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RE: ORTEGA FOREST – ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FUND

October 20, 2026

Dear Neighbors,

It is time for our annual request for a **voluntary \$75 contribution** from each Ortega Forest household. Every dollar collected supports the Ortega Forest Association's operating costs, primarily the lease of our security camera system, maintenance of our neighborhood entrances and our website. Remember that similar subdivisions charge mandatory fees of several hundred dollars per year.

Scan the QR Code at the right to be taken directly to our online portal where you may contribute via a **credit card, Apple Pay, Venmo, PayPal**, or check.



If paying by check, please make checks payable to **Ortega Forest Association** and mail them to:

Ken Draper, Treasurer
4729 Wadham Lane
Jacksonville, FL 32210

The Ortega Forest Association is a nonprofit organization recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions may be tax-deductible. Your contribution also gives you membership and voting rights at our public meetings. Our financial records are open for review by any Ortega Forest resident, and our bylaws are available at <https://ortegaforest.org>.

If you have not already done so, please have a look at our updated, secure website and sign up for our email newsletter. We hope you will also encourage your neighbors to sign up. Another way to stay informed about what's going on in our community is the private social network called NextDoor (<https://nextdoor.com/>). Many of our neighbors find it a useful forum for exchanging information about everything from lost-and-found pets to garage sales. (NextDoor is not affiliated with OFA.).

This spring, we replanted and mulched the flower beds at our neighborhood entrances and replaced a ligustrum at the Verona Avenue entrance. We hope you have enjoyed the results.

Neighbors recently reported a traffic light timing issue at Verona Avenue and Roosevelt Boulevard. I submitted a service request to the City, and the issue now appears to be resolved. If you notice a traffic signal, sign, or other problem that needs attention, you can call **904-630-CITY (2489)** or use the MyJax Customer Service Portal (<https://myjax.custhelp.com/>).

Two larger issues, summarized below – street repaving and the Flock Safety License Plate Reader (LPR) cameras – have occupied much of the association's attention this year. To keep this letter short (and mailing costs low), I invite you to read more on our website at <https://ortegaforest.org/addendum/>.

Street Repaving

JEA's water- and sewer repair work and the subsequent repaving work are complete. The Jacksonville Department of Public Works is in discussions with JEA regarding the repaving of the unexcavated half of the streets.

Flock Security Camera Update

At the direction of JSO Sheriff T.K. Waters, JSO is not presently accessing any LPR cameras in Duval County, regardless of ownership. Both Flock Safety and state and local authorities are reviewing current policy and practice. The OFA board has met and discussed the topic. We want to hear your opinions – please submit your feedback on our website using the survey form at the end of the addendum.

Finally, please continue to look out for one another. Report suspected illegal activity and hazardous conditions—such as street cave-ins, leaking water mains, or fallen limbs and power lines—to the appropriate authorities.

Thank you for your support of the Ortega Forest Association and our neighborhood.

Sincerely Yours,

Bill Bell, President
Ortega Forest Association

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