# Minutes 13 March 2025

# Foxvale Farm Homeowners' Association (FFHA) HOA Board Meeting

HOA Board Members					
		Present?			
Laszlo Zsidai, President	Y	Linda Koppier, Secretary	Y	Erik Bowman	Y
Brian Kainec, Vice President	N	Josh Powers, Common Area	N	Regina McPhie	Y
Dolly Whelan, Treasurer				Larry Zmuda	Y
Architect	ture (	Control Committee (ACC) Men	nbei	rs in Attendance	
David Clark		Anne Kainec			
Guests					
None present					

#### Agenda:

- Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Report
- Accept February 2025 Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Common Area Report
- Action Item Review
- Other Topics

#### Discussion:

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with a quorum present.
- The February 2025 HOA Board meeting minutes were approved by vote.
- Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Report
  - Violations
    - 891 Van Dusen Ct. Fence Violation This is an old case with a long history.
      - The homeowners had a fence that is out of compliance with the ACC Guidelines. The fence has been replaced with a new fence that is the same type and is also out of compliance. There was no request from the homeowners to rebuild the fence. The ACC sent them a letter on 25 February 2025 informing them that the fence is out of compliance. The homeowner has 30 days to respond to the letter.
      - The process will be: 1) send the homeowner a letter that the fence is not in compliance, 2) allow the homeowner to appeal the decision to the ACC and, if denied by the ACC, then appeal to the HOA Board, 3) if the appeal is denied and the homeowner continues to be in non-compliance, the HOA Board can fine them \$10 per day while the fence remains in non-compliance or up to 90 days.
      - It was noted that 2 other properties on Georgetown Pike also have non-compliant fences in the same style.
      - This non-compliance case is similar to the shed non-compliance case from 2022.
    - 10716 Wynkoop Dr. Guideline Violation Mr. Clark recommended that the HOA Board rescind the grandfathering of the shed to avoid further problems when that house is sold. The shed has now fallen into disrepair. Mr. Zsidai will

visit with the homeowner to work with them to remove the non-compliant material.

- o Applications for Improvements
  - 10734 Wynkoop, Fence Section. Approved.
- On-site Inspections for Real Estate Disclosure Packets No inspections were requested last month.
- o Architectural Guidelines
  - In the new guidelines, the HOA Board upheld the existing prohibitions of sheds and frosted glass in front doors.
  - The graphics are in work to provide updated pictures to complete the updated ACC Guidelines.
  - There was a motion to approve the ACC Guidelines version 9 as provided to the HOA Board in December 2024, the motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- Ms. Whelan reported that a homeowner reached out to her asking about guidelines for generators. Ms. Whelan will ask the homeowner to contact Mr. Clark with their questions.

# • Treasurer's Report

- o All homeowners' dues have been paid.
- o There is \$54,450 in Live Oaks account and \$68,148 in Truist account to \$122,598. When the reserves are taken into account, we have \$117,732 in available funds.
- The HOA Board is looking into other options for automating the homeowner dues payments.

# • Common Area Report

- O The owner of Sullivan Landscaping, our mowing service, is retiring and the business has been sold. There will be no impact to our contract at this time. Mr. Powers is reviewing the files for when the HOA solicited bids to prepare for re-competing the contract next year.
- We have one tree down in the common area along the creek behind Schindel Ct. This may be a job for the HOA chainsaw.
- Mr. Kainec purchased the chainsaw for the HOA to be used to cut up fallen trees and only used by an HOA Board member. As discussed in last month's meeting, the liability will rest will the user and not the HOA.

# • Common Area Improvements

- Ms. Koppier reported that she and Robin Duska, the ambassador for the Northern Virginia Bird Alliance (NVBA) Wildlife Sanctuary Program, walked through the common areas on 26 February 2025 to discuss FFHA's application to be an NVBA Wildlife Sanctuary and to discuss how the common areas could be improved using native plants to support wildlife.
- For the walkthrough, they used FFHA's preliminary common area improvement map as a guide. Ms. Duska offered suggestions for FFHA's application and additional ideas for plants for the common areas. She noted there were very few vines in the trees except in areas that have been left wild. Ms. Koppier noted that FFHA has worked to remove vines and is stepping up removal of invasive plants. The following was discussed regarding the application:
  - The certification will cover all 10 of FFHA common areas as one area.
  - FFHA has already adopted most of the best practices for the Wildlife Sanctuary Habitat certification.

