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Forest Park Civic Association

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Happy 2015



I just wanted to take this opportunity to wish Forest Park a Happy New Year. We hope you will come out to our events in 2015. The next open meeting of the Forest Park Civic Association will be at 7 pm on January 13th at Epworth United Methodist Church on Karl Rd. We hope you will attend. On the schedule will be election of 2015 officers and hopefully an swearing-in ceremony. We can expect our usual visits from the City and Police, to answer your questions and get help with problems. And we will start planning for 2015.

We had a pretty good year in 2014. While there have been some unfortunate incidents, crime actually is down. Through the hard work of our police liaisons and the City Attorney's office, along with a number of other public servants, four of the biggest headache hotels have been closed. Local businesses immediately saw a drop in crime. The highlight of the summer was, as always, the annual Fourth of July parade, which runs through the heart of Columbus. We have the ear of local politicians too. And, as always, our Supplemental Security patrols, which your dues pay for and which are unique in the city, help Forest Park to hold the line against crime. We cant hope to eliminate crime, of course. But we can make it tougher on criminals. A number of big code problems were solved, in particular, the burnt out home on Boxwood, which had been a hazard for years, was torn down by the city.

We, of course, are hoping to find a few good men and women to help us in this task of improving Forest Park. We can't do everything, but with more volunteers, we can do more. Consider making a New Year's Resolution to give a few hours of your time in 2015 to help our neighborhood improve. I am looking forward to serving Forest Park in 2015 and I hope you will join me. Contact me at kgilbert78@att.net.

Ken Gilbert, President
Forest Park Civic Association



Next FPCA Meeting—JOIN US
Tuesday, January 13th 7pm
Epworth United Methodist Church
5100 Karl Road.

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	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses
Membership	\$ 150.00		\$ 17,450.00	\$ 2,080.25	\$ 19,978.00	\$ 2,000.00
Business Membership			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 720.00	\$ -
Supplemental Security	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,735.00	\$ 11,781.25	\$ 447.00	\$ 13,447.00
Interest	\$ 0.05		\$ 0.52	\$ -	\$ 2.00	
Forester	\$ 1,255.00	\$ 1,445.50	\$ 9,015.00	\$ 16,420.99	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Garage Sale			\$ 295.00	\$ 108.16	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00
Additional Donations			\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ 440.00	
Island Maintenance & Improvement		\$ 65.00	\$ -	\$ 635.00		\$ 450.00
Liability Insurance/Bond		\$ 486.00	\$ -	\$ 486.00		\$ 450.00
Miscellaneous			\$ -	\$ -		\$ 200.00
Northland Community Council			\$ 50.00	\$ 405.00		\$ 380.00
Treasurer Expenses			\$ 10.00	\$ 105.48		\$ 125.00
Beautification Awards	\$ 5.00		\$ 495.00	\$ 217.57	\$ 315.00	\$ 200.00
Outreach Day			\$ -	\$ -		\$ 200.00
July 4th Bikes/Parade Floats			\$ 200.00	\$ 195.19		\$ 250.00
Block watch			\$ -	\$ 47.58		\$ 100.00
Volunteer Grant/Welcome Committee				\$ 94.34	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 300.00
Total Income & Expenses	\$ 1,440.05	\$ 2,996.50	\$ 30,610.52	\$ 32,576.81	\$ 35,202.00	\$ 35,202.00
Net Income (Loss)		\$ (1,556.45)		\$ (1,966.29)		
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Submitted by
Felix Quachey



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2. Be careful not to leave any of your holiday shopping lying visibly in your car in mall parking lots or in your driveway or garage. Lock your shopping bags or packages in your trunk while at the mall and when you get them home, do not leave the garage door open while you make trips into the house;
3. Do not broadcast your vacation itinerary on social media until you have returned

If you are shopping online keep the following in mind:
4. Change your passwords regularly
5. Monitor your bank or credit cards statements closely and contact your financial institution when you come across charges you did not authorize immediately
6. Use caution when responding to email offers: do not click on unsolicited links in emails, go directly to the website of the business identified and never respond to unsolicited emails.
7. Be a savvy shopper: before you click "purchase" make sure the price includes all taxes and handling fees and know the return policy. Many online merchants may charge a restocking fee this time of year.

