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Forest Park Civic Association

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We are Thankful for the We are Thankful for the good neighbors in Forest Park

<u>Proud to live in Forest Park</u>

By George Schmidt

It was overwhelming. The garage caught on fire. There was no insurance and before you know it months went by. 2 burned boats, cabinets, batteries, furniture, a garage full of items and remnants in the yard all destroyed by fire. We are sorry for the neighbors that have to look at it. We do not want to live in it. What to do?

In steps Ed Vanasdale, a Forest Park neighbor. At first he takes a few things to the street and calls 311. Then he gets the ball rolling and calls in reinforcements. The community responded. Twenty two people showed up including a team of off duty firefighters, some folks from churches, people from Forest Park and the North Y Service Club. Sixty six working hours and two dumpsters later the job was done. Not only was the garage cleaned out, the two boats saw-zalled to pieces, and the entire yard was cleared of brush and the grass cut that included eight yard waste bags and six 50 gallon cans full of yard waste.

It was so successful we need to apologize to the people who showed up late morning Saturday and Sunday for no work left to be done. But wait..... we has some folks show up Sunday and they trimmed the trees, cleared out the gutters and raked the yard of the leaves.

This is our community, Forest Park. There is nothing else I could have done over Friday and Saturday, including attending a football game that would have been more satisfying and fun than to be working with my neighbors to help one of our own. A true neighborhood effort that took time to help a neighbor in need.

Response

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the generous and hardworking individuals who donated their time and hard work to help my son and I this weekend. On August 14 we had a fire in our garage that caused major damage. It is because of all the people that showed what it means to be a part of a community like Forest Park that my home is no longer full of bad memories from that night, but instead of the very wonderful memories of this past weekend.

Sincerely, Kathy and Zach Dudley



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Articles for October Forester due to editor November 14. Next Resident delivery of Forester is December 1st.

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FOREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

October 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The October Forest Park Civic Association meeting was called to order by President Mike Stone at Epworth Methodist Church at 7:02 p.m.

The President gave his report. The Treasurer's report was postponed, as he was unable to attend. Committee reports were then given. Updates included the Security Committee. It was noted that FP residents are having their driveways blocked by parents waiting to pick up children from schools. Some car break-ins, and a stolen motorcycle were also reported. Dave Paul gave an NCC update, reporting the likelihood of the Franklin County Board of Elections moving to the former Kohl's store at Karl and Morse. Earl Miller, Welcome Committee, requested volunteers to place inserts into folders for new residents.

Dick Graham, the neighborhood liaison for the city of Columbus, made an appearance. He reported that the city is trying to contact the owner of 1299 Boxwood, and also gave assurances that the house will be demolished. In addition, commercial vehicles parking in a residential area should be reported via the city's 311 system.

Missed deliveries of The Forester continue to occur. During the Forester report, a member asked if the Forester could be obtained in PDF format. It can, at fpcivic.org, and the President indicated that he would try to send out a reminder email as each issue is released to alert members of its availability online.

Several questions from visitors and members regarding city code violations by their neighbors were asked and addressed by general discussion. These included trash, uncut grass, noise, and parking issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m. by Mike Stone. Su

Submitted by M. Douthitt

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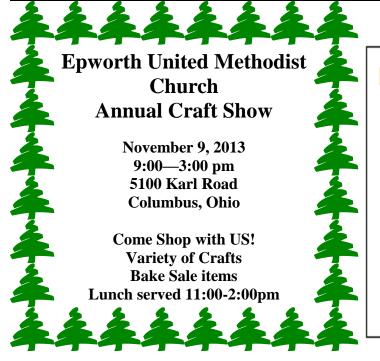
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As FPCA leaders learn more about ways to use the web site, *more* things of interest will are posted! You will want to know!

When you <u>SUBSCRIBE</u>, you receive a *brief* email when a new post or event is added to the web site. (You also have full control on the <u>Subscribe Page</u> should you want to unsubscribe an email address, and/or subscribe a new email address.) We anticipate that the volume of email will not be great (and should it increase, the administrator could always change it to a "daily digest.").

(Subscribing is different from being on the FPCA-News mailing list. The FPCA-News mailing list is comprised of names of members and friends of FPCA from membership information, and is used to send out occasional messages or alerts of community interest.)