- Only FFHA common areas will be included in this certification. Individual homeowners can get their properties certified separately. Certification of the FFHA common land does not legally bind FFHA or its homeowners to the best practices.
- FFHA does not use pesticides or fertilizers in the common areas but many homeowners do on their properties. Ms. Duska noted that full spectrum mosquito spraying is a bad practice to be discouraged. FFHA does not have the authority to require homeowners to keep their cat indoors.
- FFHA can provide communications to homeowners about the best practices and benefits of following them.
- Ms. Koppier will update the draft application and send it to Ms. Duska for her review. Ms. Duska believes FFHA will meet the certification's requirements.
- There was a motion to apply for the NVBA Wildlife Sanctuary Program Certification, the motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Mr. Zsidai signed the application. (Post meeting note: Ms. Koppier emailed the signed application to Ms. Duska. Ms. Duska will recommend that the application be approved and she expects that FFHA will be able to buy signs to display our certification by the end of March.)
- Encroachment of 1008 Springvale Rd. property onto Foxvale HOA common area (action item 2024-2)
  - o Mr. Zsidai has the action to contact the homeowners about when they will remove their fence from the HOA's property.
- Landscape Lighting at South Entrance (action item 2024-12)
  - Mr. Zsidai has the information he needs and will contact Dominion to get the power turned on.
- Common Area Fence (action item 2024-01, new action item 2025-02)
  - o This discussion was delayed to the April 2025 meeting.
- Mr. Zsidai will contact the VDOT project manager who upgraded the sidewalk entrances at the corner of Wynkoop Dr. and Riva Ridge Dr for disability access to see if there will also be a crosswalk painted there.
- The motion to adjourn was unanimously accepted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM. The next scheduled meeting of the HOA Board is Thursday, 10 April 2025, at Ms. Whelan's house (911 McMillen Ct.). The May meeting will be held at the Great Falls Library on 8 May 2025.

**Open Action Items** 

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2023-7	9/12/2023	Investigate approaches for getting drivers to observe the speed limit in the neighborhood and to fully stop at the Riva Ridge Dr. and Wynkoop Drive stop sign.  Assigned: Mr. Brian Kainec  10/10/2023: Mr. Kainec has looked at the stop sign area and identified an appropriate place to paint a stop bar. He is familiar with the requirements for the stop bar. By the November 2023 HOA Board meeting, the stop bar will be painted.  1/9/2024: Mr. Kainec is waiting for good weather (temperature > 50 degrees) to paint the stop bar. Next status for this action item will be in the March 2024 HOA Board meeting.  3/12/2024: The weather is getting warm enough to paint the stop bar soon.  5/14/2024: Picking out a good Saturday with dry and warm weather.  10/8/2024: Further discussion by HOA Board needed. Options discussed include redesign of the intersection ("square it off"), painted crosswalk (needs to be done by VDOT), speed hump and/or requesting more support from Fairfax County police.  3/13/2025: Mr. Zsidai will contact the project manager who upgraded the sidewalk entrance for disability access to see if there will also be a crosswalk painted there.		
2024-1	1/9/2024	Replace the fence post caps on the common area fence.  Assigned: Mr. Brian Kainec  1/9/2024: Mr. Kainec will organize a fence maintenance event on 27 April 2024 with a rain date on 4 May 2024.  3/12/2024: The March edition of the Foxy Gazette announced the dates to replace the fence post caps.  4/9/2024: The event is scheduled for 27 April 2024. Communication for the event will be sent out shortly.  5/14/2024: The event was postponed due to weather. Mr. Kainec has the material for an instructional video. There can be pre-cut work done. There are ~100 rotten post caps out of ~600 to be replaced. There will be communications via email and in the Foxy Gazette for the event.  10/8/2024: Post toppers for 110 posts have been purchased.  11/14/2024: Discussed having Sullivan Landscaping do the installation during the off-season for mowing.  1/9/2025: Mr. Kainec will contact Sullivan Landscaping about replacing the fence post caps.		

