

# A Peek Inside the Issue...

- December 24 Luminaries
  - Santa Visit CANCELED!
    - 2021 FLEHA Board Election
      - Holiday Kids' Activities
        - and more...

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Nov 10	Board Meeting, 7pm	3
Nov 11	Veterans Day	
Nov 26	Thanksgiving Day	and .
NO DI	ECEMBER BOARD MEETING	
Dec 10	Chanukah Begins at S	unset
Dec 24	Set up Luminaries!	
Dec 25	Christmas Day	KWANZA
Dec 26	Kwanzaa Begins	

New Year's Eve



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# FLEHA Board of Directors General Election 2021

#### **Our Board of Directors**

Folsom Lake Estates is a highly desirable neighborhood, admired for our architectural variety, large lots, lovely mature trees, relaxed ambiance, and proximity to Folsom Lake. Our homeowners association, "FLEHA," is run *BY* and *FOR* residents, and led by a Board of Directors. The Board consists of five elected member residents, each serving a two-year term. (Please see the front page of this newsletter for a listing of our current Board members.) Two of the Board positions — Secretary and Member-at-Large — are up for re-election in January 2021. The Board members currently holding those positions are ready to step aside for new, qualified FLEHA members to take over their roles.

Board members work diligently for our community to help ensure that our Bylaws are upheld, that our association is in compliance with Davis-Sterling HOA regulations, and that community concerns are addressed, so that we continue to be proud to call our neighborhood home. They attend 10 Board meetings per year, maintain the park and the three neighborhood entrances, perform an architectural review process, and coordinate several annual social gatherings, including our December 24th luminary lighting (see page 4 for more details).

## **Running for the Board**

Homeowners who are Unit 2 FLEHA members (i.e., those who are REQUIRED to pay \$250 annual HOA dues) are entitled to vote and run for the two available Board positions during the 2021 Board election. If you'd like to throw your hat into the ring, please complete the attached "Notice of Desire to be a Candidate" form (next page) and return it to FLEHA <u>by</u> <u>December 12</u>.

### **Uncontested Election of Directors**

Please note that per Section 7.06 of our Revised Bylaws, (available at www.fleha.org, under "Legal Docs" tab): "If after the close of nominations, the number of qualified people nominated for election to the Board of Directors is equal to or less than the number of directors to be elected, then those nominees who are qualified to be elected to the Board are deemed elected." In other words, if only two qualified FLEHA members run for the two available Board seats in 2021, then we will not need to hold a Board election. If we receive more than two nominations for the two seats, then election materials will mail to Unit 2 members after January 1, and the results will be announced in March 2021 at our annual General Board Meeting.





P.O. Box 2041, Granite Bay, CA 95746

# FOLSOM LAKE ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF DESIRE TO BE A CANDIDATE -- 2021

I desire to be a candidate for election to the Folsom Lake Estates Homeowners Association's Board of Directors in the upcoming election. I am the owner of a lot within the Folsom Lake Estates Unit No. 2 subdivision identified below. By submitting this *Notice of Desire to be a Candidate*, I understand and acknowledge the following:

I may, but am not required to, submit a *Director Election Statement* to the Association.

The content of my *Director Election Statement* must be reasonably related to the election and must not exceed one side of a single 8-1/2 x 11-inch page.

Black-and-white copies of all *Director Election Statements* that are timely received will be included with the ballot package, which will be mailed to Association Members.

By submitting a *Director Election Statement*, I accept full responsibility for its content and agree to indemnify the Association and its agents and representatives for any and all damage arising from and related to any such content.

It is my responsibility to confirm that this *Notice of Desire to be a Candidate* and my *Director Election Statement* were received by the Association.

