## Forest Lakes Community News

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Community Update: RST Hasty Highrise Housing Proposal

The concerns of the Forest Lakes and Hollymead communities about density, traffic and other issues that we have identified in the recently updated RST proposal were again presented to the Albemarle County Planning Commission at its March 15 meeting, with extensive written comments submitted on behalf of your Forest Lakes Community Association (and the Hollymead Citizens Association), and by many individual residents. (You can find the full history of this issue and supporting information at www.forestlakes.net/announcements.) Thank you for your continued participation in this important matter.

The allure of a large increase in affordable housing (a component of the recently updated RST proposal) – albeit in tall, concentrated buildings, despite a number of design issues and weaknesses in the plan raised by Commission members, and without having any overall County plan or community consensus in place on how to meet affordable housing goals, the RST proposal proved irresistible to the Planning Commission, who voted to move the plan forward for consideration by the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors.

We were disappointed that what we are now calling the RST Hasty Highrise Housing plan is proceeding, and continue to believe it is too dense, too tall, has a significant risk of causing local traffic and environmental problems, and is an unprecedented and undesirable next step in turning our area into Fairfax County.

As we have said all along, we do not oppose redevelopment of this site and support the goal of increasing affordable housing in the County, but hey need to be done responsibly and taking into consideration the effects on our existing neighborhoods and on the entire Places 29 / Route 29 North area. As such, approving this plan was hasty in several respects, as detailed below.

Based on community involvement to date, the revised plan does incorporate some significant improvements compared to the initial submission, and addresses several issues we had raised. These are notably: (1) improving the aesthetics along Ashwood Boulevard with retention of the existing berm and trees along the north side of Ashwood and increasing the distance between Ashwood and the first of the row of 4 story 'townhouse' buildings. And (2) doubling the width of the tree buffer (to 40 feet) with the Ashland townhouse community and including 4th floor stepbacks for the RST buildings. If this development is ultimately approved, we will work to ensure that these commitments are legally binding and are fulfilled.

Function	Organization/Person	Contact Information		
FLCA Site Manager (dues, ARB, common ground maintenance requests, building rentals, pool, and other FLCA issues or questions).	Tamera Hammond Community Group, Inc.	1828 Pavilion Circle Charlottesville, VA 22911 (434) 973-4596 manager@forestlakes.net		
After-hours emergencies involving common areas, buildings or facilities	Community Group Emergency Hotline (call 911 also if necessary)	1-804-254-0427. Follow prompts for Homeowner Services; include your contact info and description.		
Arbor Lake, Ashland	Stephanie Crouch Real Property, Inc.	(434) 823-4407 Arborlakesmanager@gmail.com ashlandmanager@gmail.com		
Ravenswood and Ravenscroft	Danielle Campbell Real Property, Inc.	(434) 465-6917 ravensmanagerrpi@gmail.com		
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Springridge	Mark Marshall Real Property, Inc.	(434) 202-1852 springridgeassociationmanager@gmail.com		
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Mailbox Nameplates and Repairs	Dick Billings	(434)960-4999 dick.billings@gmail.com		
Soccer Field Reservations	Tamera Hammond	thammond@forestlakes.net		
Tennis Pro Jim Labinski		Tennis Pro Shop (North): (434)974-5567 Cell: (434) 249-6420 Zentennis929@gmail.com 1818 Pavilion Circle, C'ville 22911		
Webmaster Forest Lakes Website – www.forestlakes.net		thammond@forestlakes.net		
	OTHER CONTACTS			
Drivers/Car Licenses	Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	866-368-5463/www.dmvnow.com		
Electricity	Dominion Virginia Power	(888) 667-3000		
Roads & Signs, Snow Plowing	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)	1-800-FOR-ROAD/800-367-7623		
Trash Removal	County Waste	(434) 296-6000		
Water and Sewer	Albemarle County Service Authority	(434) 977-4511		
Gas	City of Charlottesville	(434) 970-3211		
Albemarle County Police Non-Emergency		(434) 977-9041		

We will continue our efforts to right-size this proposal, decreasing density and addressing traffic and environmental concerns, and hope the developer will become more engaged with the community in doing so.

