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Forest Park Civic Association

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Thank You for the time as your FPCA President !!



THANK YOU FOR A FANTASTIC 2013!! Happy Holidays and thank you for your support of the Forest Park Civic Association. We had another great year of wall to wall community service. Endless counts of supplemental security patrols, code violation reports, social events, police interactions, street repairs, business relationships, beautification efforts, neighborhood cleanups, electronic updates, newspaper distributions and government collaborations led to the continued upkeep of one of Columbus's most underrated communities. Also in 2013, we successfully introduced the new Forest Park web-site and began using the Paypal option for the convenience of our membership. We now publish the monthly Forester on the web site in full color in case you do not receive your publication.

In another first, we coordinated community action efforts to "flood" select departments on specific matters of urgency. Having large numbers of citizens advocate for something creates a lot of attention for the public good. While this tactic needs to be used sparingly so it can maintain its effectiveness, it has produced some positive results thus far.

NOW IS YOUR TIME: We invite you to be part of the 2014 FPCA board. At the time of this article, it remains uncertain as to what vacancies there will be, but we will find a place for you. Typical entry positions involve being an area representative, or possibly an assistant area representative. Representatives bring the news and concerns of the area to the monthly meetings, while communicating knowledge with fellow residents. Opportunities arise for board members to become further involved when both time and passion permit. Board members are friendly, helpful, and fun to work with.

CHANGE IN THE PRESIDENCY: Well, the mother ship has come back to beam me up and I will be stepping down from the presidency. I will nonetheless maintain a very active participation by assuming the title of "Past President." While being president has at times been a time-consuming endeavor, it was also much easier than I anticipated because of the dedication from the board members. While many neighborhood associations struggle to survive through the efforts of just a few people, our growing board reaches six-fold. I never once felt as if I were on an island. I will always be filled with personal gratitude to the board, and the community as a whole.

I'm pleased to announce that current Vice President, Ken Gilbert, will provide the new leadership. Ken has been tireless in his work with FPCA, and his knowledge about Northland is extremely impressive. Supplemental Security Officer Ed Vanasdale will become the new vice president. Ed and Ken represent the best of Forest Park. You are in the best of hands with the new ticket.

THE RETURN OF HOLIDAY PASSION: When I was not a resident of Forest Park, I remember coming into the neighborhood to see the spectacle of some of the greatest holiday-decorated homes in the city. My family still drives into Larkwood to see the coordination of white lights that run up and down the streets. Thanks to the generous donors who contributed to our beautification fund, now running a surplus, we're going to try and bring back some of this holiday passion with a holiday lights decoration contest. So go hog wild!!! See additional information in this newspaper for how to nominate a neighbor for this award.

REMEMBER CHULA VISTA As stated in last month's Forester, we are asking for residents to send messages of support for the "Chula Vista Hotel Ordinance." This proposed legislation would strengthen the city's ability to shut down poorly operated hotels. The 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. The contact information for Councilwoman Michelle M. Mills is aemarsico@columbus.gov (Legislative Aid to Mills) and Mayor Coleman mac@columbus.gov

May everything you want out of the Holiday season be the best.

Sincerely, Mike Stone

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FOREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION
November 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The November Forest Park Civic Association meeting was called to order by President Mike Stone at Epworth Methodist Church at 7:10 p.m.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the President gave his report, which included updates about the temporary fencing on a Hempwood Road property, the effort to support city licensing for hotels, and personnel changes of the board.

Dick Graham, the neighborhood liaison for the city of Columbus, fielded questions about code violations, abandoned houses, and parking. He reported that the city is still trying to contact the owner of 1299 Boxwood. He indicated that the fencing at 1503 Hempwood, although it looks very unsightly, may not be against code, because it is a temporary fence. He was going to look into it further, and report his findings. Members let him know about some vandalized traffic signs and overgrown yards.

Treasurer Dan Hartzell read his financial reports for September and October, which were submitted and approved by the attending members. There were losses for both months, \$588.64 and \$1,799.60, respectively.