Print Name]	
[Signature]	
[Date]	
Folsom Lake Estates Unit No. 2 Lot # or Property Address	

To be considered a candidate for the 2021 FLEHA Board of Directors election, this completed form and any *Director Election Statement* must be <a href="mailto:postmarked">postmarked</a> by December 12, 2020, and addressed to:

FLEHA P.O. Box 2041 Granite Bay, CA 95746

# Luminaries

# **December 24 Neighborhood Traditions**

# **The Luminary Lowdown**

FLE's biggest neighborhood event is the December 24 luminary lighting, a tradition that began in 1983, and which draws visitors from all over the region to see our breathtaking display of candles and decorated homes. Our volunteer squad of luminary Captains and Key Workers, led by Joe Blair, organize the purchasing and distribution of supplies for the entire neighborhood. Please join your neighbors in this holiday tradition, and help the luminary volunteers by

ordering your candles and bags early.

#### **Luminary Logistics**

- Your luminary Key Worker should contact you by early November to obtain your order.
  - Homeowners typically purchase one or two sets, depending on property size.
  - Cost is \$23.50/set (72 candles & bags).
  - Orders and payments are due by November 15 (check or cash only).
  - Your luminaries will be delivered to you in early December.
- We recommend that luminaries be assembled by mid-afternoon on December 24, so that they're ready to light at sundown. That involves:
  - Picking up a supply of sand from the FLE park on/after December 23;
  - Folding down the tops of the bags to form a "cuff" so that they don't collapse and burn;
  - Inserting a layer of sand and one candle in the bottom of each bag;
  - Arranging the bags/luminaries around the perimeter/driveway of your home;
  - Lighting the candles at dusk.

#### Then tour the neighborhood to enjoy the sparkly sights!

#### **Short on Time? Want to Earn Extra Holiday Cash?**

Hire a neighborhood helper to set up, light, and remove your luminaries! FLEHA will distribute a list of luminary workers for hire. To be included on the "Luminary Workers" list (and earn \$25/luminary set) send your name/phone/email to: **info@fleha.org by December 1.** 

## **Santa & Company** — *CANCELED, due to COVID*

Our traditional annual event has been canceled this year, due to the risk of spreading COVID along with holiday cheer. Here's hoping that conditions next year allow Santa and his trusty transport — the South Placer Fire District — to pick up where they left off.

See you next yea



# Thanksgiving Word Search

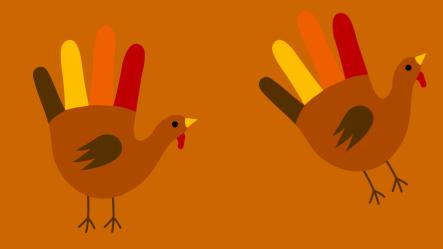
**Instructions**: Try to find all of the hidden Thanksgiving words in the word search puzzle below. (Words can be spelled forwards, backwards, diagonally, up, or down.)

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## Word List

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BLESSING	HAPPINESS	MEAL
DINNER	HAY	PIE
DRESSING	HOME	SALAD





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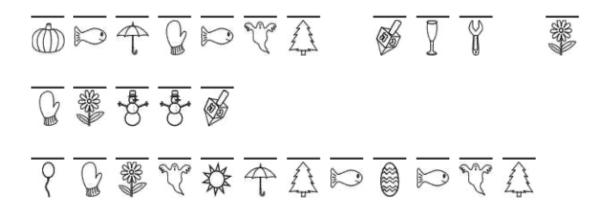
# Word Decoder Puzzle

**Instructions**: Match the picture in the Word Puzzle with the same picture in the Alphabet Key. On the Word Puzzle, write the letter that appears below the matching picture in the Alphabet Key to solve the word decoder puzzle.

## Alphabet Key



#### Word Decoder Puzzle







#### - MINUTES -

#### **Folsom Lake Estates Homeowners Association Board Meeting October 13, 7:00pm** 6485 Oak Hill Drive, Granite Bay

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

- **Board Members**: Jennifer Makol, Sharon Russo, Chris Vadnais **Unit 2**: Susan Moss, Inna & Val Kashtan **Unit 1**: Bart & Tracy Zitnitsky