Lastly, I would like to ask that all residents who are planning to be away for vacations try to get their requests to have Supplemental Security keep an eye on their homes at least a week in advance of their trip. We have to ensure that with our limited resources and scheduling constraints, we are able to do a good job of securing your home your absence.

Happy New Year 2015



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Forest Park Business Members and Homeowner Members only!

Use this form to have your home checked while you are on vacation. The form will be passed on to the supplemental security officer and the Security Officers.

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Vacation Dates: Depart _____ Return _____ Please notify _____

Address _____ Phone _____ Who has key? _____

Address _____ Phone _____

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Will older children be in and out ? Yes _____ No _____

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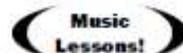
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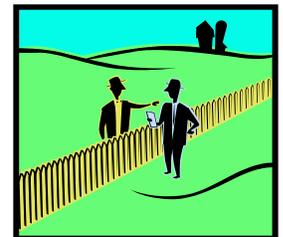
HELP us Welcome New Neighbors in Forest Park

Here in Forest Park we have always taken pride in contacting and acquainting new move-ins to our Neighborhood. Can you volunteer and help our neighborhood reps know when a new neighbor moves into their area so they can give them a Forest Park Welcome?

Our Welcome Volunteer would need to:

- Contact FPCA area reps of new move-ins.
- Research websites, newspapers and other sources of new home sales in Forest Park.
- Help organize folders of info from area businesses to deliver to new neighbors.
- Attend FPCA meetings to report updates or needs to assist new neighbors.

So, show us your talents and get to know the new Neighbors that arrive in Forest Park. Perhaps you are retired person, or you and your spouse could work as a team for this position. If you will to consider working on the FPCA Welcoming Committee, or just have additional questions about the role you can play, contact Earl Miller, 846-6389 or Ken Gilbert, 888-3559. Your efforts will benefit the neighborhood immensely.



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Take Steps to Discover

Despite living in our home for five years, our family cat recently discovered that we have a sump pump. And boy oh boy is he obsessed with it! Whenever he hears the basement motor going to work, Beanie takes off at lightning speed toward the pipes where the pumped water swishes out of the home. From the upstairs we cannot hear the pump, but know it's working when the cat pulls a Scooby-Doo (imagine an animal running in place on linoleum before finally speeding away).

Perhaps we can all follow in Beanie's footsteps by discovering new elements to our neighborhood. Many new residents are making those discoveries as each season is new to them in their new home. The veterans, especially the ones who have lived here for decades, are used to the routine and rhythm of being in Forest Park. It is essential that all of us take an active look at our surroundings to find things that we have not previously recognized. This exercise can refresh our sense of appreciation and vigilance for our neighborhood.

Do you know any of your neighbors? Do you not know any of them? Do any of them have immediate needs that should be given outside attention? Have there been improvements up and down your street that are helpful? Have there been code issues that have been satisfied? Has your area been without major incident of crime? Has there been code or blight issues needing attention? Has there been suspicious activity, break-in or vandalism issues in the area? In any of these cases needing improvement, have you taken the time to notify police, FPCA or Forest Park Block Watch to improve the chances of a solution?

Over the past year, have you supported the organizations dedicated to your home? Did you join FPCA? Have you attended an FPCA or FP Block Watch meeting? Are you a subscriber to the email lists for both of these organizations? Have you volunteered in any of its activities? Have you filed a 311 code violation report? Have you taken opportunities to improve relations amongst your neighbors along your street?