More broadly, we will urge the Board of Supervisors to disapprove the current RST Hasty Highrise Housing and send it back for further revisions, and also to address three key topics: (1) developing a new transitional zoning category for the 29 North corridor with lower density and more respect for existing neighborhoods. (2) updating the process for reviewing potential traffic impacts, and applying them to revised plans for this site, and (3) creating a broader community consensus about how and where and how to provide and configure the added affordable housing that we all agree is needed in the County.

As always, thanks to everyone for their participation in this issue. We will continue to keep you informed via this newsletter, emails (contact Tamera at manager@forestlakes.net to be added to the distribution list) and the ForestLakes.net website. We welcome your added comments as well – with the best method being to email Tamera as above.

Thank you,

Scott Elliff, Member, FLCA Board of Directors

Jimmy Baranik, President Todd McGee, Vice President, ARB Chair Scott Elliff, Treasurer Jane Keathley, Secretary Mike Tubridy, Director Dick Billings, Director Nancy Trudel, Director

#### FOREST LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

1828 Pavilion Circle Hours: Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. 434-973-4596 | manager@forestlakes.net

## Neighborhood Notes

#### FLCA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, 28 July at 6:00 in the Pavilion. The agenda for the meeting is available one week prior to the meeting at the association office and on the website. Please note that the topics for the meeting can change.

#### FOREST LAKES BOOK CLUB

The Forest Lakes Book club is back! Meetings are the third Wednesday of every month at 1:00 at the Pavilion. The next meeting is on July 21st. July's book is "The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevin. Please come and join the discussion!

#### **YOGA CLASSES**

These non-impact classes are held at the north Pavilion.

Yoga: Tech and Flow 1 Tuesday 11:15am – 12:15pm

> A half hour of flowing standing movement with an emphasis on technique and breathing followed by a half hour of floor time

Please call, text or email Karen Schultz first if you would like to join us. All residents are welcome!

434/962.2208 or leprofsch@gmail.com

#### JMRL BOOKMOBILE

The James Madison Regional Library's bookmobile comes to the North Forest Lakes parking lot the 2nd and 4th Monday's of every month from 2:00-2:30. You can obtain a library card, turn in books, pick up a book on hold or just browse through its collection of 1500 to 2000 books for all ages and interests! Come by and pick up a book!

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

The Forest Lakes Bible Study group will reconvene in the fall on Wednesday's beginning on September 8th. The group meets from 10-11am in the Forest Lakes Pavilion. Pastor Dave Johnson will lead in the discussion of the Book of John. Please call Becky Rohrback at 434/202.1373 with any questions.

#### **BABYSITTER AND PETSITTER LIST**

The FLCA office has a list of babysitters and petsitters that are made up of Forest Lakes residents – for Forest Lakes residents. If you would like a copy, please call the office! If you'd like to be put on the list, please email Grace at FLAdmin@forestlakes.net.

#### **AD SPACE OFFERED**

The Forest Lakes Community Newsletter offers ad space in each monthly issue. The newsletter reaches 1455 households all within five minutes of many businesses in Charlottesville and northern Albemarle County. The submission deadline for advertisements is the 23rd of each month. The newsletter is delivered to all Forest Lakes households the 1st weekend of every month. It is printed in black and white. The newsletter is also available (in color) on our website, www.forestlakes.net.

Rates are as follows:

	Size (wide x tall)	Price Per Month		
Business card	3.5" x 2"	\$20.00		
1/4 Page	3.75" x 5"	\$45.00		
1/2 Page	7.5" x 5"	\$75.00		
Full Page	7.5" x 9.5"	\$150.00		

A 10% discount is available for prepaid ads placed to run at least 3 months.

