

FORMOSA GARDEN NEWS AUTUMN 2019



Even if it's turned a bit colder now, the early Autumn blessed us with a couple of wonderfully warm weeks so we hope you managed to get to spend a little time walking round the garden before the Winter sets in! Our big news this month is the confirmed date for the fireworks party but we've also got an update on the beds and a couple of reminders on our garden rules. Have a wonderful Autumn! It won't be that long before we'll be lighting up the tree again so make the most of it!

Formosa Summer Party

The party appeared to go off without a hitch this year and a massive thank you to the wonderful Irina who has recently joined the Committee. Do give us any feedback via the website or into our managing agents. We always try to shake things up a little but unless we hear otherwise we'll keep on giving you more of what you seem to be enjoying



We've also fixed the date for the Summer party for next year - its Saturday 11th July 2020.

Garden update from Robert the gardener and his team

We've been busy in your wonderful garden trying to maintain the status quo with regard to watering on the main beds, new trees and woodland area. Further to the questions around better irrigation I am exploring options. As you can see the fabulous new beds have been cut out and the turf removed. This was an epic, the turf has been added to the mound which has saved a few hundred pounds but

we've noticed its not taken so well. We shall therefore top-dress and reseed this area after fireworks. As the ground was so dry after the long hot summer we hired a rotavator to dig up the new beds but it took all day of backbreaking work to just do one as it was so dry it was like concrete! These beds will be planted shortly thanks for waiting ! We've redone the path/ lawn edges and I hope you agree they look much better. We are continuing to enjoy meeting as many of you as possible when we are on site! Do say hello!

Reminder on planning guidelines

A kind reminder to all residents who are considering altering their property, please apply for permission for external

changes before they are made! More details can be found on our website: <https://www.formosagarden.co.uk/planning-guidelines>

AGM

Thank you to the freeholders who attended this year's AGM. We hope you found the session useful. All of your generous feedback has been noted and appreciated.

Dogs

The Committee would also like to remind residents of the rules relating to dogs. A fuller and more comprehensive version of these rules can be found on our website.

- Dogs (including puppies) belonging to residents of the Formosa Garden may be permitted to use the garden provided they have first been registered on the 'register your dog' page. Registered dogs (including puppies) must always

be accompanied by their owner or another member of the owner's family aged 10 years or older and be kept under proper control at all times. Registered dogs are permitted to use the Garden and are allowed off the lead from daybreak until 10am.

- It is the responsibility of dog owners to clean up after their dog and responsibly dispose of the mess by taking it out of the Garden.
- Dog owners or handlers should do their utmost to ensure that barking does not disturb the peace of the Garden and dogs should not be left alone on private terraces.
- Dogs banned under the Dangerous Dogs Act will not be allowed access to the Garden.

Formosa Bonfire Night

Did you know we've been running our annual fireworks night for at least 25 years so we might be heading towards a big anniversary!

Our hugely popular big annual event is coming up soon.

We hope to see you all on **Saturday 2nd November**. More info on reverse.

A decorative banner with the text "BONFIRE NIGHT" in a white, distressed font on a dark brown background. The banner is surrounded by colorful fireworks in shades of blue, yellow, green, and purple, and several autumn leaves in orange, yellow, and red. The entire scene is framed by a thin green line.

BONFIRE NIGHT

YOUR GUIDE TO A SAFE EVENING

**Come along to our annual
bonfire and fireworks
evening!**

Saturday 2nd November

6.30pm Bonfire

7pm Fireworks

Do you have any old wood or know of anyone who might have some timber? Please bring all spare wood (without nails and non-wood components) to the mound from 28th October.

Please note the rules for everyone's safety:

- No personal fireworks in or around the gardens at any time
- No glass to be brought into the garden
- Children must be supervised at all times
- No entry after 6.50pm, the gate will be shut
- Fireworks might frighten your pets, please keep them safe
- Do not get too close to the bonfire