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Annual Homeowners Meeting Notice

The Annual Meeting will be held on **May 21, 2013 at 7:30 PM (registration at 7:00 PM) at Reagan Elementary School**. If you cannot attend the meeting, please either send in the proxy you received in the mail or vote electronically in order to have quorum and hold the meeting.

Electronic voting began on Wednesday May 1 and will end at midnight on Sunday May 19. If you would like to vote electronically, please log onto www.forestoaksonline.com, click on the electronic-voting link, or visit forestoakstx.ivotehoa.com, enter your registration code, and cast your vote. You can find your registration code on your coupon book; it begins with an "R."

If you cannot find your "R" number or have any issues logging on, please contact RealManage at realservice@realmanage.com. Remember, you still can vote in person at the annual meeting or send in your proxy to assign your vote to a third party.

Please note that there is one open position on the Board. If you are interested in running for that position, please send me a short biography at your earliest convenience at realservice@realmanage.com. The biographies will be posted online at the HOA website www.forestoaksonline.com and on the electronic voting website as well. Floor nominations will also be accepted.

Rudy's Barbeque will cater the annual meeting. So please come hungry, enjoy the food, and meet some of your neighbors.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Keri Scott, CMCA, AMS,
Community Association Manager**

Beautifying Your Community while Still Being Water Wise

The Texas Water Development Board has stated that by 2060 the population in Texas is expected to double and existing water supplies will decrease by nearly 20 percent. Due to this population growth and persistent drought conditions, we can no longer "want to be green," we have to be green and conscious of our resources for the future. There are many tips that one can take to cultivate good watering habits outdoors. Choosing plants that are adaptive and native to our specific regions and measuring the amount of water needed to irrigate a landscape are two of the most important things one can do to reduce outdoor water usage.

Homeowners do not have to give up having a beautiful lawn and landscape to conserve water. When it comes to turfgrass, there is a misperception that it needs to stay saturated for maximum growth; however, turf actually prefers to dry out in between waterings to stimulate root growth. Watering infrequently and deeply will give turf the best chance it needs to make it in Texas's hot climate; therefore, the City's twice-per-week watering schedule is sufficient (if irrigating properly) to hydrate your landscape during the summer months. Residential addresses ending in an even number may irrigate Thursdays and Sundays. Residential addresses ending in an odd number may irrigate Wednesdays and Saturdays. All irrigation must occur before 10 AM or after 7 PM. If using a hose with a pistol-grip nozzle, drip irrigation, or soaker hoses, you may water at anytime, any day.

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The deadline for article submissions is June 25, 2013 for the mid-July 2013 publication. Please submit any suggestions for future articles to articles@austin.rr.com

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How much?

It is important to know when to irrigate and if you are irrigating properly. Turfgrass takes on a dull, dark appearance, and leaves begin to roll when they need water. The best time to water is early morning or late evening when winds are calmer and temperatures are lower resulting in less water loss and evaporation.

Apply enough water to wet the soil to a depth of 4 to 6 inches reaching the plant's root system. Use a soil probe or screwdriver to determine the depth the water actually reaches. Soil type, amount of rainfall, and season of the year all affect the amount of water you need to apply. Healthy, properly irrigated turf rarely requires more than one inch of water per week during the summer months.

Need more help?

If you are renovating your landscape and would like assistance in choosing native and/or adaptive plants for Cedar Park, please visit www.cedarparktexas.gov/water, where you can read testimonials from residents within our community who have cut down on water bills and usage by adopting more sustainable practices suited for Cedar Park

With best regards,

Whitney F. Milberger
Water Conservation Specialist,
City of Cedar Park



Forest Oaks Committees

Association Committees are composed of Forest Oaks residents who serve on a voluntary basis. Committee Chairs are appointed by the Board of Directors. All residents are welcome to serve on committees of choice. Please contact the following committee chairs to participate:

Architectural Committee Chair,

Dennis Eberwein, fo-hoa-acc@yahoo.com

- Reviews all plans and specifications for improvements to lots within the Association
- Assists in enforcement of Deed Restrictions

Recreation & Social Committee Chair,

Melanie Capesius

- Plans neighborhood parties and other Association events
- Helps organize neighborhood clubs or groups
- Helps organize neighborhood play groups

Amenity Center/Pool Committee Chair,

Don Garritano, pool@forestoaksonline.com

Makes recommendations regarding operation of:

- Community Recreation Center
- Swimming pools (including rules and hours of operation)

Neighborhood Watch & Maintenance Committee Chair,

Bob Heckathorn, maggieandmurphy@austin.rr.com

- Makes recommendations to the Board regarding safety, security, and maintenance of common areas of the community
- Organizes annual Cleanup Day
- Considers special recognition awards for "Yard of the Month"
- Coordinates the "Neighborhood Watch" program

Publicity Committee Chair,

Ryan Desjardins, rdesjardins@gmail.com

- Works with the other committees to publicize Association events and news on the Website and in the Forest Oaks newsletter to inform the members of all activities and functions of the Association.

Community Action Committee Chair

Matt Powell, 296-7110



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