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2024-2	1/9/2024	Obtain status regarding the encroachment of 1008 Springvale Rd. property onto Foxvale HOA common area. Report on the status at each HOA Board meeting until resolved.  Assigned: Mr. Laszlo Zsidai  1/9/2024: Mr. Zsidai will follow-up with the Fairfax County representative.  2/13/2024: No change.  3/12/2024: Fairfax County approved the homeowner's plan to repair the RPA. The county is not involved with removal of the fence and the basketball court from the HOA's land. It is planned that those will be removed when the RPA is repaired.  4/9/2024: Mr. Zsidai has been unable to contact the homeowner multiple times. Other board members attest that there has been no work done on the property. He will continue to try to contact the homeowner to get status.  5/14/2024: Mr. Zsidai reported via email that the basketball court has been removed but the fence has not. It was recommended that a notarized letter be sent to the homeowner.  10/8/2024: Mr. Zsidai will check if the fence has been removed.  1/14/2025: Mr. Zsidai will contact the owner about removing the fence.  3/13/2025: Same action.
2024-7	2/13/2024 (reinstated)	Revisit whether gravel should be laid in the Drainage Project Phase 2 area ("Phase 2B" in common area 3).  Assigned: HOA Board  2/13/2024: Revisit in November 2024.  4/9/2024: There has been some erosion already in this area. It is likely we will need to implement Phase 2B this summer to prevent damage to the Phase 2 area trees.  5/14/2024: The HOA Board would like to address this in the July meeting instead of waiting for the November meeting as originally planned.  10/14/2024: This effort will be addressed in the Common Area Strategy Plan.  2/20/2025: It is planned to work with Sullivan to do that work during the spring clean-up.  3/13/2025: Same action.

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2024-12	4/9/2024	Update the landscape lighting at the south entrance on Riva Ridge Dr.  Assigned: Mr. Brian Kainec  5/14/2024: The lighting has been ordered, replacement downlight and a second light, both of which are "Dark-Skies" approved.  9/18/2024: Ms. Stinson is working with Dominion Power to turn the new lights on.  10/8/2024: Mr. Zsidai will make the request to Dominion Power to turn the power back on.  3/13/2025: Mr. Zsidai contacted Dominion Power which has no record of what needs to be turned on. It appears there is a hook-up there. Mr. Zsidai will continue to work with Dominion Power.
2024-15	4/9/2024 Closed: 3/13/2025	Update the HOA Reserve Funds analysis to include reserves for the Common Area Drainage Projects. <u>Assigned</u> : Mr. Laszlo Zsidai <u>5/14/2024</u> : No status. <u>11/14/2024</u> : Post meeting – Mr. Zsidai sent out a draft update for HOA Board Review on 11/17/2024. <u>3/13/2025</u> : The reserve has been built into the budget.
2024-20	11/14/2024	Develop a Common Area Strategy Plan <u>Assigned</u> : Mr. Josh Powers and Ms. Koppier <u>2/20/2025</u> : Ms. Koppier reviewed a preliminary Common Area improvements map during the meeting and sent the HOA Board a working paper tracking all the information gathered and plans to consider for common area improvements prior to the meeting. <u>3/13/2025</u> : Ms. Koppier will update the working paper for recent developments.
2025-02	1/9/2025	Perform an assessment of the fitness of the common area's fence. We may be able to buy a few years of longer life but the fence will need to be replaced within 5 years. Contact contractors for a painting quote so the HOA Board can discuss options for maintenance versus replacement. Discuss in March 2025 meeting.  Assigned: Mr. Brian Kainec 3/13/2025: This is delayed to the April meeting.

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2025-03	1/9/2025 Closed: 3/13/2025	Determine if the Northern Virginia Wildlife Sanctuary Certification would impose its requirements only on the common area and contact Plant NOVA Natives/Plant NOVA Trees for guidance.  Assigned: Ms. Linda Koppier  2/20/2025: Ms. Koppier and Mr. Powers are doing a walkthrough of the common areas on 26 February 2025 with a representative from the Northern Virginia Wildlife Sanctuary Program to get advice for plantings and better understand the certification program's requirements.  3/13/2025: The walkthrough was held and the ambassador will recommend acceptance of our application for certification. Mr. Zsidai signed the application.
2025-04	1/9/2025	Contact potential candidate to replace Mr. Jordan Sembower on the HOA Board. <u>Assigned</u> : Mr. Brian Kainec <u>3/13/2025</u> : Members are asking other neighbors to see who is interested.