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Forest Park Holiday Contest



Decorate your front yards this Christmas Season

Forest Park Residents: Start Planning......

Let's make Forest Park look festive this Holiday Season with your outdoor Holiday lights and yard decorations. This is our first year to do a "winter" beautification award. FPCA will do a contest to judge best decorations for the Holiday season in the month of the December. We have plans to keep an eye on houses between December 15th and 31st and judge to see who has the "Holiday Spirit" this winter season. Awards will be announced at our January 2014 FPCA meeting.



GROUP PROJECT-- Your Assignment......

ABOUT 10 MINUTES OF COMPUTER TIME By Mike Stone, FPCA President

In this neighborhood, we do not passively watch bad things happen without making the effort to stop, improve or fix them. We speak up, help one another, and persist when individuals indulge themselves at the expense of good people. Perhaps more than anywhere in Columbus, we have the ability to unify in large numbers to make a large statement when necessary. In that vein, I am asking for about 10 minutes of homework from every Forest Park household to make a huge impact for all Columbus residents. Read on.

The Problem

As you likely know, some hotels have made a mess out of the 161 corridor. Illegal activity from poorly-operated hotels has been well documented by CPD. It can spill onto the good businesses and well-kept homes that make up most of this area. FPCA and NCC have been concerned about this problem, and the city response has been tremendous. Officers Scott Clinger and Larry Geis, along with Assistant City Attorney Bill Sperlazza, have quietly mounted cases against these establishments with the expectation of deterring crass hotel activity.

You have likely read news accounts of the temporary shutdown of Columbus Suites, statistically the worst of these 161 hotels. Regardless of the long term status of Columbus Suites, CPD is preparing action for similarly operated hotel businesses. Standing in the way of this progress are litigation, bureaucracy and loopholes that often delay or outright frustrate our public servants. A new ordinance regarding the operation of hotels would go a long way in strengthening the city's capability.

The Remedy that can Make a Huge Improvement

Officer Clinger discovered a hotel ordinance enacted by the California city of Chula Vista. The ordinance requires that hotels apply for annual licenses to operate. More importantly, it gives discretion to the city to deny a lodging license if the motel has a history of criminal or code-related problems. As a result, the hotel has to make an annual case that it is doing business the right way. That is better than now, where the city has to make the case that a hotel is doing business the wrong way. The ordinance allows for quicker, more punitive action that would put a healthy dose of fear into the worst of hotel owners.

HERE'S WHERE YOU COME IN

A similarly proposed ordinance is currently sitting on the desk of Councilwoman Michelle Mills. We need as many messages as possible to both her office, and that of Mayor Michael Coleman. Briefly ask for the passage of the Chula Vista Hotel Ordinance. Emphasize the importance this bill would have to your community. Be friendly and polite because these people are not unsympathetic.

Gonna Take Some Time

Movement on an issue like this will take considerable time. There will be many unhappy special interest groups against this proposal. So through this process we will need to remain persistent. But in the end, a large, consistent voice from a countless voters will improve the chances of this becoming reality.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The Office of Councilwoman Michelle M. Mills Email: aemarsico@columbus.gov (Legislative Aid to Mills)

The Office of Mayor Michael Coleman Email: mac@columbus.gov

Thanks!!

