

**WHO?** Fosters Mill Village Residents

**WHAT?** #3 Newsletter

**WHEN?** April, 2026

**WHY?** To share information, celebrate our neighbors, improve our village and answer questions about Fosters Mill

**HOW?** By e-mail [fostersmillnews25@gmail.com](mailto:fostersmillnews25@gmail.com) and the Fosters Mill website [fostersmill.org](http://fostersmill.org) PLEASE make sure your email is on file with Kingwood Association Management or the Fosters Mill website.

### **BOARD MEETING TIME CHANGE**

**The Fosters Mill Village Community Association monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. This is a change for 2026 as the meetings have previously been held at 7:30 PM in the community room at the pool.** Fosters Mill residents are invited to attend and address the board during 'Public Comments' where they may make suggestions or address current issues.

### **WRISTBANDS FOR POOL**

The pool will open Memorial weekend so be sure to fill out the form located on the Fosters Mill website and submit it to Kingwood Association Management where it will be processed and your bands can be obtained from the lifeguards at the pool. These bands can also be used at other pools who have a reciprocal agreement with our pool.






### **SAFETY ISSUE THAT AFFECTS EVERYONE**

The most talked about issue currently is the safety of residents on and off vehicles being used on residential streets and the greenbelts. Helmets are not being worn appropriately, underage and unlicensed drivers are being reported, the pedestrian having the right of way is being ignored, and careless and reckless use has caused damage to grounds.

# CAN I RIDE IT ON THE ROAD IN TEXAS?

## Texas Electric Vehicle Road Use Guide



VEHICLE	PEDALS	LICENSE	REGISTRATION	WHERE YOU CAN RIDE
 <p><b>E-Bike (Class 1–3)</b>                      ✓ Pedals required                      ✗ No license required                      ✗ No registration required                      ⚠ Class 3 riders must be 15+                      (Texas law – see note below)</p>	✓ Yes	✗ No	✗ No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roads</li> <li>• Bike lanes</li> <li>• Trails</li> <li>• Sidewalks*</li> </ul> *Unless city ordinances restrict them
⚠ State law requires operators of a Class 3 e-bike to be at least 15 years old.				
 <p><b>Stand-Up Electric Scooter</b></p>	✗ No	✗ No	✗ No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roads ≤35 mph*</li> <li>• Bike lanes</li> <li>• Sidewalks* (unless city restricts)</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Moped / Motor Scooter</b></p>	✗ No	✓ Class M (Motorcycle license)	✓ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public roads only</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Electric Motorcycle</b></p>	✗ No	✓ Class M (Motorcycle license)	✓ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public roads only</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Electric Dirt Bike / Pit Bike</b></p>	✗ No	✗ Not street legal	✗ Not street legal	🚫 Off-road only (Private property)

### Simple Rules to Remember

✓ Has working pedals = **E-BIKE**

✗ No pedals = **NOT** an e-bike

⚠ Class 3 e-bike riders must be at least 15 years old (Texas law)

Green box: No license & no registration required

Yellow box: License & registration required

Red box: Not street legal / Off-road only

📍 Always wear a helmet and follow local laws.

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### THE FACTS ABOUT TRASH AND GARBAGE COLLECTION IN FOSTERS MILL

**BACKDOOR PICKUP\*** is between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Waste collection is not done on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. It resumes a regular schedule thereafter. The days are **not** made up as the website states.

- Household garbage must be in containers **or** in bags not over 40 gallons or 40 pounds.
- Recyclables must be in the container furnished by GFL **or** in paper bags **or** corrugated cardboard boxes.

\***PLEASE** note that if your car is in the way of pickup, you must place your containers in front of your car because collectors will not take a chance on damaging your car in the collection process.

### **CURB PICKUP**

- Tree and yard waste (**BUT NEVER GARBAGE**) must be put out by the curb in containers or bags not over 40 gallons or weighing 40 pounds. Trees, shrubs, brush trimmings and fencing **MUST** be bundled in lengths no greater than 4 feet with no branch diameter exceeding 3 inches. These

restrictions are necessary to accommodate quick pick-up and to avoid damage to the equipment in the crushing process.

- In addition, bulky items are to be placed at the curb area. Items, such as the following will be picked up on EITHER day: appliances, furniture, carpet (up to one room, rolled up 4 feet wide and less than 50 pounds), and cardboard boxes flattened. Items containing freon may not be put out unless there is written proof the freon has been removed.
- Items that WILL NOT be picked up are: dirt, rocks, bricks, concrete, tires, batteries, motor oil, cooking oil, hazardous materials and waste from private contractors.

**\*PLEASE help the collection crews be consistent with backdoor pickup by your being consistent in following the guidelines above.**

GFL can be contacted at 281-449-8500.

Items that can be collected at the curb either pickup day are: mattresses, box springs, bicycles, toys, car seats, grills (no propane tanks), emptied helium tanks, televisions, sofas, chairs, tables.

### **DEED RESTRICTION ISSUE RELATING TO GARBAGE CANS**

How are waste cans to be stored in accordance with deed restrictions?

**Answer:** The garbage collection service in Fosters Mill has always provided (as a village amenity) backdoor pickup which means the cans should be stored near the home including on the collection days. Additionally, the waste cans should not be visible from the street and reasonably concealed during the non-collection days. Complying with this practice enhances our property values by providing the neighborhood with a maintained appearance.

NOTE: There were numerous trash can violation citations issued last year for the cans being even partially visible from the street. The trash can policing policy is being modified for 2026 to primarily target cans left near the street and those blatantly visible after pick up day. Homeowners storing their waste cans farthest away from the street beside their houses or on the driveways will be considered compliant.

