

Fosters Mill Village

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION • KINGWOOD, TEXAS



Newsletter No. 4

July 2026 — News, reminders, and a few thank-yous from your village

A Big Thank You for Our July 4th Display

Thank you, David Fox and Doug Britton, for the beautiful and showy July 4th decorations and lighting at our entrances and pond fountains this year. Red, white, and blue lights alternated at the fountains and entrances, where new custom-made banners bearing our village name were hung alongside festive bunting. It's the kind of touch that makes coming home feel a little more special, and it took real time and effort behind the scenes to pull off. If you enjoyed the display, David and Doug would love to hear it — a quick note goes a long way.



Board Meeting Time and Day Change

FMVCA monthly meetings are now held the **second Tuesday** of the month at 7:00 PM in the community room at the pool. Residents are invited to attend and address the board during “Public Comments,” where they may make suggestions or raise current issues.

Mark your calendar: the Fosters Mill Village Community Annual Meeting and election of board members will be held **September 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM at Deerwood Country Club.**

Pool Hours Change for Fridays and Saturdays

The pool is now open **1–9 PM**, instead of 11–8, on Fridays and Saturdays for the remainder of the season. This change came at the request of residents who wanted to take advantage of the cooler evening hours. If you still need pool tags, fill out the form on the Fosters Mill website and submit it to Kingwood Association Management (KAM); once processed, your bands can be picked up from the lifeguards at the pool. These bands are also honored at other pools with a reciprocal agreement with ours.

Safety Issue That Affects Everyone

The most talked-about issue in the village right now is the safety of residents on and off electric and motorized vehicles used on our streets and greenbelts. Helmets aren't always being worn, underage and unlicensed drivers are being reported, pedestrian right-of-way is being ignored, and careless or reckless use has damaged grounds. Kids have been seen doing wheelies on sidewalks and outside the entrances of Town Center businesses and HEB, and traffic signs and rules are being ignored. Everyone's safety is at risk — please talk with your family about it.

CAN I RIDE IT ON THE ROAD IN TEXAS?

Texas Electric Vehicle Road Use Guide

VEHICLE	PEDALS	LICENSE	REGISTRATION	WHERE YOU CAN RIDE
 E-Bike (Class 1–3) ✓ Pedals required ✗ No license required ✗ No registration required ⚠ Class 3 riders must be 15+ (Texas law — see note below)	✓ Yes	✗ No	✗ No	• Roads • Bike lanes • Trails • Sidewalks* *Unless city ordinances restrict them
⚠ State law requires operators of a Class 3 e-bike to be at least 15 years old.				
 Stand-Up Electric Scooter	✗ No	✗ No	✗ No	• Roads ≤35 mph* • Bike lanes • Sidewalks* (unless city restricts)
 Moped / Motor Scooter	✗ No	✓ Class M (motorcycle license)	✓ Yes	• Public roads only
 Electric Motorcycle	✗ No	✓ Class M (motorcycle license)	✓ Yes	• Public roads only
 Electric Dirt Bike / Pit Bike	✗ 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)

- 🟢 No license & no registration required
- 🟡 License & registration required
- 🔴 Not street legal / Off-road only

ⓘ Always wear a helmet and follow local laws. APRIL 2024

Texas Electric Vehicle Road Use Guide — courtesy of Texas DPS

The Facts About Trash and Garbage Collection

BACKDOOR PICKUP* is between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Household garbage must be in containers or bags not over 40 gallons or 40 pounds, and recyclables must be in the container furnished by GFL, or in paper bags or corrugated cardboard boxes.

***Please note:** if your car is in the way of pickup, place your containers in front of your car — collectors will not risk damaging your car during the collection process.

Curb Pickup

- Tree and yard waste (never garbage) must be put out by the curb in containers or bags not over 40 gallons or 40 pounds. Trees, shrubs, brush trimmings, and fencing must be bundled no longer than 4 feet, with no branch diameter exceeding 3 inches, to accommodate quick pickup and avoid damaging the equipment.
- Bulky items — appliances, furniture, carpet (up to one room, rolled up 4 feet wide and under 50 pounds), and flattened cardboard boxes — are picked up on either day. Items containing freon may not be put out unless there's written proof the freon has been removed.
- Items that will **not** be picked up: dirt, rocks, bricks, concrete, tires, batteries, motor oil, cooking oil, hazardous materials, and waste from private contractors.

GFL can be reached at **281-449-8500**. Also collected at the curb on either pickup day: mattresses, box springs, bicycles, toys, car seats, grills (no propane tanks), emptied helium tanks, televisions, sofas, chairs, and tables.

