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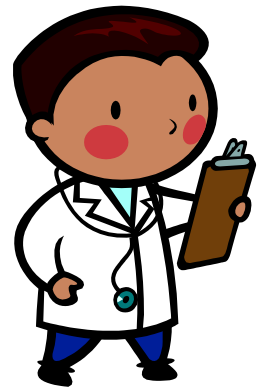
"Let's Get a Check-up!!"

By Mike Stone, FPCA President

Happy football season!! Hopefully the rain keeps coming because I'm too busy watching TV to water the plants!!...

Two summers ago, I was preparing to run a 5k race when my 11-year old son asked if he could try doing this as well. While I previously ran marathons and other distance races, he had no such experience. So at the starting line, I planned to run ahead and be there at the finish line to cheer him on. Then 3.1 miles later as I coasted in, I turned around to find him about 20 seconds behind me. Oh boy! Then at the next summer's race, he was standing at the finish line waiting for me (this happens when parents spend their lives driving children to sports practices). These races gave me a red-flag statement: "My body isn't what it used to be."

In my teens I did crazy things to my body without consequence. I could stay up late, eat total junk, yet remain in fantastic shape playing sports all the time. I had no body fat! I only saw a doctor when there was a problem. In my youth, I didn't have to work at taking care of myself. Today, I watch what I eat, I take more precautions, and I see doctors well in advance of problems. Still I'm growing a spare tire and losing a step. However, I'm really happy with my health and my life. So what's my point here?



"This neighborhood isn't what it used to be." I hear this at times from people who have spent decades in Forest Park. The statement is not incorrect. When built in the early sixties, there was no development to its north, and little competition from the suburbs. Every new-built home had its original owner and every store shop had its first occupant. There was a homogenous culture and few, if any, apartments were in existence. It was brand-spanking new, and people did not have to work at taking care of the neighborhood as a whole.

Over time, a new car will collect blemishes, a puppy will slow down into late adulthood, and a neighborhood of fifty years will show its age as well. But we love these things more-- not less. Physical erosion is replaced by memories, sentimentality, familiarity and appreciation.

As our neighborhood reaches middle age, every last one of us must work harder to maintain and improve it. We must build relationships with our unknown neighbors. Decades ago during a slower-moving era, this

came naturally. We have to be vigilant of suspicious activity, better connected through security programs, and better educated on how to make criminal activity difficult (and if you think that crime is just a Forest Park matter, I can tell you about two suburban neighborhoods that recently began blockwatch programs to combat their huge spikes in home break-ins). Also, we cannot passively tolerate disrespectful shop owners, abandoned trash in the street, or negligent homes full of blight.



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If we do not actively engage, then we get the neighborhood we deserve.

So here's your checkup. Whenever you see or experience the slightest criminal offense, do you report it to the police (645-4545), F.P. Blockwatch (blockwatch@fpcivic.org), or our supplemental security officer Ed Vanasdale (847-1494)? Have you registered yourself on the Forest Park Blockwatch web site (<http://www.fpcivic.org/bwforum/>)? Do you file police reports for the smallest of criminal offenses so they have more information to work with? These are simple things that can be done without much exposure to you.



Do you use the 311.columbus.gov site to report code violations such as high grass? Do you contact any FPCA representatives with code concerns? Have you gone to <http://www.fpcivic.org> to subscribe to the FPCA news list? Have you attended an FPCA meeting anytime in the last three years?

Have you invested the simple \$25 dollars for an FPCA membership so the neighborhood can have more supplemental security patrols? Or do you feel comfortable in not contributing to FPCA but enjoying its service (such as the newspaper you are currently reading)?

In this neighborhood, we have a wealth of established resources to improve your part of Forest Park. It will take investment by everyone and their neighbors, but there is plenty of power to make bad situations better. I have seen FPCA and FP Blockwatch shut down criminal activity and collaborate with residents to improve blighted situations. So it's your responsibility to harness this resource and help your part of a fantastic neighborhood. After improving situations in your corner of Forest Park, "This neighborhood isn't what it used to be," will have a positive meaning!!

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The Association charges a minimal fee of \$5.00 to participate in this gigantic community sale. You receive quite a bargain when one considers the advertisement drawing card to all the Northland communities, fun with your neighbors, and some extra cash in your pocket. The fee helps defray the cost of the advertising.