# **Closed Action Items**

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2023-1		Determine the status of fences along the HOA's perimeter on
	Closed:	Georgetown Pike and Springvale Rd. and report back to the ACC.
	5/14/2024	Assigned: Mr. David Whelan
		$\frac{7/11/2023}{11/2023}$ : ACC has drafted a letter to be sent to the homeowners
		responsible for the needed maintenance for review/edit.
		9/12/2023: The ACC still has the letter for review.
		10/10/2023: Follow-up with ACC.
		1/9/2024: The tree that fell over the fence was cut down. There are 2
		fences that need to be repaired. The ACC needs to notify those
		homeowners. Mr. Zsidai will send an email to Ms. Keefe to follow-up.
		2/13/2024: The last house along Georgetown Pike has a mix of white
		boards and wood boards that need to be fixed.
		<u>3/12/2024</u> : No change.
		4/9/2024: Mr. Clark sent a letter to the homeowner in March about the
		non-compliance issue and suggestions for how to come into compliance.
		He will follow-up with the homeowner.
		5/14/2024: Mr. Clark reported that the homeowner has fixed the fence.
2023-2	7/11/2023	Obtain key to the HOA's post office box from Mr. Tom Hixon.
	Closed:	Assigned: Mr. Laszlo Zsidai
	9/12/2023	9/12/2023: Ms. Megan Stinson has a spare key that she will hand over
		to Mr. Zsidai.
2023-3	7/11/2023	Get a quote for replacing the HOA fence post caps with PVC board
	Closed:	from a contractor and, alternatively, estimate cost for the HOA to
	9/12/2023	purchase materials and have HOA volunteers do the work.
		Assigned: Mr. Brian Kainec
		9/12/2023: Mr. Kainec reached out to several contractors. None got
		back to him. Mr. Kainec estimated the cost of the materials (40- 2"x6"
		PVC boards and nails) to be approximately \$2,000.
2023-4	7/11/2023	Look into options for short term CDs in which to invest cash not
	Closed:	imminently needed.
	9/12/2023	Assigned: Mr. Jordan Sembower
		9/12/2023: Mr. Sembower provided suggestions during the meeting.
2023-5	7/11/2023	Look into other banks for the HOA checking account.
	Closed:	Assigned: Ms. Dolly Whelan, Mr. Brian Kainec
	9/12/2023	9/12/2023: Dolly reported that Apple Federal Credit Union had
		unacceptable rates.
2023-6	9/12/2023	Contact three (3) banks for their rates for high yield savings accounts.
	Closed:	Assigned: Ms. Megan Stinson
	10/10/2023	<u>10/10/2023</u> : Completed.

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2023-8	9/12/2023 Closed: 9/10/2024	Look into what is involved in getting gas service from Washington Gas to more homes in the HOA.  Assigned: Mr. Matt Westbrook  10/10/2023: Mr. Westbrook contacted Washington Gas and is trying to find the appropriate person to call. Mr. Kainec will provide Mr.  Westbrook with contact information from his previous dealings.  11/14/2023: Mr. Westbrook continues to try to find the right contact at Washington Gas.  1/9/2024: Mr. Westbrook is engaged with Washington Gas. They are looking at which houses in the HOA are eligible to receive gas.  Currently the count of eligible houses is 60 but that needs to be confirmed. The next step will look at the number of the houses and the potential cost. Mr. Westbrook will then look into how the HOA can support this effort and the benefits to the community of getting that service.  2/13/2024: Mr. Westbrook provided a more detailed map of the neighborhood to Washington Gas for their planning and cost estimating purposes.  3/12/2024: No report this month.  4/9/2024: Washington Gas has not been responsive to Mr. Westbrook's call for status regarding cost estimates. It would be good to survey the community to ascertain the level of interest in getting gas service.  5/14/2024: No change on the pricing model or data — it still appears to be \$10K-\$15K per household. Mr. Westbrook is trying to get more information about the cost per line foot and potential discounts if more households participate. The HOA website has a survey capability that can be used to determine the level of interest by homeowners to obtain gas service.  9/10/2024: Closed. The HOA Board decided to close this item.
2024-8	2/13/2024 Superseded: 11/14/2024	Revisit the scope of Drainage Project Phases 3 and 4 to determine if we should add "reservoir boxes" (deeper holes filled with gravel) to act as temporary areas to retain water until the pond can absorb the additional flow.  Assigned: HOA Board 3/12/2024: Revisit in November 2024. 5/14/2024: The HOA Board would like to address this in the July meeting instead of waiting for the November meeting as originally planned. 10/14/2024: This effort will be addressed in the Common Area Strategy Plan.