Committee reports were then presented. The Security Committee reported that no incidents had been forwarded. Forester reports and Welcome Committee reports were also given.

Marci Hasty, executive director of the North YMCA, spoke for a few minutes about some completed renovations of a few areas of the Y. She invites area residents who have not seen them to stop by to check them out for themselves.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m. by Mike Stone.

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This is *different* from being on the FPCA-News mailing list (to which this message is sent). 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.

The [SUBSCRIBE](#) function on the web site will enable you to receive a notice of any new posts or events on the web site. This includes when the Forester is posted in a digital format (handy if you want to look at something and can't find it - or did not receive your Forester in the "Bag!"). You can also learn when *new* events are posted to the [CALENDAR](#). (You'll also want to check the [CALENDAR](#) for events already posted, such as the next meeting date, figuring out trash pickup dates, or whether this week is recycling or yard waste. * Optionally, you can also get the calendar feed into your online calendar or device!)

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

When you [SUBSCRIBE](#), you receive a *brief* email when a new post or event is added to the web site. (You also have full control on the [Subscribe Page](#) 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, yours truly could always change it to a "daily digest.").

I recommend that you [SUBSCRIBE](#) now at the FPCA web site. Keep informed through *both* the web site and the FPCA-News mailing list. Don't miss any of the latest helpful FPCA and community information.

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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
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REBECCA CRADDOCK	394-7721	16				XX	XX		XX	EAST
CADE CARY	975-9688	15	XX	XX	XX				XX	EAST
DEMAH DULANEY	468-11285	13	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX		
KAREN JOHNSON	773-491-7918	15				XX	XX	XX	XX	WEST
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Forest Park Holiday Contest

Decorate your homes this Christmas Season

Forest Park Residents: it's time to light up the neighborhood

It's time to start thinking about Christmas and Christmas lights. We will be looking for the best lights in Forest Park East and West. We will be judging the last two weeks of December and pick one winner for each side of Forest Park. The prizes will be given out in January.



If you see lights that you think should win, give Lora Hartzell a call at 846-2784 or email Lora at gobot100@yahoo.com



good luck everyone !!

FOREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION October 2013 Treasurer's Report						
	Month		Year-to-Date		Budget	
	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses
Membership	\$ 190.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 7,390.00	\$ 2,123.36	\$ 4,760.00	\$ 1,340.00
Business Membership			\$ 332.00	\$ 39.01	\$ 240.00	\$ -
Supplemental Security Split	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 13,533.00	\$ 10,997.50	\$ 13,400.00	\$ 13,400.00
Interest	\$ 0.11		\$ 0.60		\$ 2.00	
Forester	\$ 395.00	\$ 1,416.00	\$ 9,240.00	\$ 13,789.41	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Garage Sale			\$ 305.00	\$ 104.24	\$ 250.00	\$ 100.00
Additional donations			\$ 464.00		\$ 1,493.00	
Island Maintenance & Improvement		\$ 60.00	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 3,050.00		\$ 400.00
Liability Insurance/Bond						\$ 450.00
Miscellaneous		\$ 90.00		\$ 90.00		\$ 300.00
Northland Community Council				\$ 380.00		\$ 380.00
Treasurer Expenses				\$ 54.60		\$ 150.00
Beautification Awards			\$ 405.00	\$ 159.62		\$ 125.00
Outreach Day				\$ 604.58		\$ 200.00
July 4th Bikes/Parade Floats		\$ 13.71		\$ 276.25		\$ 200.00
50th Anniversary			\$ 1,900.00	\$ 100.00		
Block watch				\$ 36.00		\$ 100.00
Walmart Grant/Welcome Committee			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 60.73	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Total Income & Expenses	\$ 885.11	\$ 2,684.71	\$ 37,044.60	\$ 31,865.30	\$ 33,645.00	\$ 33,645.00
Net Income (Loss)		\$ (1,799.60)		\$ 5,179.30		
Bank Balance at end of month			\$ 10,947.34			