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Share your thoughts about "Circle of Prayer" at

Circleofprayer@hotmail.com

aboutU@live.com

September 10, 2013

Registration 6pm~ Band 6:15pm~7pm PRAYER

Fellowship and Worship after

On this day we will join together to pray around the entire Tamarack circle; to pray for the restoration, and revitalization of our community.
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2 Chronicles 7:14

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Join us at the September Forest Park Civic Meeting.....

MEET New Northland High School Principal Tim Donahue, who will stop by at the September 10 FPCA meeting to collaborate with the neighborhood and hear concerns. He will not be there until after 7:30, so you have time to go to the Tamarack Circle of Prayer before coming to our meeting to meet him. Again, our meeting is Tuesday, September 10 at Epworth United Methodist Church on 5100 Karl Rd. Officially it begins at 7:00, but go to the circle first!!



Any questions or concerns contact me at 847-1494.



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News from the FPCA President by Mike Stone

We need to know when to welcome a new neighbor... Our Welcome Committee does a fantastic job greeting newcomers into the neighborhood, but we often miss people because we do not know WHEN they move in. If you are relatively new to the area and have not been welcomed properly, or you have a new neighbor that has finally moved in, help us by contacting Earl Miller at emiller@sbcglobal.net. Thanks for the help.

Thank you Matt Ward... FPCA secretary Matt Ward is stepping down from his post because his career path will occupy Tuesday nights for the next year. Matt has been a reliable, friendly officer and we hope he will volunteer again when schedule permits. Thanks Matt!!



Schools are back in session.
Drive Safe & look out for
Children as they travel to/from
School each day.



For-Mel Bridge Marathon **2013-14**

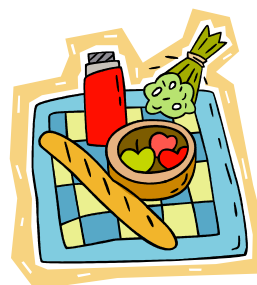
The 2013-14 For-Mel Bridge Marathon will start up Wednesday September 18, 2013.

Starting time will be
7:00 pm at Oakleaf Village.
See you then.



For-Mel Meeting **2013-14**

The first meeting of For-Mel 2013-14 will be on Monday September 9th, at 6:00 pm, in the home of Margie Hess. If unable to attend, contact Margie at 846-3575. This is our Annual Picnic for For-Mel. See you then.



If you would like added to the Teen Work List , please email me at
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FOREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

August 13, 2013 MINUTES

Submitted by Matt Ward

The August 2013 FPCA general meeting took place during the NCC Annual Picnic at the Northland Swim Club. The meeting was brought to order by President Mike Stone at 7:15pm.

After roll call was taken, short committee reports followed. The reports starting with the Presidents Report by Mike Stone, Mike asked about getting an updated list of volunteers from Dave Paul to narrow down the list of residents who would be able to help out with events down the road. Dave Paul said once the membership list gets updated it would be an easy list to compile. Mike also fielded some questions that showed up on the membership applications, one of which was asking about the Welcome Committee. Earl Miller has asked residents and area reps to help keep him notified if and when new residents move into the area. Dave Paul also added about putting an article in the Forester about who to inform in regards to new residents. Other notes in the president reports were, the new Northland High School Principal, formerly Woodward Park principal, will be attending the next meeting to talk about the school year. Mike also gave thanks to all who came out for the National Night Out where more than 100 people attended events given my neighbors.

In other news from the meeting, Matt Ward will be stepping down from being the secretary so if anyone is interested in that position, please contact the board. Mary Sguerra wanted to remind everyone of the September 14th area garage sale. She will be contacting Goodwill to see if they could be there again.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42.

FOREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION						
July 2013 Treasurer's Report						
	Month		Year-to-Date		Budget	
	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses
Membership	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 3.23	\$ 6,450.00	\$ 2,018.36	\$ 4,760.00	\$ 1,340.00
Business Membership	\$ 72.00		\$ 188.00	\$ 39.01	\$ 240.00	\$ -
Supplemental Security Split	\$ 2,028.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 11,762.00	\$ 7,747.50	\$ 13,400.00	\$ 13,400.00
Interest	\$ 0.11		\$ 0.28	\$ -	\$ 2.00	
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Garage Sale			\$ 145.00	\$ 52.12	\$ 250.00	\$ 100.00
Additional donations	\$ 40.00		\$ 391.00	\$ -	\$ 1,493.00	
Island Maintenance & Improvement	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 2,535.00	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 2,810.00		\$ 400.00
Liability Insurance/Bond			\$ -	\$ -		\$ 450.00
Miscellaneous			\$ -	\$ -		\$ 300.00
Northland Community Council			\$ -	\$ 380.00		\$ 380.00
Treasurer Expenses			\$ -	\$ 54.60		\$ 150.00
Beautification Awards	\$ 100.00		\$ 355.00	\$ -		\$ 125.00
Outreach Day		\$ 604.58	\$ -	\$ 604.58		\$ 200.00
July 4th Bikes/Parade Floats		\$ 262.54	\$ -	\$ 262.54		\$ 200.00
50th Anniversary	\$ 10.00		\$ 1,900.00	\$ 100.00		
Block watch		\$ 36.00	\$ -	\$ 36.00		\$ 100.00
Walmart Grant/Welcome Committee			\$ 500.00	\$ 60.73	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Total Income & Expenses	\$ 6,855.11	\$ 6,371.35	\$ 31,816.28	\$ 23,334.95	\$ 33,645.00	\$ 33,645.00
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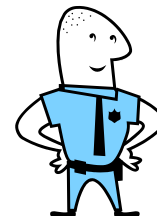
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If you have a new neighbor please let me or your Area Representative listed in the Forester know so we can make a welcome visit.

Earl Miller - 614-846-6389



Forest Park Block Watch

Website: <http://blockwatch.fpcivic.org/>.

September 2013

The Block Watch holds their meetings on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7pm at Epworth Methodist Church, 5100 Karl Rd. All Forest Park Residents are welcome and encourage to attend.

I hope some of you were able to attend or host a cookout/potluck on National Night Out. What a great way to meet and get to know your neighbors. The better you know those who live around you, the better you will be able to identify who belongs and who doesn't. That is what block watch is all about! If you can't make it to the meetings you can still be part of the block watch by watching out for your neighbors- just as they will do for you. Make sure you have your -neighbor's phone numbers and contact information. The block watch has a neighborhood chart that will help you organize your neighbors contact information. Sign into the Forest Park Block Watch Forum and go to Library then Reference desk and click on Neighborhood chart. It is a great tool.

Crime Tip: At a recent Community Coordinator's meeting we had a speaker from the Bomb Squad. The speaker was very good with some very interesting information. The best tip was a reminder for all of us-if you should come across a package , bag etc. that does not belong to anyone in the immediate area- don't pick it up or touch it. Call the police. It may be nothing but then again.... It is best to" err on the side of caution."

Take care and stay safe! Hope to see you at the next Block Watch meeting.

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Thank you Mr. Mower person guy!!!... We have many people in who go out of their way to generously serve Forest Park. One such person cuts the lawns on a number of unoccupied homes. This person does not want to be identified, but keeps in contact with FPCA and has helped the community look much neater. Thanks to all of the people who play similar selfless roles. How would our neighborhood improve if we had another hundred people becoming active?



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Forest Park Makes a Difference

By George Schmidt

Tamarack Circle is changing. If you had been paying as much attention as I do to the Circle you noticed. There is still some litter, but less. Businesses are cleaning up. There is still high grass, but less. Owners on the circle are straightening out differences. There have been a few business to business assists. Jack Workman at DQ leads the team with assists. We knew that we not going to do some huge renovation that would be a total make over. What we have done is make little strides of progress.

The impetus has come from our community clean ups. In order to convince the businesses and the landlords that their effort will produce fruit the community of Forest Park along with the Y Service Club has given hope.

Where else does the community come together to help give businesses a boost. We have never waited around for the government to do it. We see a need we help. Forest Park built the ball field. Forest Park got Sequoia Lanes built. Forest Park got the landscape boxes spruced up. Forest Park got businesses to chip in to cut the grass on 161. Forest Park was instrumental in getting Northland Alliance started resulting in the remake of Morse Road. Forest Park.... You fill it in. Forest Park will turn the Circle around. There is no reason that the Circle cannot flourish in the middle of a resourceful neighborhood like ours

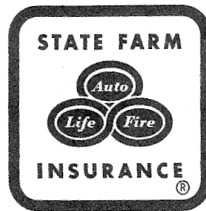
This year join us September 7, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. We will gather in the parking lot outside Donatos. Bring your weed wacker, rakes, brooms, hoes, etc. We plan to make it look real nice for the Circle of Prayer.

