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Our newly renovated court opened for play on August 15!

- Open from dawn to dusk, same as the park.
- No reservation needed first come, first served.
- Same gate lock, same key (replacement keys \$5).
- New basketball nets and a practice backboard will be installed shortly.

Heartfelt thanks to Skip Brown for his tireless service in bringing this project to fruition!!

The Folsom Lake Estates Board of Directors

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sep 4	Labor Day
Sep 10	National Grandparents Day
Sep 12	FLEHA Board Meeting
Oct 9	Columbus Day
Oct 10	FLEHA Board Meeting
Oct 31	Halloween

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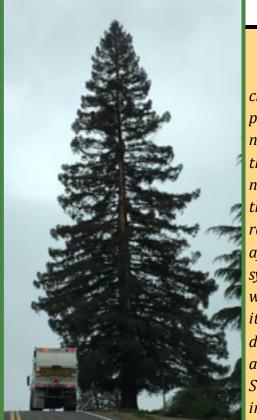
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On April 13, 2017, the beautiful, 140-foot-tall sequoia that crowned the hill at 9610 Oak Leaf Way, was struck and killed by a powerful bolt of lightning during a dramatic storm. Miraculously, no one was hurt, and no property was damaged, despite the fact that half of the tree was blown off and pieces violently hurled onto neighboring properties. Homeowners Diane and John Jackson knew that the badly damaged tree needed to be cut down for safety reasons, but hated to part with such a neighborhood icon, especially

after receiving an outpouring of sympathy from residents far and wide who had admired it, and basked under its shade, for years. Rather than grind it down, they decided to give it a new life – as an artistic tree carving! Enter Glen Sievert, a Ukiah resident who specializes in carving tree stumps with chainsaws.

He and the Jacksons collaborated on the

design that transformed the 7-foot stump into two bears ("Mac" and "Mater") plus a commemorative lightning bolt. The former tree now has a whole new legion of fans!

On the following page is a poetic tribute to this neighborhood landmark.



#### **BOARD MEETING AGENDAS\***

Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 7pm Raley's Event Center, Granite Bay

Open Forum/Homeowner Comments Approval of August Minutes Treasurer's Report Committee Reports **Architectural Review** Park Committee Old Business Reserve Study Interest-bearing Bank Account **New Business** 

Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 7pm Raley's Event Center, Granite Bay

Open Forum/Homeowner Comments Approval of September Minutes Treasurer's Report Committee Reports Architectural Review Park Committee **Old Business New Business** 

<sup>\*</sup> Agendas subject to change.

#### Once there was a Giving Tree...by Susan Moss

(A tribute to the children's book, The Giving Tree, by Shel Silverstein, and the Giving Tree at 9610 Oak Leaf Way)

Once there was a tree. And she was a strong and beautiful tree who reigned proud and regal at the pinnacle of a peak for umpteen spins of the earth.

As a sapling she swayed happily while children frolicked around her. They grew and so did she.

She became a beacon for weary parents, encouraging and guiding them up, up, up the hilly hill with their

strollers, for a rewarding break in her shade. Dogs lolled in the cool, damp grass underneath her canopy. Her strong trunk generously supported workers on siesta.

She captivated everyone who saw her, welcomed one and all, and shared everything she had, but her biggest sacrifice was yet to come.

One day a harrowing storm ravaged her community, hurling hail and lightning. She knew she'd have to act quickly, so she raised herself up to her highest height, stretched her limbs to the heavens, and snatched the largest bolt right out of the sky.

In one spectacular flash she was cleaved in two. Her lovely appendages flew off in every direction. But no one was hurt. And nothing was broken.

She had defended the people and the house for whom the lightning had been destined. And everyone cheered.

But they missed the lovely landmark that had kept watch over them for so long, and who was now reduced to a fraction of her former self.

It was time for her friends to give back to the Giving Tree. "Cut me down, but keep me dear to your heart," she urged.

And like magic, it was revealed -- for all to see -- whom she had been sheltering beneath her bark all those years: Her two cubs, now proudly carrying on her legacy as sentinels at the top of the hill.

And so she continues to give. And visitors once again flock to her side. And she reigns supreme.

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To learn more about Glen Sievert, the chainsaw tree carver, please visit his website at Chainsawtreeart.com, or email him at Glen@chainsawtreeart.com.