Yard Waste Collection Dates for Forest Park

November 1st, 15th & 29th

> December 13th, 27th

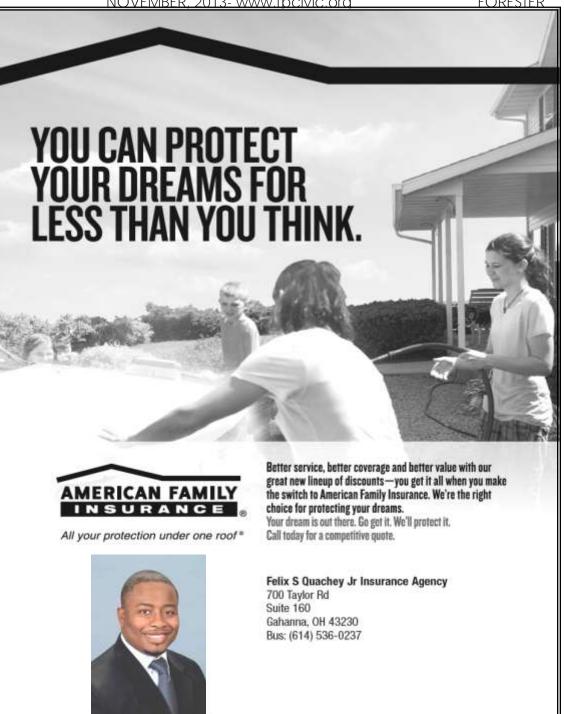




Blue Can Recycling Dates for Forest Park

November 8th, 22nd

December 6th, 20th, Jan. 3rd





Where: Woodward Park and Community Center 5174 Karl Road, meet at the front picnic tables. When: First and third Saturday of each month, 8:30am - 9:30am

November 2 November 16 December 7

*Walks are held in the community center gym during bad weather and after Thanksgiving. Call 614-645-1260 for more information.

RideStrong Challenge Event

Join hundreds of cyclists in Central Ohio's largest indoor cycling event. So far 19 from the North Y have started to peddle. The RideSTRONG for Cancer Survivors! Register as a team or an individual rider and train to achieve your mileage goal while raising money to strengthen cancer survivors in our commu-

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nity. All proceeds will support LIVESTRONG at the North YMCA.

WHAT: RideSTRONG for Cancer Survivors

WHEN: Sat, Nov 9, 2013, 8 am-2 pm

WHERE: North YMCA

• WHY: To support LIVESTRONG at the YMCA

HOW: Go to ymcacolumbus.org/ridestrong to start

LIVESTRONG at the YMCA -

Healthy Lifestyles program for cancer survivors.

Six cancer survivors have enrolled so far for this first session. There is room for you. The group meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 1 - 2.30 p.m.

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So far we have had as many as 45 walkers.

If you would like added to the Teen Work List , please email me at Forester_ed@fpcivic.org or call 785-1555

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RASHAWN THOMPSON	396-7636	18	XX		XX				XX	EAST
JUSTIN HILL	436-0178	15	XX	XX	XX				XX	EAST
SOLOMON HAYES	846-4156	13		XX					XX	WEST
JOSHUA HAYES	846-4156	16	XX	XX	XX					WEST
JANAIR EVERETTE	840-0163	16		XX				XX		WEST
DOMINIQUE TYSON	316-9082	15	XX	XX	XX		XX		XX	EAST
JOSH WINKLER	891-6879	17	XX	XX	XX				XX	EAST
ALEX BARNETT	625-1228	16	XX		XX				XX	EAST
MORGAN SAUNDERS	625-1228	14	XX							EAST
JOSEPH HANSEN	396-6336	13	XX	XX				XX	XX	WEST
REBECCA CRADDOCK	394-7721	16				XX	XX		XX	EAST
CADE CARY	975-9688	15	XX	XX	XX				XX	EAST
DEMEAH DULANEY	468-11285	13	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX		
KAREN JOHNSON	773-491-7918	15				XX	XX	XX	XX	WEST
JOELLE FREEMAN	781-1817	15		XX			XX			EAST
CIARRA NEFF	899-2064	16				XX	XX	XX		EAST

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY



BY: Edward Vanasdale

Call the police at 645-4545 if there are concerns about vandalism or incidents in your neighborhood. Supplemental security can be a deterrent but cannot be there 24/7. The security officer is not a police officer. If at any time you feel threaten on the street or in your home you should call 911 and report the incident. The police will respond more quickly than calling me to call security. For all other incidents, those in which you do not feel threatened, call the afore mentioned number and generate a police report and get the report number. Once this is done supplemental security can follow up with our police liaison officer.

Thanks again to all the home owners who support our Civic Association.



