

**BLAKELEY FOREST HOA**  
**Newsletter – August 2017**

**A) Editor’s Comment**

Thank you for taking the opportunity to read our association’s newsletter. The newsletter is intended to keep our members informed of the issues that are relevant to current activities of the Board of the Blakeley Forest Homeowners Association.

**B) Annual Homeowners Association Meeting**

The Annual Meeting will be held on September 12, 2017 at the Spanish Fort Community Center. Registration is at 6:00 PM and the meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. All Members are encouraged to attend. If you are not able to attend please mail in your ballot. If you require a proxy form, email us at [bfho@blakeleyhoa.org](mailto:bfho@blakeleyhoa.org) and a form will be sent to you.

**C) Blakeley Forest “Restoration”**

In our last newsletter, the maintenance and improvements needed to maintain and enhance the quality of our subdivision was reviewed. Since that time, meetings have taken place with the City and Utilities Company to clarify respective responsibilities. Some concerns mentioned were **sidewalks, roads and unfinished turn arounds at 4 locations, electrical box deterioration and street signage**. The following is a brief update on these projects.

**1.MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT**



**Broken Drainage Cover**



**Clogged-Stained-Cover**



**Potholes**

As last reported, the President of the HOA and the Chairman of the Architectural Committee met with officials at the City of Spanish Fort to discuss the needed maintenance of sidewalks, roads and turnarounds, drainage culverts, signage and electrical boxes on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We met again in July. During those meetings, we learned that some of the maintenance falls under the City’s jurisdiction and some do not. Those not included are **cracked sidewalks, turnarounds, drainage culverts, signage and electrical boxes**.

**Cracked sidewalks** are the responsibility of the homeowner. Turnarounds are located on private property, permission is required to upgrade, and the cost would likely fall back on the **HOA**. Signage is replaced only if damaged and electrical boxes are the responsibility of the utility company.



**Cracked Sidewalk**



**Rusted Utility Box**

**Roads and regulatory requirements for sidewalks and culverts do come under the jurisdiction of the City.** The City said it would add these to its maintenance schedule. Unfortunately, we as yet, do not have the date when these will be scheduled. We do, however, **continue to be encouraged** that the City is willing to work with us on the maintenance in these areas.

We will continue to work on **Electrical boxes with the Utility Company**, as they indicated they have **nothing in their budget** for painting or replacing rusted electrical boxes. We will continue to look for solutions to this issue. If anyone has an idea please do not hesitate to let us know.

## **2. Website**

We have received many communications from our members via our Website - ranging from requests for approval under the Covenants and Restriction requirements, member opinions and reporting potential covenant and restriction violations. We encourage all our members to **visit our website**, as a lot of improvements have been made. The website is at [www.blakelyhoa.org](http://www.blakelyhoa.org)

## **D) Summary**

Again, we would like to thank you for taking the time to read our Newsletter. The Board is constantly looking for opportunities to maintain and improve our Blakeley Forest Subdivision.

During this year's annual meeting we will discuss a new concept of **Blakeley Forest Restoration**. The Board is introducing this concept in light of the **age and \$/Sq. Ft. discount** our subdivision is experiencing as compared to other subdivisions in our area.

We encourage all our members to attend our Annual Meeting on **September 12, 2017**.