#### **OPEN FORUM/HOMEOWNER COMMENTS:**

High-Speed Internet Update: Bart and Tracy Zitnitsky reviewed their FLE group's progress. They've been pushing Consolidated (CCI) for a commitment to improve our internet service. So far they've only received a proposal that would cover approximately 150 out of 300 homes. Currently CCI has 2 ADSL (old technology) cable boxes in our neighborhood (one each on Barton and Auburn Folsom). They conducted a physical survey to determine which homes would be affected if they replaced the ADSL box on Barton with a VDSL (new technology) box; the group expects an update from CCI next week. \*\*\* The group also lodged a formal complaint about CCI's local internet monopoly with Senator Feinstein; no response yet. \*\*\* The group encourages residents to register for Starlink to increase FLE's chances of being beta tested. \*\*\* Secretary Vadnais suggested the option of installing towers in the FLE park via Wave, which would require electricity but no cable. \*\*\* It was mentioned that local schools are offering free hotspots for students, which might be a short-term improvement for some residents.

#### **REVIEW OF APPROVED AUGUST 2020 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES:** No changes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The current balance stands at approximately \$157,000, which is approximately \$14,600 more than the same time last year. Per CA HOA laws, approximately \$104,600 of the balance was deposited in the Reserve account to fully fund it. Expenses incurred since the previous budget report, (YTD 8/31/20), were approximately \$4,600, leaving accounts in good standing.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**: N/A

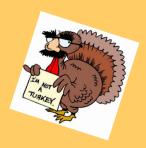
#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Park Update:
  - Bare / Open Area: No members have stepped up to assist with acquiring estimates and/or planning for any of their suggested options. Secretary Vadnais will request an estimate for the soccer/t-ball field expansion option with Folsom Landscape. He also suggested that we might consider doing another Survey Monkey to further assess member interest.
  - Tree Maintenance Complete: Secretary Vadnais will request that Folsom Landscape clear out all weeds and dead trees on the back end of the park for fire prevention.
  - Sports Court Reservation System/Signage: The sign is mounted. No feedback yet on the reservation policy.
  - Park Open/Closed Status: Still closed to group gatherings for the time being.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Santa/Cookies vis-à-vis pandemic: The Board feels that the tradition is safe, since it is outdoors, especially if participating families and Santa wear masks and/or social distance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm, 3/0/0.



- FIEHA: Fast Facts

  Website: www.fleha.org Questions & Comments: Susan at info@fleha.org

   FIEHA: Folsom Lake Estates Homeowners Association includes all 225 Unit 2 homeowners plus voluntary Unit 1 members (currently 25 out of 67 Unit 1 homeowners are HOA members). See neighborhood map on page 10 for unit boundaries.

   Membership/Dues: Mandatory Unit 2 annual FIEHA membership dues are \$250. Unit 1 voluntary annual membership dues are \$140. Dues are due by Feb 1; a 10% late fee applies. A courtesy billing reminder is sent on Jan 1.

   Membership Benefits: Unit 2 members receive: one sports court key; option to reserve picnic grove and soccer field; copy of/inclusion in directory; FIEHA newsletter and free ad; email notifications; right to vote for and be a Board member. Unit 1 members receive the same benefits, but are not bound by Unit 2 CC&Rs, and therefore not allowed to vote for or be Board members.

   Board of Directors: Consists of five elected Unit 2 members President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, and Member-at-Large each serving a two-year term. Board members help ensure that our Bylaws are upheld, that our association is in compliance with Davis-Sterling HOA regulations, and that community concerns are addressed. Additionally, they maintain the park and the three neighborhood entrances, perform an architectural review process, and coordinate several annual social gatherings, including our December 24th luminary lighting.

