

## HELLO, BLAIRSTONE FOREST NEIGHBOR!

As a resident of Blairstone Forest, your Board of Directors wanted to share what we feel are some valuable bits of information regarding the neighborhood.

First, we recommend all residents sign up for NextDoor (in App stores or at [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com)). It's a great place to keep up with current news about the neighborhood or get questions answered regarding your home. We are a community in the best sense of the word...helping, sharing, and taking responsibility for our Forest and maintaining our lovely, peaceful neighborhood.

We also encourage you to visit our website, [www.blairstoneforesthoa.com](http://www.blairstoneforesthoa.com), where you can learn about the history of the forest, see a schedule of upcoming events, or contact your Board of Directors.

Whether you rent or own your home, we all are governed by Blairstone Forest Covenants; a copy can be found on our website. Below are a few key points:

- Our Architectural Control Committee (ACC) needs to approve all changes to the exterior of your home before work begins. A copy of the ACC request form is available on our website.
- Cutting a living tree with a trunk diameter of 6" or more (at 3' from ground) must have Board approval first. Instructions and forms are available on our website. If in doubt, ask a Board member!
- Only FOR SALE or FOR RENT signs are permitted on our properties. Commercial and political signs are not.
- The speed limit of 20 mph must be observed to protect the safety of our residents. Use caution around corners, parked vehicles, or pedestrians.
- Garbage and recycling is collected every Monday and bulk waste every other ("blue") Wednesday. Containers must be out of view until the evening before collection day and should be moved from curbs by the next day. Visit <https://www.talgov.com/you/you-solidwaste.aspx> for details.
- Dogs must be on leashes whenever outside of their own yards. Clean up after your pet and dispose of waste properly.
- There is no fishing or swimming in our ponds. They are a refuge for birds and aquatic creatures.

Your guests are welcome to enjoy everything our neighborhood has to offer. Residents are responsible for ensuring that their guests follow these rules, too!

Board meetings are held every two months, and all residents and homeowners are welcome to attend. To be sure you receive notices regarding the meetings, join NextDoor or send an email to the board with your name, property address, and email to be added to our mailing list.

Thank you for being a part of our community! There are many ways for you to be involved in your neighborhood - serving on committees, attending meetings, or just going out for a walk. The best way, though, is honoring the covenants that make our neighborhood the pleasant sanctuary we all call home.