Ads are subject to approval by the Forest Lakes Community Association. Ads should be print ready and emailed as a PDF to thammond@forestlakes.net. For further questions, please email or call (434) 973-4596.

## Keeping in the Loop

#### DMV - COMING THIS MONTH

The DMV will again be at the Forest Lakes Pavilion on Monday July 12th and Tuesday July 13th. There are still appointments available on both days – call the office at 434/973.4596 to make your appointment. If you've already made your appointment, remember not to come early – or late!

#### LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS

On repeat here...If you have to leave your car outside in a parking lot, street, driveway, cul de sac please remember to lock the doors. We've had a few car break-ins over the past months. The cars that were broken into did not have locked doors. It's that simple. If your car does get broken into, please report to the ACPD.

#### FOREST LAKES LITTLE LIBRARY

Did you know we have one? We do! It's inside the Fitness Center facility. Go by and take a book or leave a book. Please don't use it as your dumping ground for books though – be mindful. The shelves are pretty full right now and we could use a bit bigger one. If you have one you are getting rid of, please call the office to discuss. Thanks!

#### **A SPECIAL THANKS**

While we're all pretty great here and pitch in wherever needed, we'd like to do a special shout out to Carolyn Huyghe for getting us two free bluebird houses; Matthew Jones for putting up the remaining basketball hoops; and Will Sandford/Jimmy Baranik and crew who improved the natural path below Springridge/ Ridgefield (huge job!). Thanks so much!

#### FARMERS MARKET

Don't forget to visit the Farmer's Market every Tuesday from 4-7pm at the South Pool parking lot. As the season continues, there will be more and more fresh fruits and vegetables available, along with baked goods, jams, jellies, meats, eggs, crafts and of course...tacos!

#### NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

We welcome you! If you haven't already, please stop by the FLCA office – we'd love to meet you and answer any questions you may have. Our office hours are Monday–Friday from 9-5.

#### WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

Please join the FLCA Board of Directors in welcoming new residents to Forest Lakes!

Ashland	Jeffrey and Cassity Mella	
Gateway	Melinda Hayman Carter Olander and Brittany Thomas Bradley and Heather Ostrowski	
Magnolia Bend	John and Amber Conner	
Springridge	Brian and Sara Andes Victor Maldonado and Laura Garcia Mark Stoddard and Jeong Ryu Brady and Emily Webb	
Steeplechase	Ethan and Alissa Pompeo	
Stratford Glen	David and Britnye Segraves (welcome back!)	
Teakwood	Alexander and Morgan Snyder	
Timber Pointe	Joseph and Corina Larson	
Willow Bend	Benjamin and Chelsea Hall Shawn Jenkins and Shannon Lockett Mark and Kelly Lindsay Emily Loeb and Rachel Forbes	

#### FOREST LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Summer 2021

### **REGULAR POOL HOURS**

#### NORTH POOL

10am - 9pm Daily

#### SOUTH POOL

12 noon – 9:00pm Monday - Friday 11am – 9pm Saturday and Sunday

South pool will close early at 3:00pm for Swim Meets on June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 10th

#### **GUEST FEES**

\$3 per person Weekdays\$5 per person Weekends/Holidays

10 punch pass \$20.00 No charge for children aged 2 & under.

Three (3) guests allowed per adult resident. Two (2) guests allowed per youth card holder.

#### ADULT EARLY MORNING LAP SWIM – SOUTH POOL

Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30am – 7:30am Saturdays 9:30-11:00am Forest Lakes Residents Only Ages 16 and over Please bring your Poolcard

## Swim Lessons – go to <u>www.forestlakes.net/pools/</u> for all information on lesson session dates, levels and contact information

**About your pool cards.....**The Forest Lakes Swim & Tennis Facilities are open to all Forest Lakes residents. All adult residents and dependents that are rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above will be issued pool cards which <u>must</u> be presented upon entering the pool area. Children below the 6<sup>th</sup> grade <u>must</u> be accompanied to the pool by a parent or responsible resident (age 15 or older). All residents <u>must</u> sign in and show their pool card upon entering the pool. No exceptions.

