



Hello to our Newest Neighbor(s),

Welcome to Blairstone Forest! We love our neighborhood, and we think you will too. It is a beautiful, natural setting in the middle of a patch of woods, yet you can get to Target, Governor Square Mall, and Aldi in less than 10 minutes. Please accept these small gifts from us to you, and introduce yourself as you see your neighbors out and about. We want to get to know you, and tell you a little bit about what makes Blairstone Forest so special.

- In our neighborhood, you may see wildlife, such as red foxes, owls, hawks, raccoons, beaver or alligators in our ponds (although we remove those as fast as we can), turtles, Canadian geese, and much more. This is a gift in the middle of a suburban community! Please do not disturb/harm our wildlife.
- We invite you to enjoy the boardwalk in our forest and sit near the pond under the gazebo.
- We have a wonderful mix of young families, couples, singles, and seniors in our neighborhood, and we try to look out for each other and keep our forest and community safe for all.

Blairstone Forest has an active Homeowners Association to help the community maintain its unique features and address any community issues. In the midst of all the paperwork that accompanies home buying or signing a lease, you may not have had the chance to look over the Covenants of the Blairstone Forest HOA. You can find all of our Covenants and much more on the Blairstone Forest website: <https://www.blairstoneforesthwa.com>. We ask that you familiarize yourself with the site and the Covenants. We would also like to point out a few of the key items all Blairstone Residents residents must follow:

- **All exterior changes to any home** must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC), including but not limited to: paint, trim, landscaping, walkways, etc., before work begins. The ACC makes decisions based on the Covenants. Where the Covenants are silent, the ACC follows precedence.
- **Cutting living trees with a trunk diameter of 6 inches or more** must first be approved by the HOA Board. More details, including fines that can be assessed, are on the website.
- **For Sale and For Rent signs** are the only signs permitted to be on display in Blairstone Forest.
- **Garages** must remain closed except when cars are entering or exiting.
- **Inoperable cars, as well as any trailers, RVs, or boats (operable or inoperable)**, must be kept out of site.
- **Our speed limit is 20 mph or less** for the safety of our residents and our furry friends.
- **Dogs must be on leashes** in all common areas; owners must also pick up waste and dispose of it properly (NOT in your neighbors' garbage cans unless you ask, please ☺)
- **No fishing or swimming in our ponds.** They are a refuge for the wildlife we love.
- **Your guests are welcome to visit.** Please ensure they know and follow our neighborhood Covenants.

Once again, we are so glad you are now part of Blairstone Forest. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Llona Geiger, ACC Chair, at 850-878-1685 or to our Welcome Committee Chair Natalie Gillespie at 727-674-8207 or nataliegillespie@att.net. We look forward to getting to know you and appreciate your commitment to helping us preserve the natural sanctuary and safe space we all live in and enjoy!