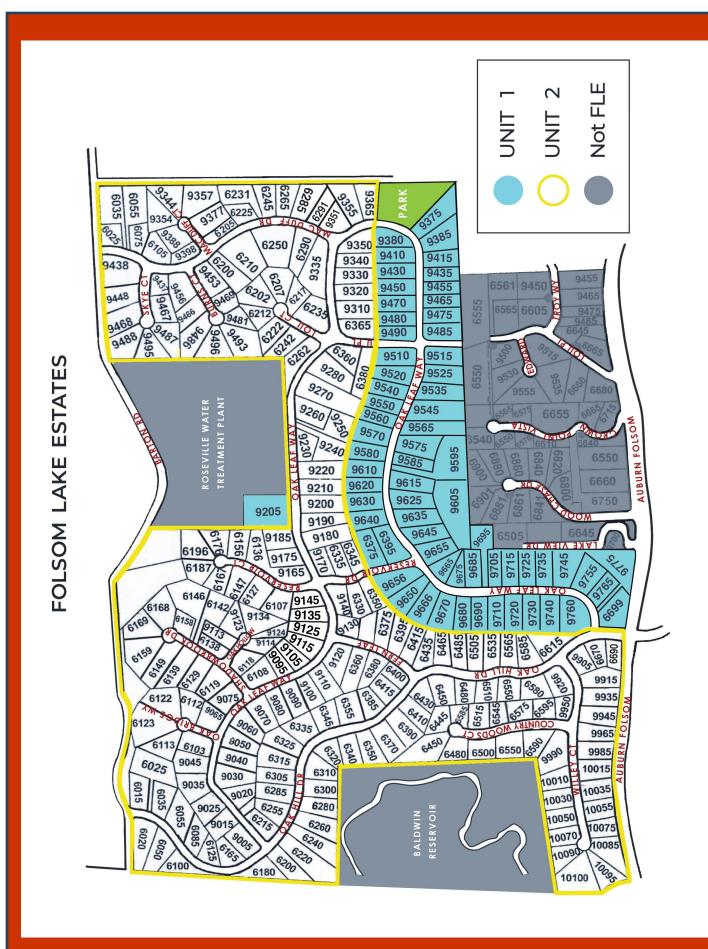
   Board Elections: Held annually in January (ballots are mailed on January 1 along with dues notification). Only Unit 2 members are eligible to vote and run. Candidates who submit a "Notice of Desire to be a Candidate" form (available in November) by close of nominations on December 12 will be added to the ballot. Note: "If after the close of nominations, the number of qualified people nominated for election to the Board of Directors is equal to or less than the number of directors to be elected, then those nominees who are qualified to be elected to the Board are deemed elected."

# FLEHA Fast Facts (cont'd)

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- Newsletter: Published 6x per year (Jan-Feb, Mar-Apr, May-Jun, Jul-Aug, Sep-Oct, and Nov-Dec). Distributed by email and posted at www.fleha.org.
   Members are entitled to one free classified advertisement. Submit ads/articles/ suggestions to info@fleha.org by the 22nd of the month preceding publication.
- Announcements: Posted on the neighborhood park sign and emailed to the master neighborhood list. To ensure that you are included on the master email list, please contact Susan at info@fleha.org.
- CC&Rs, Bylaws, Insurance, & Other Legal Documents: Available on website.
- Selling Unit 2 House/Title Documents: Available through Susan at info@fleha.org. Cost is \$200 (in advance). Checks to FLEHA, PO Box 2041, Granite Bay, CA 95746. Requests are generally processed and emailed within 48 business hours.

- Building/Renovating Unit 2 House: If considering any external additions, alterations, or changes to your property, please submit 2 printed/hard copies of your plans (pdf is also appreciated) to info@fleha.org for HOA review, before submitting to County. Please ensure that plans comply with CC&Rs (available on website under "Legal Docs" tab); comply with our setbacks (35' from front, 15' from side, and 25' from back); and clearly delineate any drainage plans/ changes.
- Park: Note due to COVID-19, the park is closed; only the sports court is
   currently open to same-household members. Under normal circumstances —
   Open from sunrise to sunset every day. Members can reserve the picnic grove
   and soccer field by contacting info@fleha.org. A new self-monitoring reserva tion system limits players to 45 minutes if a member is waiting to use the court.
- **December 24 Luminaries**: FLE's biggest neighborhood event began in 1983. Volunteers organize the purchasing and distribution of candles, bags, and sand.





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#### Alphabet Key



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# Nov-Dec 2020

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