



# Happenings

**“YOUR VOICE IN THE PARK”**

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## Message from the Desk of the Forest Lake Estates Home Owners' Association (FLE HOA) President

Wow what a busy month around here. From all the current projects, to Hurricane Irma, to the new water and waste water rates, and Memorial Park, we have been keeping really busy. This will be my last summer article as next month we will go with our full Newsletter and start deliveries to all HOA members.

You should have all received your first bill from Utilities Inc. of Florida (UIF). The first bill under the new rates was mailed last Wednesday, September 20. This bill partially reflects the new rates that became effective in the middle of the billing cycle. UIF's billing system prorated the September bill to reflect the portion of the month when the old rates were applied and the portion of the bill cycle after September 5. This computation reflect the date the meter was read, the effective date of the new rates of September 5, and the volume of water used in this billing cycle. Since the FLE meters were read around September 7, the old rates applied to the majority of the billing cycle and the new rates were applied to only a couple of days. Your October bill will reflect the application of the new rates to a full bill cycle.



**RESIDENTIAL RATES:** Per the notice that was mailed to all of our Forest Lake Estates customers on August 31, a full billing cycle under the new rates will be computed by applying a monthly water base facility charge of \$10.82 plus a consumption charge of \$1.52/kgal for the first 4,000 gallons used plus \$2.28/kgal for consumption between 4,000 and 12,000 gallons plus \$3.80/kgal for consumption above 12,000 gallons. The residential sewer service will be computed by adding the monthly base facility charge of \$25.35/month to the volumetric charge of \$4.05/kgal measured at the meter up to a maximum of 8,000 gallons. Since sewer charges are capped at 8,000 gallons, no residential customer will be billed more than  $\$25.35 + (8 \times \$4.05) = \$57.75$  for a full month. **Example:** Someone using 4,000 gallons in a billing period would generate a water bill of  $\$10.82 + (4 \times \$1.52) = \$16.90$ . The same 4,000 gallons will generate a sewer bill of  $\$25.35 + (4 \times \$4.05) = \$41.55$ . After adding sales tax of 7%, the charges would be <\$60.00, quite a drop from the current rate! I encourage all of our residents to view an instructional video about the computation of the prorated bill on the UIF website at: <http://www.uiwater.com/florida/customer-service/customer-notices>.

Steve and his staff have done a wonderful job cleaning up after Hurricane Irma. We still have piles of branches on the sidewalks but they are in the process of picking them all up. We had just a couple homes with substantial damage and several with minimal damage. It could have been so much worse for us as Irma passed right over Zephyrhills as a Category 2 hurricane. As I said in an email after the hurricane, it really did not surprise me how we all came together to fulfill the needs of our fellow neighbors and friends before, during and after the hurricane. Our full time residents went above and beyond and they are too numerous to name. But you know who they are!! These individuals eased the minds of those who helplessly sat in shelters and many of our northern friends far away who waited for words of hope. These individuals: cleared fallen trees; cleared debris from our streets; rescued boats that broke away from their docks; took pictures of damaged homes and sent them to their owners; walked through the inside of the homes checking for leaks and other damage; and emptied and cleaned refrigerators and freezers with spoiled food. They not

only relieved the angst of our homeowners but of the family members who were worried and concerned for their loved ones. Our FLE Team was on board getting information out immediately for every request that came in. God was watching over all of us and the hundreds of prayers were indeed heard by Him. Thanks to all who kept us safe and helped to get us heading in a positive direction. We are so blessed everyone is safe and sound.

All of the summer projects have been pretty much completed. As you can see from the pictures, the pool area is amazing. The water is warm and the pools are beautiful. Steve's staff repainted the bathroom doors and put new sleeves on the handles into the pools. You will totally enjoy both this fall. Steve is also redoing all the borders to the Putt-Putt Course. Over the summer some have really warped and as you can see from the pictures, they are putting pressure-treated borders all around the course. They will then cover the old rock with a new, fresh layer of rock. It is going to look like new again. I can't say enough about what Steve and his Team has done this summer...you will all be impressed with the way the park looks!

