

Editor Jose Vazquez

# Emerald Forest

## President's News

*Judy Matlock*



Exciting News! Please watch for Emerald Forest HOA improvements. The board has accepted bids and approved or completed the following:

1. The Emerald Forest estate fence will be power washed and stained.
2. Clubhouse kitchen renovations including a new door, kitchen cabinet and sink replacement will begin promptly. The improvements will also include, among other things, replacing rotted siding and posts.
3. The grounds will be improved with new plantings.
4. Dead trees have been removed from the parkway and near the tennis courts.

The city is continuing with the Emerald Forest Park project. I have been notified that the project will be bid later this month.

**Annual Garage Sale  
Saturday, May 7th from  
8 AM to noon**

Every year your homeowners association schedules a community-wide garage sale. The advertising brings in more shoppers than an individual garage sale, and it is an event area residents look forward to.

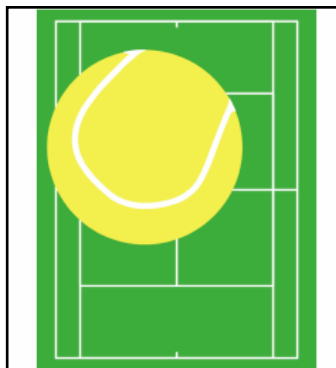
**If you are going to participate, call Tracy at the EFHA office no later than May 4th** and let her know. Tracy will produce a map with the participants identified that will be available to shoppers.

This event brings a lot of traffic into EF, so be patient.



*--Editor*

**Please remember to get your trash cans out of the street and stored after trash pickup.**



## TENNIS NEWS

### Randy Clark

I'm excited to serve as the Tennis Committee Chair along with fellow committee members, Randy Ivey, Floyd Thurman, and Frank Buffa. I have taken over for Jack Rutkowski, who kept our courts in excellent condition for 16 years. I hope that I will be able to do as fine a job as he did.

**Maintenance:** Recently the two dead trees located in the wooded area behind the tennis courts were cut down and no longer pose a threat to court safety. The courts were resurfaced two years ago, so the overall condition of the tennis courts is good. Eventually the four light poles surrounding the courts will need to be sanded and repainted as they are beginning to show significant signs of rust. The wind breakers on the back fences are in good condition, but all of the ropes holding them will need replacing soon. Also, a broom has been placed next to the push button that turns the court lights on. This time of year the tassles and other debris from the surrounding trees makes a mess on the courts, so feel free to use the broom if the court is dirty.

**Court Abuse:** In the past there has been evidence of biking, skating and other non-tennis related activities on the courts. If you notice anything of this sort, or any violation of the rules, please call one of the numbers listed below.

Randy Clark 255-3162  
International Security 690-1812  
EFHA Office 764-0773

## Welcome New Neighbors!

### Syed Zain and Bilquis Hyder

8417 Turtle Rock Loop  
979-492-6124  
zainhyder@gmail.com

### Brian and Tina Gutierrez

8305 Shadow Oaks  
979-571-8165 or  
979-571-8160  
brian@gutierrezinjurylaw.com

### Joey and Terri Duhon

2103 Walnut Grove Ct.  
979-775-3524  
jduhon@bryanisd.org

### John and Deidra Stevenson

8603 Walnut Bend

### Timothy and Dee Ann Driver

8402 Whiterose Ct

### Steve and Michelle Bienkowski

2102 Maplewood Ct.  
979-703-6538  
[mbienkowski@aol.com](mailto:mbienkowski@aol.com)

## \$\$\$ Treasurer's Report

As of March 24, 2011 the association's income was \$137,002 with normal operating expenses totaling \$20,504.

## THE POOL IS OPEN!

It's that time of year again when we are all ready to kick off our shoes and socks and grab a pair of flip flops and just relax!

We are anticipating another great swim season! The water is nice and cool right now, but that won't last long until the water is too warm to enjoy. I would like to remind everyone that water safety is mandatory within the gates of our pool area, and I would like to offer a few reminders to help make everyone's pool experience safe and enjoyable.

1.) Parents: Please keep an eye on your little ones. The lifeguards are there to provide aid in the event of an accident or prevent them by stopping improper/risky behavior in the pool. The lifeguards are not babysitters and should not be looked upon as such.

2.) Parents: Please read all swimming pool rules to your children. These rules are posted on the wall in the pool area.

3.) Parents: Please pick up after yourselves and your children. There is no daily housekeeping at the EF Pool.

4.) To ALL: Food and drink must stay in the covered area. No food and drink near or in the swimming pool.

5.) To ALL: Each EF member is allowed 1 guest per household member without notifying the EF office. All parties must be scheduled through the EF office (979-764-0773).

It is early in the season, and I have already had to clean skittle wrappers from pump baskets, crackers and ice cream from around the pool, and it was excessive. With this crazy wind we are having all it takes is that stuff to get in the pool and through the skimmers to the pumps and cause problems and that's not fun.

It takes each one of us to do our part to keep the EF pool an enjoyable place to relax and have fun with our families, so I thank you for doing your part in helping keep EF SAFE & CLEAN!

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## FIRE ANTS

Fire ant bait broadcasting is best done in the spring and again in the fall. Bait broadcasting involves using a spreader and your choice of fire ant bait. Worker ants will pick up the bait and take it back to the colony, where it will be eaten by the fire ant

queen. When the queen dies the colony dies.

For best results:

Use fresh bait from an unopened container.

Rain will wash the bait away. Make sure to check the forecast and spread the bait so it has a few days exposure.

Fire ants generally look for food in the late afternoon or evening. Spread the bait then to assure the most effective distribution amongst the colony.