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2023-9	9/12/2023 Closed: 10/8/2024	Work with VDOT to get Wynkoop Dr., McMillen Ct., Schindel Ct. and Van Dusen Ct. repaved.  Assigned: Mr. Laszlo Zsidai  10/10/2023: Mr. Zsidai reached out to VDOT. VDOT made minor repairs on Wynkoop. VDOT does not plan to pave the roads in 2024.  Mr. Zsidai has the contact information. Dolly Whelan called the number to request that the roads be paved and she is waiting for a call back. Ms. Koppier submitted a request for repaving McMillen Court and received a reply that VDOT would respond within 30 days.  11/14/2023: Mr. Zsidai contacted the manager for the maintenance of the roads in our area and was informed that Foxvale Farm is not on the books for 2024 or 2025. He is working to get our road formally on the road maintenance project plan.  1/9/2024: Mr. Zsidai will follow-up with the project manager for the road maintenance project plan.  2/13/2024: No new status. Status this item again in June 2024 after the county has developed its schedule.  9/10/2024: Ms. Anne Kainec scheduled a walking tour with Delegate Rip Sullivan on 25 September 2024 to show him the state of the roads and request his help to get them repaved.  10/8/2024: Members of the HOA met with Delegate Rip Sullivan.  Foxvale Farm roads are on the 2025 repaving plan.
2023-10	9/12/2023 Closed: 2/13/2024	Ask Sullivan Landscaping for their opinion on how to address drainage issues in the common areas.  Assigned: Mr. Randy Long 10/10/2023: No update provided. 1/9/2024: Mr. Long, Mr. Zsidai, Mr. and Mrs. Koppier walked common areas 3 and 4 with Mr. Mike Sullivan. Afterward, Mr. Sullivan provided quotes for a 4-part project. Through emails, the first 3 parts were approved by the HOA Board starting in December 2023. Mr. Zsidai and Ms. Koppier walked the area on 9 January 2024 to see how the water flowed through the area during a major rain storm. The water eventually does flow into the pond. 2/13/2024: Closed. Quotes received and phased implementation started.
2023-11	10/10/2023 Closed: 11/14/2023	Convey to the 923 Riva Ridge homeowner the HOA Board's denial of appeal of the ACC's disapproval of the front door and the new outdoor lighting. <u>Assigned</u> : Mr. Laszlo Zsidai  11/14/2023: Completed.
2023-12	10/10/2023 Closed: 11/14/2023	The HOA Board needs to set the annual dues amount for 2024. Mr. Zsidai and Ms. Stinson will meet to develop a draft 2024 budget with a recommendation for the 2024 dues amount. <u>Assigned</u> : Mr. Laszlo Zsidai and Ms. Megan Stinson  11/14/2023: Completed.

