

 **GLENWOOD FOREST FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER** 

GFOA PO Box 727 Gerrardstown, WV 25420

NOTICE OF GFOA FALL GENERAL MEETING
10 AM on Saturday, October 23, 2021

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER
READING AND APPROVAL OF FALL MEETING MINUTES
PRESIDENT'S REPORT
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
TREASURER'S REPORT
COMMITTEE REPORTS
OPEN FORUM
MOTION TO ADJOURN
THERE WILL BE A SHORT BOARD MEETING AFTER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The evolving corona virus continues to challenge residents of the Forest and the world. We continue to provide answers to realtors, attorneys, and residents. The most immediate issue for our community right now is the safety of our residents. We also need to address the never-ending issue of the road conditions and the storage of documents and equipment. To ensure the greatest opportunity for it to occur, we are having it before weather becomes an issue. Our Fall General Meeting will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, October 23, 2021 again at the Junior Order of Mechanics' building next to Back Creek Valley Elementary School. The building is easily handicapped accessible and is large enough for social distancing. We continue to have residents' expressing dissatisfaction about our roads. Rick Pugh has been doing the work on them, but without a contract. He is not working on them to the degree that residents would like. He has also agreed to plow our roads, if it snows. We had small frequent snows last winter and exceeded the snow removal budget. The extra fees were covered by money left in the road maintenance budget. The Roads Committee has been working on solutions and will be making recommendations at the meeting. We will be addressing them in the Fall Meeting and voting on approval of a budget to cover the cost at our Spring Meeting. Attendance at both meetings is recommended, if you want to be heard. We ask you to consider running for election to vacancies on the Board or to volunteer for committees. There are going to be proposals about several areas of concern to Residents in the upcoming year. We will have reports on collection of dues, parks, double lots, unkempt properties, etc. A reminder to all Residents, both NEW and OLD, please contact any member of the Board to update your contact information. You could miss out on important information, if we don't have your mailing address and telephone number correct. I want to thank all members of our community that have been working on various committees to assist in making this an even better place to live. I would like to welcome all of our new residents in the Forest and, once again, urge you to consider becoming involved with our association. Be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

Thank you! Doreen K. Schaffner, President GFOA

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello to all!

I'd like to welcome any new homeowners to the Forest. I would like to ask all residents of the Forest to make an effort to introduce yourself to your neighbors, especially to the new ones. Please let them know how to obtain needed information about the Forest (President Doreen K. Schaffner 304 676-6747 or Chairman Karen E. Barry 304 582-2027 or any other Board Member). At the time of writing this report, we are still working to get our website back up and I hope it will be so by the time of our Fall meeting.

I encourage all residents to get involved in our community in whatever way you are able. We have committees for road maintenance, parks, community safety watch, etc.

Please keep your dues paid in a timely manner, so you can exercise your voting rights.

Please be positive, not negative, in your comments about our community and the Unpaid Volunteers that are actively involved in trying to make this a better place to live.

Karen E. Barry, Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT

Fall 2021 Treasurer's Report My first term as Treasurer has been a learning experience for me. Our President has helped me by taking on the responsibility of answering the calls about dues from residents, realtors, and attorneys. We have paid for Road Maintenance, as billed, for services rendered. Other expenses have been those that normally crop up in the month-to-month operation of the Forest. We are in sound shape for the winter ahead and are hoping for a mild winter with minimal snow removal required.

Gillian McCarty, Treasurer

ROADS REPORT

REMINDER: Please abide by the speed limit. It is in place for a reason. There are blind spots, narrow areas, and various other good reasons to drive cautiously through our neighborhood.

We are aware of many areas of our roads that need work. Rick Pugh did work on many of our roads this summer. There is much that remains in need of repairs and the Roads Committee has recommendations concerning that. A full report with recommendations will be given at the Fall Meeting,

Thank you, Ricky Smith

SECURITY REPORT

We live in a forest, so be careful of fire!

WEST VIRGINIA FOREST FIRE LAW

The periods of each year between March 1 and May 31, inclusive, and October 1 and December 31, inclusive, are hereby designated as Forest Fire Seasons. No person shall during ANY such fire season, except between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. prevailing time, set on fire or cause to be set on fire any forest land, or any grass, grain, stubble, slash, debris, or other inflammable materials. Any fire set during this time shall be extinguished prior to 7:00 a.m. prevailing time. Such prohibition of fires between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing time shall not be construed to include (1) small fires set for the purpose of food preparation, or providing light or warmth around which all grass, brush, stubble, or other debris has been removed for a distance of ten feet from the fire, and (2) burning which may be conducted at any time when the ground surrounding the burning site is covered by one inch or more of snow. No burning may be done unless all inflammable material has been removed from around the material to be burned as a safety strip for a distance which insures that the fire will not escape and which is not less than 10 feet. If fire escapes beyond the safety strip, the person responsible shall be guilty of misdemeanor.

West Virginia is Governed by the Public Service Commission and requires all households to have trash disposal. It is a utility. Each resident must have their own and cannot share a trash bill because it is a utility. Residents have the option to self-haul instead of having curb side pickup. Every resident of WV is required to show monthly proof of disposal . If you self haul you must take your trash to a permitted disposal facility that accepts household waste.

Please report any violation of trash codes, such as outdoor burning of refuse, large accumulations of trash, bags torn open and resulting in wind blown litter, by completing this litter complaint form: <http://www.berkeleycountyrecycling.org/solidwaste/?q=site-page/litter-control-complaint-form> on Berkeley county litter patrol website.

Berkeley County has a landfill located in Hedgesville called LCS that is open to the public. It is owned by Waste Management. Their phone number is 304-754-9153. There is also a transfer station in Jefferson County on Leetown Rd. Their number is 304-728-0430.

You would need to contact the landfill or the transfer station regarding what they charge.

Apple Valley Waste offers Pay By The Bag. Residents simply order AVW bags which come in a sleeve of 10 bags for about 40.00 and they will mail them to you. Each time you fill a bag and then place it out for collection on trash day. The program is “pay as you go.” Two 33-gallon kitchen size trash bags fit into one AVW bag.

Berkeley County Engineering handles unsafe living conditions, tall grass, and unlicensed vehicles. Their number is 304-264-1966.

Berkeley County Residents can self-haul to Berkeley County solid Waste Authority

304 267 9370

They can recycle at Berkeley County Solid Waste and Recycling

Address: 870 Grapevine Rd, Martinsburg, WV 25405 Hours: Open today · 9AM–5PM

Thursday 9AM–5PM

Friday 9AM–5PM

Saturday 9AM–5PM

Sunday Closed

Monday Closed

Tuesday 9AM–5PM

Wednesday 9AM–5PM Phone: (304) 267-9370