

FORA President's Letter to the Neighborhood
March 25th, 2022

Dear FORA Member,

I hope this letter finds you healthy and in good spirits. As a quick summary, you'll find enclosed a ballot to vote on the coming year's budget and for board members. Your response is encouraged. This year's annual meeting is in person on **April 21st, 2022 at 5:30pm** at the **FORA clubhouse**. An informal social will follow directly after the meeting in the loft. We hope to see everyone there.

We are back. The clubhouse, pool, gym, and other amenities are open with no restrictions. Our facilities are open, our grounds are open - let's all get out to stretch our legs and socialize again.

Please find included in this letter a copy of our proposed 2022 – 2023 budget. The budget contains a dues increase of roughly 5% to \$73 per month or \$876 per year. This increase, of \$3.25 per month, is necessary to continue the many capital projects and provide long overdue raises to FORA staff. I'll speak more about these projects below.

You will also find a copy of a ballot where you may vote on the budget and vote for members willing to serve on the Five Oaks Recreational Association (FORA) Board of Directors. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering for the FORA board, please reach out to me. Any member, whether a unit owner or social, is allowed to serve on the board.

I encourage you to bring this ballot to the annual meeting on April 21st at 5:30pm to vote in person. (We will have copies available in case you lose it.) You may also mark your choice and mail it back to us, or alternatively, slip it into the drop box at the FORA clubhouse front door. In the odd case that the budget is not approved by a majority of received ballots, we will continue to operate on 2021 – 2022 funding levels until a new budget is established. Ballots must be received by **6pm** on **April 21st, 2022** to be considered valid.

The past year was, again, a challenging year. We went from a glimmer of hope and possibility of reopening to an explosive new covid variant that pushed us back another 6 months. We are happy to say, as of this letter, that all our facilities are open with no restrictions or other limitations. Masks are optional, but encouraged where appropriate. The pool will open in early May and the reservations system is being dropped entirely. The gym, loft, playground, clubhouse, lake, and grounds are all available and waiting for your use.

There are 3 capital projects of note that we completed or started in the past year.

The first is an improvement to our wifi hardware within the clubhouse. We improved our networking hardware to help spread gigabit internet over a larger area of the clubhouse and grounds. If you are a digital nomad, or simply need a place to crash with a laptop for a few hours, the clubhouse and its internet is available to you.

Next, we replaced the roof of the clubhouse. There is nothing terribly exciting to say about this other than it needed to be done. It's a roof.

And last, but certainly not least, is the tennis court remodel. The 2 tennis courts closest to the pool are currently in a state of disassembly. We've been in contact with our contractor and they are waiting for the ground to dry and temperatures to warm to a range for asphalt paving. Once the tennis courts are back, our contractor will paint them with tennis and pickleball lines. We will very happily announce when the courts are available for use. Our current projection is in the week before Memorial Day.

If you have any input on the above projects - we're all ears. Please reach out to me (Andy Jones) or the property manager, Josh Lindgren.

Undeterred by the pandemic, we've seen many new faces in the neighborhood over the past 2 years. If you see someone new, by all means, stop and say hello. The welcoming nature of this neighborhood is one thing that drew me and my wife to Five Oaks many years ago. The friendly faces make this a wonderful place that we continue to call home.

Warmest Regards,

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