## **Forest Lakes Golf Tourney**

#### Sunday August 22, 2021

### Unfortunately, no shotgun allowed, so tee times begin at 8:30 am, every 15 minutes

#### **Meadow Creek GC**

\$80 per player - Captain's Choice/Scramble

Includes dinner for your entire family, adult beverages, prizes (pins, long drive, top finishers) all at the South Pool around 5pm. Great way to meet some new neighbors. Please sign up as foursome...but if you can't, I'll do my best to get you on a team. Teams should have at least 2 FLakes residents, but the idea is to have fun, the more the merrier.

Please pay by August 1<sup>st</sup> (see below)

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Send checks to Ron Morse 2697 Kendalwood Lane 22911 or email questions to: bajabean@aol.com FROM THE DESK OF JIM LABINSKI, DIRECTOR OF TENNIS

JULY 2021

Dear Forest Lakes tennis players and residents,

Starting in July, I will be conducting Wednesday night men's clinics at 6:30. On July 7, and July 21, it will be a "game improvers" clinic for male players below 3.0 level. On July 14 and 28, it will be an "advanced workout" for players above 3.0 level. Sign up via text message.

Currently the Forest Lakes 3.0 women's team practices on Mondays at 6:30. The Forest Lakes 3.5 women's team practices on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. The women's "game improvers" meets on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Cost for the adult clinics and practices is \$20 per session. Try a package of 5 sessions for \$75.

There is nothing new to report on in regard to the renovation of the North Courts. The project should be started in early August. Your patience is and has been appreciated.

#### Junior Tennis Update

The Forest Lakes Summer Tennis Camp will continue through August 20. Last year's Forest Lakes Summer Tennis Camp was scaled down due to COVID-19. This year, matches have returned on Thursdays.

Information and sign-up forms are available at the Forest Lakes Community Association website, the FLCA office and at the North Pro Shop. I can also email you the forms if you'd like.

There's a 45-minute option for the 8-and-unders starting at 8:30. It meets twice a week. Advanced players can come for two hours a day, four days a week, plus a Thursday afternoon match. And there's a place for everyone in between.

#### Kourts App Update

Here's a few tips for successfully booking a court on the Kourts app:

First, select North or South. Then go to filter option and select 60-minute or 75-minute option. You can make multiple bookings at North if you wish to play longer at North. There's a 90-minute option on the South courts. You can book courts for today, tomorrow, the next day, or the day after that (up to three days in advance.) Select your court preference. Now you are ready to book your court.

One final tip: make sure you have your "readers" on while using the Kourts app.

According to the Kourts app statistics, 43% of available North court time was taken in the third week of June. At South, 34% of available South court time was taken.

Recycle Tennis Balls - The Forest Lakes community has kept over 4,500 tennis balls out of landfills. (Thank you, John Oliver.) Take your worn-out tennis balls to the Recycle Tennis Ball bins at the entrance to the Pro Shop.

Stay hydrated, and I'll see you on the courts.





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Latté	3.60	4.10	Iced Latté	4.10		
Mocha	4.15	4.70	Iced Mocha	4.55		
Americano	2.85	3.10	Iced Americano	3.10		
Cappuccino	3.60	4.10	Cold Brew	3.25		
Chai Latte	3.60	4.10	lced Chai Latte	4.10		
Hot Tea	1.85	1.85	Iced Tea	2.00		
Hot Chocolate	2.75	3.25	Coffee Refill	1.35		

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#### **SMOOTHIES**

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Please contact Beau at <u>beaubyates@gmail.com</u> or 434-974-6652 to arrange pickup of your donation.



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