As we begin 2015, I hope you will consider these words when living in Forest Park: Vigilance, Support and Optimism. Be on the lookout for any possible neighborhood problems and let people know about them. Call attention to it and do what you can to be part of the solution. Support your surrounding community. Support the neighbors who might need a bit of help, or even possibly some information on what is expected of being a Forest Park homeowner. Lastly, be optimistic and proud to be living in Forest Park. We have our concerns, but you will find many of the same living in Worthington or Westerville. Be a good ambassador of Forest Park and Northland. Speak highly of the area and dispel unfair misconceptions that many have about the area. Your words will do a huge service to the community.

Have a wonderful 2015, and don't get caught between the sump pump and your cat.

The North YMCA

January is a time for newness. Many come to the Y to start a year of physical exercise and renew a commitment to better health. We encourage you to do this and to continue that effort throughout 2015. There are many other things that you can gain from associating with the Y.

Warm Northland winter accessories giveaway day on January 6. Take a look at those around you. Look for needs. From 4:00 – 7:00 PM we will be giving out gloves, hats, scarves and coats. There will be refreshments. A big thank you, to all in Forest Park who donated items. If you feel so inclined we could use your help hosting the event. Just sign up at the Y. We thank Meijer and the businesses on Tamarack Circle for the generous donations. Contact us at ymcacolumbus.org/north

Seniors, do what I do. Join and take advantage of all the Y has to offer for free. Most insurances offer Silver Sneakers. It covers the fee for membership. Each time you sign the Y gets an infusion of cash. If ever there was a win-win this is it. It gladdens my heart to see seniors walking together in the gym, spinning together, swimming together, and making friends all while getting healthier.

Join us for the free introduction Scuba class on January 31, from 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Membership recruitment and engagement is our focus from an operational standpoint and the offer for the month of January is \$0 enrollment fee.

Winter session programs begin January 5 and registration is open now. **Submitted by George Schmidt**

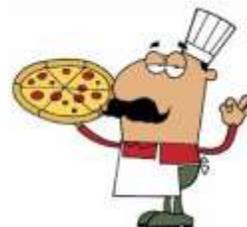


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STYLE & NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD	AVERAGE LIST PRICE	AVERAGE SOLD PRICE	RANGE OF SOLDS (Low-High)
2 STORY 36	\$115,803	\$113,199	\$ 50,900 - \$155,000
SPLIT 31	\$113,494	\$109,992	\$ 40,500 - \$135,000
RANCH 37	\$103,817	\$102,149	\$ 55,000 - \$138,100
BILEVEL 5	\$103,060	\$ 99,260	\$ 71,500 - \$124,900
TOTAL SOLD 109	* (FYI - 26 % of the homes SOLD this year were bank owned or short sales)		

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5355 Sprucewood Rd	2-Sty/4BR	94,000	5511 Cherrywood Rd.	Ranch/4BR	124,900
* New Listings	**New Price				

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5597 Rocky Pine Lp W.	2-Sty/4BR	115,000
1744 Rocky Pine Lp N	Split/3BR	117,000
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5566 Satinwood Dr.	Bilvl/3BR	76,700	82,000	5261 Avalon	2-Sty/4BR	119,500	119,000
2140 Sumac Lp N	Split/3BR	79,900	75,000	5011 Ivyhill Lp W	Ranch/3BR	125,900	123,000
1724 Norma Rd.	2-Sty/4BR	79,900	79,000	1673 Pin Oak Dr.	Split/3BR	129,900	127,900
5157 Northtowne	Split/3BR	80,000	80,000	5657 Sandalwood	2-Sty/4BR	139,900	134,000
4957 Lyle Rd.	Ranch/3BR	104,900	98,500	1753 Penworth Dr	2-Sty/4BR	141,000	138,000
1380 Firwood Dr.	Split/3BR	114,900	108,000	1695 Ivyhill Lp N	2-Sty/4BR	142,500	146,500



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