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY



BY: Edward Vanasdale

No news is good news! We have not heard of many issues in the past month and we are hoping that means the Forest Park Neighborhoods have been quiet and safe. Please call the police at **645-4545** if there are concerns about vandalism or incidents in your neighborhood and follow that up with a phone call to supplemental security. The Columbus Police want you to call of any incident at your home or in the neighborhood. It helps them to keep track of what is going on in our neighborhoods. 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. Enjoy your Holidays and keep your home secure.

Supplemental Security House Check Forest Park Business Members and Homeowner Members only!

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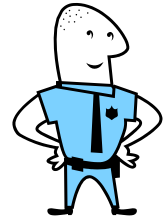
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If you have a new neighbor please let me or your Area Representative listed in the Forester know so we can make a welcome visit.

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News from Northland High School



Northland High School's STEM Club was recently named [CHAPTER OF THE YEAR!](#) as the year's best NSBE Jr. chapter as seen in the professional magazine, NSBE BRIDGE, the National Society of Black Engineers Pre-College Magazine. This award was given to them at the conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Every Tuesday after school, STEM Club members meet in the cafeteria from 2:45 to 4:30 p.m. for activities centered on science, technology, engineering and math enrichment. Go Vikings !!

Northland Football team made the state playoffs for only the second time in school history. They lost to New Albany HS in the first round of the playoffs (35-21). They finished with a record of 7-3. Go Vikings!!

Fifteen Northland High School Students are travelling weekly to Parkmoor Elementary to be Reading Buddies for students needing extra reading intervention. Students encouraging students. Go Vikings !!

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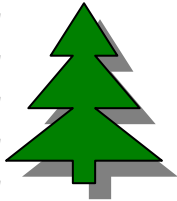
Happy Holidays to All!

Next meeting:

Tuesday, January 28th, 2014

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

Christmas Music to Enjoy!!



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church and St. Dominic Catholic Church are celebrating Christmas with a concert of seasonal choral music and carols by their combined choirs on Sunday, December 15, at 4 p.m. A freewill offering will be received.

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December. 2013



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I hope everyone has a safe & happy holiday season. This has been another great year in real estate and I would like to thank everyone who has done business with me and who has referred their family & friends to me.

My listings at **5124 Northcliff Lp. W, 1415 Cottonwood, 1678 Norma & 5453 Aspen Rd.** closed this past month and **5360 Maple Canyon** and **5107 Sassafras Rd.** went in-contract quickly.

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5261 Karl Rd.	Ranch/5BR	94,900			
* New Listings	**New Price				



HER Realtors homes In Contract

2240 Maplewood ©	Split/3BR	99,000	5107 Sassafras Rd.	Ranch/3BR	112,900
5360 Maple Canyon	2-Sty/3BR	104,900	1865 Torchwood Dr ©	2-Sty/4BR	119,900
5233 Avalon Ave ©	2-Sty/4BR	112,900			

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All Homes SOLD

Since 10/18/13		Asking:	Sold Price:
1678 Norma Rd.	Ranch/3BR	84,900	82,000
5215 Karl Rd.	2-Sty/3BR	89,900	88,000
1467 Hedgewood Pl	Ranch/3BR	109,900	99,500
5332 Sprucewood Rd.	Split/3BR	114,900	112,500
5124 Northcliff LpW	2-Sty/4BR	129,900	128,900
5453 Aspen Rd.	2-Sty/4BR	134,900	131,500
1415 Cottonwood Dr.	Ranch/3BR	139,500	133,000

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*Special Wishes
At Christmas*

*When these warm
and special wishes
Are delivered to your door.
No doubt they'll be accompanied
By many, many more --*

*But of all the Christmas wishes
Delivered to you yearly.
There couldn't be another
Wished more warmly or sincerely.*



*Have a Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*

Mary