This is like turning a big heavy wheel. At first a few people get it moving ever so slowly. As it starts to move it picks up momentum. More people from the community and more business owners join in and wheel moves faster. Eventually it moves to point where everyone notices.

I believe that the way businesses in our neighborhood look and function have a direct bearing on the value of our homes. Clutter breeds clutter. Help me as we all work together for the general health of Forest Park.

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- ♦ OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE on Bethel Rd.
- ♦ FLOWERAMA at Karl and Morse
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- ♦ GABBY'S on Tamarack Circle
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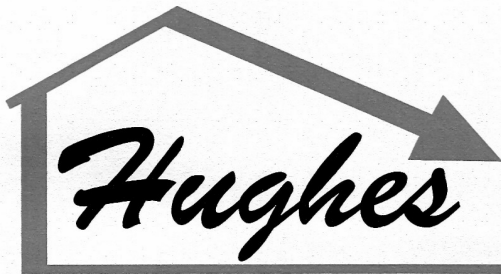
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Dear Neighbors:

I hope everyone had a great summer and the kids are enjoying their first month back at school. The real estate market has been busy & the interest rates are still low! Let me help you - give me a call today!

My listing at 1131 Urban Dr. closed and we are getting ready to close on my listing at 6047 Tiverton Sq W. and my 2 new listings at 1734 Rocky Pine Lp S & 5672 Sandalwood Blvd. just went in-contract
Please give me a call for a free market analysis of your home & let me show you what HER and I can do for you.

2 NEW LISTINGS

1734 Rocky Pine Lp S--- Ranch w/ 3BR's, 2 BA's, updated kitchen with granite counter tops, 1 car garage. \$98,900

5453 Aspen Rd. ---2 Story home w/4 BR's, 2.5 Ba's, 2 gas log fireplaces, completely remodeled -move-in condition \$139,900

CURRENT MARKET WATCH

The following homes are For Sale with HER Realtors:

		Asking:			Asking:
5679 Brookfield Sq .W.	Ranch/3BR	89,900 **	5215 Karl Rd.	2-Sty/3BR	99,900
5261 Karl Rd.	Ranch/5BR	94,900	5745 Satinwood Dr.	2-Sty/4BR	114,900
1678 Norma Rd.	Ranch/3BR	94,900	1467 Hedgewood Pl	Ranch/3Br	115,900
1383 Boxwood Dr	Ranch/3BR	98,800	5233 Avalon Ave	2-Sty/4BR	117,900
2240 Maplewood Dr.	Split/3BR	99,000	5453 Aspen Rd.	2-Sty/4BR	139,900

* New Listings

**New Price



HER Realtors homes In Contract

1734 Rocky Pine Lp S ©	Ranch /3BR	98,900	1865 Torchwood Dr	2-Sty/4BR	119,900
5672 Sandalwood Bl ©	Split/3BR	106,900			

(C)=In Contract Contingent (E)=I/C w/Escrow clause

All Homes SOLD

Since 7/18/13

		Asking:	Sold Price:
5699 Lindenwood Rd	Ranch/3BR	65,340	63,000
1843 Denise Dr.	2-Sty/4BR	78,000	78,100
1717 Ivyhill Loop S	2-Sty/4BR	77,900	78,200
5489 Pine Bluff Rd	2-Sty/4BR	84,900	84,000
1679 Riverbitch Dr	Split/3BR	89,900	85,000
1860 Cedar Willow Dr	Split/3BR	99,900	90,710
1920 Judwick Dr.	Ranch/3BR	108,900	105,000
1978 Sumac Dr	2-Sty/4BR	119,000	115,000
1131 Urban Dr	Ranch/3BR	117,900	114,000
5525 Hazelwood Rd.	Split/4BR	123,900	118,000
2209 Pine Knoll Ave	Split/3BR	120,900	119,000
1988 Torchwood Dr	2-Sty/4BR	120,000	119,000
1420 Ironwood Dr.	Split/3BR	118,750	119,750
1420 Hempwood Dr.	Split/3BR	119,900	120,500
1645 Penworth Dr.	Split/3BR	124,900	123,000
5380 Ivywood Ln	2-Sty/4BR	127,000	126,400
5137 Tamarack Blvd	2-Sty/5BR	129,900	129,900



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