Where to Store Your Waste Cans

Backdoor pickup is a village amenity, which means cans should be stored near the home — including on collection days — and not visible from the street, reasonably concealed on non-collection days. There were numerous citations last year for cans even partially visible from the street. For 2026, enforcement is being focused on cans left near the street or blatantly visible after pickup day; storing cans farthest from the street, beside the house or on the driveway, is considered compliant.

Deed Restrictions

By law, you should have received and signed for Fosters Mill's deed restrictions, covenants, and governance documents at closing. You can view and download them anytime at **fostersmill.org**.

The most frequently cited violations are failing to get approval for tree removal and exterior home improvements — for example, changing trim paint color, or replacing a door, roof, or fence. Approval forms are available on our website. **Homeowners must apply for and receive permission before removing healthy trees**; please help maintain our precious trees, which have already been hit hard by flood, drought, and hurricane-force wind.

It's been great to see everyone out planting, fertilizing, watering, mulching, trimming, and mowing this season. The early spring growing season and extra rain have been good for lawns, but flower beds may need extra attention too — weeds in unmaintained beds contribute to a neglected look. If you receive a letter of non-compliance, please contact KAM with your remediation plan. Thank you to those homeowners who continue to maintain and improve their landscaping — your neighbors appreciate you.

Trailers and Parking

There's been an increase in trailer violations in the neighborhood, including utility trailers, RVs, horse trailers, boats, campers, and commercial trailers. Parking commercial trailers on our streets also poses a safety concern for residential traffic. Parking exceptions for trailer maintenance are available for up to 3 days with prior approval from KAM.

From the Fosters Mill CCRs: no boats, recreational vehicles, buses, inoperative vehicles, camp rigs off truck, or boat rigging may be parked or stored permanently or semi-permanently on any public street, right-of-way, or beside driveways. Permanent or semi-permanent storage must be screened from public view, either in the garage or behind a solid fence.

City of Houston reminders: under the 24-hour rule (Ordinance 26-93), no vehicle may remain parked continuously on a public street for more than 24 hours, or it risks being classified as abandoned. Vehicles over 22 feet are prohibited from parking in residential districts except while actively loading, unloading, or performing a service visit, and commercial motor vehicles may not park on public streets between 2 AM and 6 AM.

Mold on the Exterior of Your Home

Mold on north-facing exterior walls is common this time of year. It can be removed with a pressurized garden sprayer (able to spray about 25 feet from the ground) filled with a product from your local hardware store.

A Word About Snakes

There have been a number of snake photos posted on Facebook lately. Please don't kill non-poisonous snakes — they're helpful to our environment, keeping the rat and mouse population down. A field guide to Texas snakes is a great way to learn which is which.

KSA? KAM??

Kingwood Service Association (KSA) maintains the parks, supports public safety, and improves the community with the help of a portion of your assessment, provided by member HOAs.

Kingwood Association Management (KAM), owned by Ethel McCormick, is the management company our HOA works with — many other Kingwood HOAs and trail associations do as well.

The City of Houston's Positive Interaction Program (PIP) holds open meetings with the Houston Police Department at the Kingwood Church of Christ, 2901 Woodland Hills, on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. Our greenbelts and trails are governed separately by the Kings Point Trail Association (KPTA), with open meetings the fourth Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Reserve of Kings Point pool house — visit **Kingspointtrail.com** to create a login.

A reminder on assessments: Fosters Mill homeowners pay assessments to both FMVCA and Kings Point Trail Association. These are separate bills to separate entities and are not linked — and neither is automatically paid by your mortgage company.

On Solicitation

Residents have asked whether the HOA or the City of Houston can regulate solicitors in the neighborhood — the answer is no. Homeowners can decline to answer the door, or post a “no soliciting” sign to help deter solicitors.

Pet Reminders

- Please use the poop bags provided at the ponds and playground — it's the law to pick up after your dog, whether on the greenbelts or in a neighbor's yard.
- Dogs are not permitted to leave your home for an unaccompanied, unleashed run — it's against the law, even in the evening.
- Feral cats become your responsibility, by law, once you begin feeding them regularly.
- After 4 months of age, all cats and dogs must be registered upon being vaccinated and microchipped.

“K” Sticker Reminder

A “K” sticker is required for your car at our KSA-funded parks, which your HOA assessment helps maintain. It's free, available in person at the KSA office, 1075 Kingwood Drive, Suite 100, Monday–Friday 9–5 (behind Chase Bank — use the side parking lot off Kingwood Drive). Bring your Texas driver's license, current vehicle renewal receipt, and current 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, with fines starting at \$500 and reaching up to \$2,000 per firework — no warnings given for serious violations.

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