thank you.

**Meet the Candidates Forum & Annual Meeting**

The Meet the Candidates Forum is Thursday September 26, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse.

The annual meeting of the Association is October 17, 2024 at 7:30 PM in our clubhouse. The Board meeting precedes the Annual Meeting at 6:30 PM.

**Office Visits & Maintenance Requests**

Due to the volume of work, it is necessary to require residents wishing to meet with the General Manager to make an appointment. This is best done by email, but if computer access is not available, a phone call will suffice.

To assure your requests for maintenance action are processed timely and accurately, please submit these in writing to the General Manager, either by email or by putting it into the drop box outside of the main door. Residents should not contact the maintenance

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## Landscaping Update

As reported in the Spring edition of the newsletter, the Landscaping Committee conducted the inventory of the flower beds in the common areas. Many plants were installed that are more cold weather, drought tolerant and plants in specific areas based on the varying conditions of sunlight, etc. The first year of the multi-year project to replace the aging shrubbery has been accomplished.

However, in some areas the boxwoods planted did not do well. The landscape company has indicated that ;this may be due to fungus, or poor quality dirt. I don't call it soil when it has not nutritional value to the plants, and also some of the boxwoods from the nurseries did not transplant well. The landscape company has been working with us to identify those shrubs that need replacing and are in the process of installing those replacements.

Coming up this autumn is the annual tree trimming and with the amount of tree limbs, branches and whole trees that were lost during the two storms, we anticipate that the trimming will concentrate more on trimming to balance out the trees. The Landscape Committee wishes to thank the homeowners who have volunteered to replace and /or add trees throughout our community at their own expense. A reminder that if you wish to replace the plants in the flower bed in the common area in front of your townhouse, please submit your request to the Association via the general manager and your request will be forwarded to the Landscape Committee for review during their next meeting.

## Simple Neighborhood Safety Tips

1. **Get to Know Your Neighbors and Communicate:** Always get to know your neighbors. Don't just meet them but really try to get the know them. Have a way to reach your neighbors if they're gone and something is amiss in the neighborhood. It's helpful if you know who is at home during the day and if any neighbors work during the night. Are there kids around? Communication is a big factor in safety.
2. **Make it Less Appealing to Steal:** Keep your blinds closed at night so thieves can't see your belongings, such as a big-screen TV, appliances, or other technology. Also, keep your windows closed when you're out during the day and at night. Consider installing motion-sensor outdoor lights on each home.
3. **Don't Announce When You're Away on Social Media:** In a Safewise study, 60% of the burglary victims said they were active on social media about when they were away. Posting night-out plans with location tags or live beach shots from vacation is a very bad idea. You're telling criminals just what they need to know to get in and out while you're not home.

## Trash, Recycling and Grease

All trash must be enclosed in bags and placed in the containers provided. Trash that doesn't fit within the containers should not be placed in the pick up area until the night before the scheduled pickup. It is unsightly and will blow around the property.

Items for recycling should be loose and not be placed in plastic bags to facilitate sorting. Any items that don't fit in the recycling bin should not be put out until the night before scheduled pick up. This can create clutter and hazards.

Please **do not** pour grease down your drains. This causes plumbing problems both inside your townhouse and outside ;in the sewer system. This causes expensive repair bills and the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department has to come out to clean up the mess.

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Brook Baker (President):  
Philip Salerno (VP, Treasurer & Landscape)  
Pam Meerbrey (Secretary)  
Kay Edwards (Security)  
Jeff Weller (Maintenance)

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