

**Florissant Heights Owners Association**  
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The annual meeting and picnic of the Florissant Heights Owners Association was held on July 19, 2025, at the warming hut. Around thirty adults were in attendance along with 2 children and a baby. The association president, River Law, opened the meeting just after 11 a.m. He pointed out that there were openings coming up on the FHOA board and that volunteers, particularly new ones, were needed. The secretary's position, in particular, needed to be covered because the current secretary is moving out of the area.

After opening remarks, River went over things that have happened since last year's meeting. Topics covered included:

The owners of the burned-out house on Valley View finished their cleanup.

Dawn worked with Toni from Indian Creek to try and get some issues worked out with the Fire Department. Issues that they were trying to work on included getting the "unofficial" exits from the subdivision marked (more on this later) and the possibility of getting a water storage tank installed near the subdivision signs. Those talks did not go very far. It is hoped that as things settle down at the Fire Department more progress may be made on those issues.

The perennial topics of the pond status and the road conditions were discussed. Mary will look up the engineering report that we had done on the pond some years ago so that the history will be available. The phone number for contacting the road department to report roads needing attention will be added to these minutes. It was pointed out that the more of us that report the roads, the more likely they come and work on them.

During introductions all around (requested by Stephanie, a new member), Jim Rank covered in detail where the emergency exits are in the subdivision. **They all go across private property and would only be available in real emergency situations.** Due to the difficulty in conveying these in the minutes, it was decided that a map would be marked and hung up in the warming hut. Mel March will make a copy of a large plat map that we have and then Jim will help mark where the exits are located. When this is finished, it will be hung up under cover in the warming hut. Check there in a few weeks to learn where these are located.

With this discussion, it came up that new people in the area don't necessarily know where the warming hut is located (or the grange) so that information for those things should be on the website and in the notice for the picnic. Area information like that will be added to the

bottom of these minutes and added to the website (that is being brought back up by Linda Lewis – thank you, Linda.)

Next, we had a presentation on bear proofing information from Linda Lewis. She has looked into bear proof containers and which local trash companies have them available. That information will be attached to these minutes and added to the website. That brought up the discussion that there is a very habituated bear in the southeast section of the subdivision. He is a younger bear, mixed black and brown, and is not responding to loud noises or other things usually used to scare off bears. Please, be very careful of any bears you see and if you notice one acting this way, leave him alone! It was brought up to call CPW – Colorado Parks and Wildlife – but apparently, they are not as helpful as people have wanted.

Following that, we had a presentation about NoFloCo by Melanie Hauck. She worked with them to get her property mitigated and was so impressed that she now volunteers with them. She described the Forest Glen project that they are doing across the highway. That whole area is trying to get mitigated to keep them safer during wildfires and to help with their insurance. NoFloCo is working to use that area as their entry to a grant contest to get money to be able to do even more mitigation in Teller County. There are resources about mitigation available on their website (<https://www.nofloco.org/>) and Melanie highly recommends contacting them about any mitigation that needs to be done. The more people that mitigate their properties, the safer all of us will be.

After this, River asked who would be willing to be on the FHOA board or otherwise help with FHOA. The following people stepped up. **A Big Thank You** to all of you!

Kirsten Roberts - will be on the board and take over the filing 3 water report

Dawn Funnell - will help as she can with the pond, fire department, and exit questions

Mel March - will help as needed and will copy the plat map for marking the exits

Linda Lewis – will work on the website and help with other administrative type things

Diana Puetz – will help once she gets done with some personal things

Hallie Marks - will help generally

Finally, before closing the meeting, raffle prizes were handed out. The following people won prizes this year.

Dawn Funnell – dog treats

Linda Lewis – Iron Tree gift certificate

Doris Nickell – ratchet set

Jim Rank – flowering plant from Outpost

What followed the close of the meeting was a wonderful spread of food!

### **Area Information:**

The warming hut is located by the lake in the middle of the subdivision. It is the log cabin at 836 Valley View Drive. There isn't an address on it, but it's hard to mistake.

The Grange is the large white building across from the Ace Hardware in Florissant. The address is 2009 Teller County Road 31. There are two other buildings by it housing the Florissant Schoolhouse Museum and a gift shop. There are many activities there.

The Grange website is <https://florissantgrange420.org/>

The museum website is <https://www.pikespeakhsmuseum.org/museums/>

County Road Number: 719-687-8812 between 7:30 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday (except holidays)

FHOA website: [florissantheights.com](http://florissantheights.com)