# Folsom Lake Estates Homeowners Association Board Meeting June 20, 2017, 7pm Raley's Event Center, Granite Bay

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Board Members: Jennifer Makol, Susie Barr, Chris Vadnais, Sharon Russo

Unit 2: Susan MossUnit 1: None

**OPEN FORUM/HOMEOWNER COMMENTS**: A resident objected to a "For Sale" sign that was erected at the entrance to our neighborhood. The Board agreed and voted to prohibit long-term realtor signs, but allow temporary Open House signs (only for the duration of the Open House), on common property. Admin will call the Realtor to request removal of the sign.

#### **APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES**: 4/0/0

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The current balance stands at approximately \$191,000, which is approximately \$9,000 more than the same time last year. Year-to-date expenses are approximately \$21,500, leaving accounts in good standing.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Architectural Review: A resident's proposed extension will be discussed in Executive Session.
- Park Committee: None.
- Tennis Court Rebuild: Contract signed and forwarded to Bostick on June 12. Expecting work to begin in August.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Park maintenance issues:

- Water fountain well was completed. Two fountains operational. Dog bowl permanently nonoperational.
- \* The Board voted to purchase the 53-gallon exposed aggregate concrete garbage can, subject to the vendor delivering and placing it in the park. This will replace the broken fourth receptacle that was recently removed.
- \* Misc.: Gravel on the slope near the park sign was raked back into place, and will be maintained weekly. The two picnic tables were relocated to the shuffleboard court. Four wasp traps have been hung from trees throughout the park. Folsom Landscape sprayed for clover and re-seeded the lawn again. They also fixed a busted sprinkler in the middle of the lawn, which was caused by a 4-wheeler.
- Mass emails: Admin still working on getting eblasts to work via Google.
- More volunteerism: Added an appeal for neighborhood volunteers in the next newsletter.
- Reserve study: Browning was hired to complete the study. Chris will check on status.
- **Post newsletters on website:** Editions from 2017 are now posted. Board phone numbers and information not for public consumption were removed from the online versions.
- **Insurance:** The Board approved the additional premium of \$993 to extend the D&O policy expiration date (from October 13) to coincide with the other policies' date of April 19. Still confirming the Additional Insured for the Admin on all of the policies.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Tax-exempt status/2**<sup>nd</sup>**-class postage:** Admin wondered if the savings from 2<sup>nd</sup>-class postage would make it worthwhile to apply for tax-exempt status. Concluded that it's not, due to the permit fees to enroll.
- **Fees for Title Documents:** Considering charging the \$200 fee up front, rather than after delivery, since typically 10-30% of fulfilled orders go unpaid due to sales falling through. Admin and Sharon will research common practices with a realtor and an Escrow Officer.
- **Fire hazard/clearance letters:** Letters mailed to three vacant lot homeowners on June 5, requesting remedy by July 5. One appears to have been addressed. If the other two are not managed by July 5, then Admin will send a second request for action.
- **Updated Directory:** Agreed to update the Dues/Directory form to enable homeowners to more clearly indicate which contact information they allow us to include in the directory. An updated directory will publish once the forms are returned during the next Dues/Voting cycle.
- **National Night Out:** Margie Smith will organize the event, held on the first Tuesday of August, (8/1), from 6:30-8:00pm. An announcement is in the July-August newsletter. Eblast invitations will be sent closer to the event date. The Board approved a \$200 (max) budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm, 4/0/0, with an Executive Session immediately following.

### Interested in Running For FLEHA Board of Directors?

We'd love to have you! The time commitment for Board members is very manageable: ten meetings (1-2 hours each) per year on the second Tuesday of the month (no meetings in July or December). Duties include: reviewing meeting notes; assessing community projects and expenditures; and upholding FLEHA's CC&Rs.

Forms and Notice of Intent to Run documents will be included with the November-December newsletter.



# Considering a Home Construction Project?

Please mind the following "Golden Rules," as governed and detailed in our FLEHA CC&Rs:

- No building, fence, wall, exterior addition, or other structure shall be commenced on your property until the plans and specifications are submitted and approved by the FLEHA Board of Directors and its Architectural Review Committee.
- Nothing shall be done on any lot which may be an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.
  - All buildings must conform to Placer County's uniform building code.

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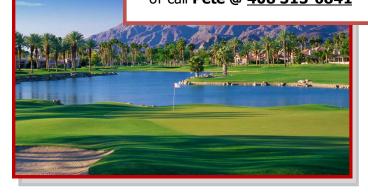


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Call 797-6138 or email iterpeluk@gmail.com

**Will Hubred:** Cavitt Jr. High Student. Pet sitting, walking dogs, mowing, and odd jobs around the house and yard.

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#### **TUTORING**

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