BrightView Landscape Services has begun work on our new Memorial Park. This week they sprayed all the sod to kill it off and next week will begin site demolition, site layout, initial irrigation, and initial lighting. Our current plan has the park completed on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are planning a Memorial Park Ribbon Cutting/Veterans' Day Ceremony for November 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-12:00. This will be followed by a light lunch at the Club House from 12:00-1:00. We will pass out tickets at the ceremony for the lunch so you must attend both the ribbon cutting and Veterans' Day Ceremony to get your lunch ticket. Please put this on your calendars now as you will not want to miss it. The Ceremony will be grand and Glorious!!

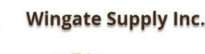
Just a reminder that our first Board Meeting is scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> and our first General Membership Meeting will be on October 12<sup>th</sup>. I have to apologize as I said last month that the October Newsletter will be the first full month issue. We will have our first full Newsletter edition in November. Residents are starting to come back and it is great to see them. Until next month...Cheers

Jim Dill

FLE HOA President



 **Forest Lake Memorial Park**  
Bringing together the right experts to get the job done







***Both pools are completely resurfaced and up and running, the bathrooms have been renovated, the tiles have been coated and there is even a brand new volleyball net.***



***Staff is working on the miniature golf course as we go to publication. They are installing wood borders and adding more white rock.***



***The partition in the club house will allow more groups to use the facility.***

# October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
"Night at the Museum 3"					HOA Board Mtg, 9A	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
"Gran Torino"				HOA General Mtg, 10A	Activities Comm. Mtg., 10A	We Survived Irma Party, 6:30P
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
"Hacksaw Ridge"	Ticket Sales, 10A-Noon	Ticket Sales, 10A-Noon	Art in the Park, 10A-2P		Sing-A-Long, 7P(S)	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
"History of the World, Part 1"	Ticket Sales, 10A-Noon	Ticket Sales, 10A-Noon		Sunshine Ladies, 11A		Dinner/Dance, 6P
29	30	31				
"Citizen Kane"	Ticket Sales, 10A-Noon HOA Membership Sales, 10A	Ticket Sales, 10A-Noon				
<b>Recurring Events</b>						
9-10A- Interfaith Services 1P - Movies 5:30P - Polish Poker	7:45A - Line Dancing Exer. 9A - Senior Exercise 10A - Pool Exercise 6P - Poker 6:30P - Hand & Foot	4:45P - Bingo Sales 6P - Bingo	7:45A - Line Dancing Exer. 9A - Senior Exercise 9:30A - Shuffleboard 10A - Beginner Bible Study 10A - Pool Exercise 6:30P - Dominos	1P - Pinochle 1P - Mahjong 1P - Swedish Weaving 6P - Ping Pong 6P - Horse Thief 6:30P - Pass The Ace 6:30P - Hand & Foot 7P - Texas Hold'em	7:50A - Line Dancing Exer. 9A - Senior Exercise 10A - Pool Exercise 1P - Chimes 6:30P - Pinochle(K) 6:30P - Michigan Rummy(K)	9:30A - Pass the Ace

Sunshine Ladies – October 26, 11A –Olive Garden - Color is Peach – Karen Lamoureux 813-780-7984

First Dinner/Dance – October 28 – Ticket needed – Band, Feels So Good – Dinner, TBA

Fish Dinner – November 3, 5P – Ticket needed

HOA Membership Sales - Every Monday 10 A – Noon in November, December, and January

Yard Sale – November 18

Christmas Craft Fair – December 2 – Need a table contact Nancy Matthews, 813-469-1303 – Looking for volunteers to help set-up on Friday Night.

Food Drive – December 11 & 12, 10A-Noon – Claire Pelc, 586-214-3232

Christmas Golf Cart Parade – December 13 – Details in the November newsletter.

(S) (K) – Divider will be closed. (S) means activity will be on stage side . (K) means activity will be on kitchen side.