### **DEED RESTRICTIONS**

BY LAW, when closing on your home, you are supposed to have received and signed for the documents relating to Fosters Mill's deed restrictions, covenants and governance. You can view these documents on our website [fostersmill.org](http://fostersmill.org) as well as download them.

The most frequently cited violations of deed restrictions are failing to get approval for tree removal and exterior home improvements. For example, changing the color of paint on the trim, replacing a door, replacing a roof or replacing a fence, when it is a change from its current state, requires approval. These forms are available on our website.

***PLEASE NOTE: In Fosters Mill, home owners MUST apply for and receive permission to remove healthy trees. It is a violation of the deed restrictions to do otherwise. Please help maintain our precious trees which have been severely impacted by flood, drought and hurricane force wind.***



***TREES FOR HOUSTON* staffers and supporters (left) celebrate the planting of TFH's one-millionth tree — a young Nuttall oak -- at the 1847 Kellum-Noble House in Sam Houston Park (downtown Houston). At right, a mature Nuttall oak! If you need free trees, join Trees for Houston to get on the notice list of upcoming tree-giveaways! [treesforhouston.org](http://treesforhouston.org)**

***By Brenda Beust Smith | The Lazy Gardener***

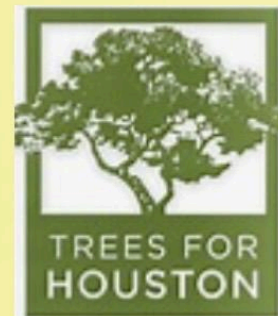
It took ***TREES FOR HOUSTON*** four decades to plant one million trees in Houston. The "1,000,000th Tree" was recently celebrated in grand style by City's leaders with the help of volunteers and other supporters!

It was a major accomplishment! Even so, even with such avid volunteer support, our trees are still disappearing faster than *Trees for Houston* can possibly counter, given how this city and surrounding counties have allowed clearcutting for so many years (*including "decades" in my old Aldine neighborhood*) before any construction or even sales ever take place.

(Nobody seems to care about all the wildlife destroyed, and the flooding that clear-cutting facilitates!)

Hats off to **Barry Ward**, TFH's executive director, for his group's great efforts to help balance this tragic loss of our environment, native wild growth and our wildlife that depends on such growth and much more.

Want an advance notice of Trees for Houston's upcoming tree giveaways? Join at [treesforhouston.org](http://treesforhouston.org) or call **(713) 840-8733**.



It has been great to see everyone who is out planting, fertilizing, watering, mulching, trimming, mowing and making improvements to their landscaping.

**Have you noticed any mold on the exterior of your home?**

Mold growth on the exterior north facing walls is common this time of year. This mold can easily be removed by using a pressurized garden sprayer(should be able to spray 25' from the ground) filled with products obtained at the local hardware stores.

**KSA? KAM??**

What is the difference between **Kingwood Service Association (KSA)** and **Kingwood Association Management (KAM)**?

**Kingwood Service Association** is the entity that maintains the parks, supports public safety and improves the community with the help of a portion of your assessment provided by the member HOAs.

In addition to our HOA being a member of KSA, we work hand in hand with a management company, **Kingwood Association Management(KAM)**, owned by Ethel McCormick. Many of the HOAs and trails associations in Kingwood also work with KAM.

The city of Houston has laws as well; open meetings (**Positive Interaction Program-PIP**) with the Houston Police Department (HPD) are held at the Kingwood Church of Christ, 2901 Woodland Hills, on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Our greenbelts and trails are governed by the **Kings Point Trail Association**, which has its own rules and regulations. Open meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Reserve of Kings Point pool house. Please visit their website [Kingspointtrail.com](http://Kingspointtrail.com) to create a login and get information.

**NOTE: PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS:** Fosters Mill homeowners pay assessments to **both** the Fosters Mill Village Community Association and Kings Point Trail Association. These bills are **not** linked together; the assessments go to different entities, so don't confuse the two. Please note that these are **not** automatically paid by your mortgage company.

**The Village News:** (send news to [fostersmillnews25@gmail.com](mailto:fostersmillnews25@gmail.com))

- Don't forget the July 4th Fishing Rodeo at our ponds

**PET REMINDERS**

*(Emily Post, Revised edition; Houston City Pet Ordinances)*

1. Kindly use the poop bags provided for you at the ponds and playground. It is the law that you must pick up after your dog whether he poops on the greenbelts or in your neighbor's yard.
2. Although you might like to enjoy a run in the evening, dogs are not permitted to leave your home to make an unaccompanied and unleashed stroll. It is against the law.
3. Feral cats become your responsibility when you regularly feed them; you are considered the owner by law.
4. After 4 months of age, all cats and dogs are to be **registered** upon being **vaccinated** and **microchipped**.

**"K" STICKER REMINDER**

Please get a "K" sticker for your car as it is required at our KSA-funded parks. You pay for the upkeep of these parks through your HOA assessment.

It can be obtained in person at the KSA office, 1075 Kingwood Drive, Suite 100, Monday-Friday 9-5. This building is behind Chase Bank and is accessed best by using the side parking lot adjacent to the bank off Kingwood Drive.. It does not cost anything, but you **MUST** provide your Texas driver's license, current vehicle renewal receipt and current vehicle proof of insurance. Wait to apply if you have temporary tags.

**Illegal Activities Occurring in Fosters Mill**

- Fireworks are illegal in Kingwood. The Houston Fire Department actively enforces this ban, issuing fines that start at \$500 and can reach \$2,000 per firework, with no warnings given for serious violations.

- A barred owl was recently shot and killed, resulting in a visit from a game warden. This crime is a felony which can incur up to a \$15,000 fine and up to 6 months in jail.

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