	Month					Year-t	o-D	ate	Budget			
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Supplemental Security Split	\$	386.00	5	1,250.00	5	13,233.00	\$	9,997.50	5	13,400.00	\$	13,400.00
Interest	5	0.10			\$	0.49	П		\$	2.00		
Forester	\$	905.00	5	1,587.00	5	8,845.00	5	12,373.41	5	13,000.00	5	16,000.00
Garage Sale	\$	160.00	5	52.12	S	305.00	\$	104.24	5	250.00	5	100.00
Additional donations					\$	464.00			\$	1,493.00		
Island Maintenance & Improvement			\$	90.00	\$	2,475.00	\$	2,990.00			\$	400.00
Liability Insurance/Bond	-						Г				5	450.00
Miscellaneous	- 7		Г					- 48	- 14		5	300.00
Northland Community Council							\$	380.00			5	380.00
Treasurer Expenses							5	54.60	0.0		5	150.00
Beautification Awards	\$	15.00	5	9.62	5	405.00	\$	159.62			\$	125.00
Outreach Day							\$	604.58			5	200.00
July 4th Bikes/Parade Floats	5	200.00					\$	262.54			5	200.00
50th Anniverary					5	1,900.00	5	100.00	- 0.0			
Block watch						- 3	\$	36.00			5	100.00
Walmart Grant/Welcome Committee	\$	500.00			\$	1,000.00	\$	60.73	5	500.00	\$	500.00
Total Income & Expenses	\$	2,400.10	5	2,988.74	\$	36,159.49	\$	29,180.59	\$	33,645.00	5	33,645.00
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If yes, make and model of car			

<u>THANK YOU</u>

We want to recognize and thank all of the volunteers who got out in the rainy, chilly weather on the morning of Saturday October 19th to help do some clean up on rt. 161. Those folks were out there in their rain gear, garbage bags, and gloves picking up and disposing of all of the trash in the grassy areas between 161-Dublin-Granville Road and the service roads. We have great neighbors who do great things to keep our neighborhood looking GREAT!! If you are interested in helping with future



clean ups, give Cate or Ken Gilbert a call and they will put you on the contact list. You can reach Cate and Ken at 888-3559.

Are You a New Neighbor? or Do You Have New Neighbors?

The Welcome Committee has a folder of helpful information and coupons for new residents. Contact me if you are new. One of us on the committee or your Area Rep will visit.

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/.

Next meeting
November 26th, 2013
7pm
Epworth Methodist Church
5100 Karl Road

All Forest Park Residents are welcome and encourage to attend. Block watch holds their meetings on the 4th Tuesday of every month.

2013-2014 FPCA Membership..... Continues to Grow

We would like to thank these neighbors of Forest Park who joined as FPCA members during our outreach day activities in July. Their names were inadvertently missed on the list of 700+ members we published in our October '13 Forester. We welcome them to the membership this year and look forward to having them become part of the Forest Park Civic Association activities. If you are not a member of FPCA, you can still join for just \$25 annual dues. Check out our website for an FPCA membership form, www.fpcivic.org, or email our FPCA president, Mike Stone, msto0103@yahoo.com, and give him your information. You can contact your area rep, (refer to pg 2 of this publication for their name/ contact) if you have other neighborhood questions.

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1383 Boxwood Dr.	Ranch/3 BR	95,900	4908 Lyle Rd	Split/3 BR	114,900
5360 Maple Canyon	2-Sty/3 BR	104,900	1865 Torchwood Rd	2-Sty/4 BR	119,900
*New Listings **N	lew Price				





HER Realtors homes In Contract

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5215 Karl Rd. ©	2-Sty/3 BR	89,900	5124 Northcliff Lp W. ©	2-sty/4 BR	129,900
2240 Maplewood ©	Split/3 BR	99,000	5453 Aspen Rd. ©	2-sty/4 BR	134,900
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5645 Hazelwood Rd	Split/3 BR	79,500	70,000
5679 Brookfield Sq. W.	Ranch/3 BR	89,900	84,900
4985 Lyle Rd.	2-Sty/4 BR	94,900	89,000
2210 Tuliptree Ave.	Ranch/3 BR	104,500	104,000
5745 Satinwood Dr.	2-Sty/4 BR	114,900	110,000
1498 Cottonwood Dr.	2-Sty/4 BR	117,000	110,500
5453 Redwood Rd.	Split/3 BR	114,900	111,000
5409 Vinewood Ct.	Ranch/4 BR	130,000	124,000
1241 Vinewood Dr.	Split/3 BR	127,900	125,000

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