Forest Hills News

FOREST HILLS PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Important Dates!



As we wrap up the end of the year we have important dates for you to mark on your calendar.

Santa Event

Bring the kiddos to enjoy hot cocoa, crafts, and photos with Santa, for FREE!

Saturday–December 5, 2026
Noon–2:00 pm
Forest Hills Apartments Clubhouse

More Festive Fun!

We look forward to all the beautiful lights we see around our neighborhood during the holiday season. This year we will celebrate our residents at Fox Hollow Apartments by holding a lighting contest and awarding a first and second place winner.

Fox Hollow residents will compete, but any association member can vote! Vote by 12/31/2026.

To participate

- Add an image of your lighting to the album on our Facebook page
- Be sure to label it with your unit/ address!

To vote

- View the images in the album on our Facebook page
- Click here and fill out the Google form



Monthly Board Meetings

The board meets once a month, usually the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. For Nov.–Jan. we will be meeting on the Saint Ambrose campus which generously allows us to use one of their rooms for our meeting. We will be in the Lehner Center building in the Mark Room. If you need specific directions on where to go please contact us. If you are unable to attend a meeting in person, reviewing the meeting minutes is a great way to stay informed.

Annual Meeting of the Members

Unlike the monthly board meeting, the yearly meeting is for *the members.* At our annual meeting we do a year-end review and talk a bit about potential plans in the year ahead. Crucially, the annual meeting is where board members are elected. If you are interested in becoming more involved and serving your community please send your intention to be on the board to comms@foresthillspoa.com by December 1, 2026.

The annual meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2027–2:00 pm. It will be held in the Hickory Room at the Brunswick branch of the Medina County Library.

Neighborhood News

Entrance Signs

Long-time residents know that the project of new development entrance signs is finally complete, including lighting! A folder containing all the details as well suggestions and notes for maintenance will be kept along with other association documents.



The lights are solar and due to cloudy conditions the lights may not light, or may not be lit for the entire night. Full details on the light that was selected as well as the other lights that were considered are in the design folder.

Lifeguards

Winter isn't even here, but it's never too soon to start thinking of summer! If you'd like information on becoming a lifeguard, contact us at pools@foresthillspoa.com.



Our Neighborhood

Leaf Pickup

As of this writing, Round 3 leaf pickup for Ward 1 is scheduled for November 16. **We are located in Ward 3**, so our pickup should not be too much later than that. Please visit the city website www.brunswick.oh.us for complete details on when and how to set your leaves on the curb for pickup. Although they have the possibility of four rounds, your best bet is to try to have your leaves picked up during round 3. Having your leaves picked up not only looks better, but is better for your lawn, and helps prevent "tar spots" on tree leaves. Don't



worry about depriving insects and animals of their leaf litter habitat, as we have plenty of undeveloped areas in and around Forest Hills.

Being a Good Neighbor

We all want to live in a nice-looking neighborhood, but what happens when the condition of a neighbor's property negatively impacts yours? The association does not have anything in its governing documents that regulates what condition properties are kept in. However, there are city codes under which many issues that people object to fall. Our previous policy has always been to refer residents to the relevant city authority—Property maintenance | The City of Brunswick

However, at the October meeting, the board decided to pursue a middle ground in an effort to help homeowners with complaints. If a homeowner submits a complaint in writing, including their name, address, the address of the offending property and the city code(s) that is being violated a board member will forward your complaint to the appropriate city authority. Generalized complaints that do not cite which city code is in violation will not be addressed by the board. You can find the relevant parts of the city code in the chapters under PART SIX. All complaints will be kept confidential.



Stars and Stripes

Another thing to take care of when it starts to look untidy is the American flag. Did you know there is a proper way to dispose of old flags? Certain groups collect old flags and hold a beautiful "flag retiring" ceremony. Check out the fire station, Boy Scout Troop 407, the local VFW, as well as Saint Ambrose for flag collection as well as dates for flag retirement ceremonies.

Financials and the New Year

Collection Policy

2026 was the first year we implemented our collection policy. We are happy to report that several accounts have or are in the process of getting up to date due to this collection policy. Implementing the collection policy requires legal services and while these are initially charged to the association, they are added to the resident's account. The best way to avoid additional fees on your account is to bring your account up to date.

2027 Budget

Electronic invoices are sent out at the beginning of the new year. After the new board is voted on at the annual meeting a budget is worked up during the first board meeting in January (1/19/27).

This budget along with a paper copy of your invoice and a newsletter will be mailed, usually in February.

To keep cost low, this is the ***only physical mailing*** we do each year.

Because of this, we try very hard to include the dates of major events in that newsletter.

Last year's newsletter had the dates of the Easter event, community garage sale, movie night and block party!

Although all budgets and newsletters are available on our website, we encourage you to keep the paper copy of this budget and newsletter as well.

2026 we formatted our budget to better align with the format QuickBooks exports it in. The 2025 budget and 2024 and 2025 actuals were redone to match this format. Sometimes items are combined to fit it on one page, other times items that are not reoccurring (such as entrance signs) will not need to appear in future budgets.

If you have any question regarding the budget, please do not hesitate to reach out to one or all of the board members. As mentioned previously, the meeting minutes and the newsletters are a good source for explaining major expenses.