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2024-3	2/13/2024 Closed: 3/12/2024	Invest \$20,000 of our reserved funds into a 5-month CD with Truist. <u>Assigned</u> : Ms. Meagan Stinson <u>2/13/2024</u> : Mr. Laszlo Zsidai will ask Ms. Stinson to make this investment. <u>3/12/2024</u> : Ms. Stinson reviewed the options. No further follow-up
2024-4	2/13/2024 Closed: 3/12/2024	until September.  Arrange for the HOA Board to meet with the ACC to discuss language improvement in guidelines. <u>Assigned</u> : Mr. Laszlo Zsidai <u>3/12/2024</u> : Mr. David Clark attended the HOA Board meeting and discussed the history of changes to the ACC guidelines and options for future updates.
2024-5	2/13/2024 Closed: 4/9/2024	Install bat houses and a barred owl house in the common area.  Scheduled for spring clean-up.  Assigned: Mr. Brian Kainec and Ms. Linda Koppier  3/12/2024: Mr. Hans Koppier installed the barred owl house in common area 3.  4/9/2024: Mr. Kainec installed the bat houses in March.
2024-6	2/13/2024 Closed: 4/9/2024	Request a permanent right of way through the property adjacent to the pond for common use to allow people to walk or ride bicycles from the pond to Springvale Rd.  Assigned: Ms. Linda Koppier  3/12/2024: The property is owned by the Irene Bettius trust and Mrs.  Bettius passed away in 2022. She is survived by her children, Mack  Crippen and Martene Crippen. Ms. Koppier mailed a letter to Mack  Crippen – attempts to reach him or his sister by email failed.  4/9/2024: Ms. Koppier has not received any communications from Mr.  Mack Crippen.
2024-9	4/9/2024 Closed: 5/14/2024	Provide map to share with the community showing where the bat houses and barred owl house are located. <u>Assigned</u> : Ms. Linda Koppier <u>5/14/2024</u> : A map was provided to the HOA Board members with the draft April 2024 meeting minutes.
2024-10	4/9/2024 Closed: 9/10/2024	Replace the dog waste signs. <u>Assigned</u> : Mr. Brian Kainec <u>5/14/2024</u> : Mr. Kainec ordered 3 signs and they will arrive next week.  The posts also need to be refreshed (paint, trim). The signs are located on Wynkoop Dr., the corner of Wynkoop Dr. and McMillen Ct. and 2 signs on Riva Ridge Dr. near the bus stops. <u>9/10/2024</u> : Mr. Kainec replaced 4 dog waste signs, including post caps.
2024-11	4/9/2024 Closed: 5/14/2024	Send out the communications for volunteers for the fence repair event on 27 April 2024. <u>Assigned</u> : Mr. Brian Kainec <u>5/14/2024</u> : Mr. Kainec is developing an instructional video to guide volunteers. There are 100 post caps out of ~ 600 post caps that need to be replaced. Closing this action item. Refer to 2024-1 for further action.

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2024-13	4/9/2024 Closed: 5/14/2024	Update the HOA website for current information. <u>Assigned</u> : Mr. Jordan Sembower <u>5/14/2024</u> : The updates have been made.
2024-14	4/9/2024 Closed: 7/17/2024	Prepare for the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM). <u>Assigned</u> : Mr. Laszlo Zsidai <u>5/14/2024</u> : No status.  7/17/2024: AGM held.
2024-16	5/14/2024 Closed: 11/14/2024	Prepare a first cut of a strategic plan for the neighborhood, "Foxvale 2030".  Assigned: Mr. Brian Kainec Superseded by action item 2024-20.
2024-17	9/10/2024 Closed: 10/8/2024	Contact a CPA to discuss what a contract to prepare the HOA's annual and monthly treasurer reports would entail. <u>Assigned</u> : Mr. Larry Zmuda <u>10/8/2024</u> : Closed with no further action.
2024-18	10/8/2024 Closed: 11/14/2024	Contact neighbors in Foxvale Farm who speak Chinese, Mr. Ted Wu and Mr. and Mrs. Lee, to see if they will speak with the owners of 10716 Wynkoop Dr. in their native language.  Assigned: Mr. Jordan Sembower  11/24/2024: Neighbors have been identified who speak Mandarin and Cantonese and are willing to help.
2024-19	10/8/2024 Closed: 1/9/2025	Develop the plan for the 2024 Fall Clean-up Day. <u>Assigned</u> : Mr. Josh Powers
2025-01	1/9/2025 Due: 1/27/2025 Closed: 2/20/2025	Review Revised Architectural Guidelines <u>Assigned:</u> All HOA Board Members <u>2/20/2025</u> : Guidelines discussed during the meeting and final voting on two issues occurred through email.