



# The Forester



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# Happy Thanksgiving



# Forest Park



## Our Neighborhood

This is an amazing neighborhood and you are living in it at an amazing time...and it's getting better every day. Property values continue to climb, filling with people of every age and background. There is a lot of excitement and passion for those living among us. The Forest Park Civic Association needs that passion.

By now you know the amount of work that FPCA has done by working with the city, advocating for key legislation, arranging extra security and keeping the neighborhood beautiful. While they're happy to do it, many of them are exhausted. We need new people to join us with new ideas and a new skillset to compliment that which is in existence now. As we look toward 2017 we need to fill the vacancies mentioned later in this article. Come to us with your talent and we'll find a way to use it. Thank you so much for consideration!! Continued, pg 4

## Next FPCA Meeting

**Tuesday November 8 - 7 pm**

Location:

Epworth United Methodist Church  
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The December Issue of the Forester will be both online at [www.fpcivic.org](http://www.fpcivic.org) and delivered to households in the Forest Park Area. The January Issue of the Forester will be Online ONLY.



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September 2016 Treasurer's Report						
	Month		Year-to-Date		Budget	
	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses
Membership	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 21.39	\$ 17,050.00	\$ 2,392.86	\$ 18,250.00	\$ 2,550.00
Business Membership	\$ 195.00		\$ 855.00	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -
Supplemental Security	\$ 145.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 2,053.00	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 1,890.00	\$ 13,250.00
Interest	\$ 0.13		\$ 0.83	\$ -	\$ 1.00	
Forester	\$ 855.00	\$ 1,179.46	\$ 12,183.00	\$ 15,562.14	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 17,400.00
Garage Sale	\$ 110.00	\$ 33.50	\$ 245.00	\$ 67.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 110.00
Additional Donations	\$ 45.00		\$ 740.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	
Island Maintenance & Improvement		\$ 90.00	\$ -	\$ 570.00		\$ 550.00
Liability Insurance/Bond			\$ -	\$ -		\$ 510.00
Miscellaneous			\$ -	\$ 3,865.54		\$ 101.00
Northland Community Council			\$ -	\$ 380.00		\$ 400.00
Treasurer Expenses			\$ 5.00	\$ 126.67		\$ 100.00
Beautification Awards	\$ 15.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 388.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 175.00
Outreach Day			\$ -	\$ 273.75		\$ 200.00
July 4th Bikes/Parade Floats			\$ 200.00	\$ 189.05	\$ 200.00	\$ 220.00
Block watch			\$ -	\$ -		\$ 100.00
Welcome Committee/Directory			\$ 1,014.00	\$ 477.06	\$ 25.00	\$ 150.00
<b>Total Income &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,940.13</b>	<b>\$ 2,724.35</b>	<b>\$ 34,733.83</b>	<b>\$ 33,804.07</b>	<b>\$ 35,816.00</b>	<b>\$ 35,816.00</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>		<b>\$ 215.78</b>		<b>\$ 929.76</b>		
Account Balances at end of month		<b>\$ 11,254.92</b>				

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## **The North YMCA**

*by George Schmidt*

Did you know that the Y is a charity organization. Its mission is to serve the whole community building a healthy spirit, mind and body. There are a lot of opportunities for members and non-members. There are programs that are free.

Silver Sneakers is for people over 65. For most with insurance the membership fee is free. The Y gets reimbursed for each visit the member makes.

Check out After School Foundations for teens. 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders meet from 3-6pm on Mondays. We are planning a January trip to The Wright Brothers Museum after a month long discussion of the David McCullough book, "The Wright Brother."

Leaders Club is what it says. This group has made a more defined commitment to participate and serve. A multiple state 4-day college tour is planned for the Spring.

At the November 8 Forest Park meeting the Youth in Government group will present their legislation that they will take to the State House.

There are sports galore. Right now we are in to Basketball and Flag Football.

On April 29 we will have a Healthy Kids Day and Sports extravaganza.

The North Y serves Forest Park. The facilities have served as us well. For us to support the Y is a winning idea. We are looking for people who want to make a difference in people's lives, keep kids off the streets, mentor, strengthen families and have a good time. We are a charity.

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## Our Neighborhood,.....continued from pg. 1

Whether you decide to help your neighborhood or not, your decision will shape the look of Forest Park.

### Most Urgent Positions

**Secretary**-- This position is a relatively small time commitment as he/ she takes notes during the monthly FPCA meeting and writes up the minutes to be published in the Forester.

**Business Representative**--Forest Park works with many local businesses and the representative keeps in touch with them. This volunteer often communicates the FPCA promotional and sponsorship opportunities. It's a great way to know those serving our consumer needs.

**Area Representatives**-- Area representatives are the lifeblood of the association as they communicate to the concerns needing attention in their part of Forest Park. They welcome new neighbors and give support to the summer membership drive. It's a fun, stress-free way to meet neighbors and help secure neighborhood. Area representatives can even represent areas outside their residence. We currently have vacancies in area 4,5,7,8,9 and 14.

**Forester Delivery help:** For the last half year, Forester delivery has never been stronger thanks to the many volunteers who are delivering papers along their streets. We need additional deliverers to help further improve this process. It's a fun way to keep in contact with your neighbors.

**Forester Assembly:** This group gathers to place Foresters into door hanging bags. Those who do it say it is a fun social gathering.

**Welcome Committee members:** The job of these volunteers is to excitedly greet new neighbors as they arrive in Forest Park. They provide information about the area and the Civic Association.

**FPCA Newspaper help.** Our residents are doing so many interesting things and we could use help with people writing up articles about these great endeavors.

These are only a handful of the opportunities. With interest in any of them, or interest in contributing in your special way, please contact Mike at [\(614\) 218-1788](tel:6142181788) or [msto0103@yahoo.com](mailto:msto0103@yahoo.com)

Thank you for being a valued member of the neighborhood.  
Mike Stone, Volunteer Coordinator



# Supplemental Security News



## Forest Park Residents,

**With the weather beginning to get cooler outside it is important that our vigilance remain high! Here are a few things to consider:**

- ◆ **Continue to keep your ground floor windows locked.**
- ◆ **Pay attention to your fence gates both as you leave your home and as you return—are they locked as you left them, or are they now open?**
- ◆ **When the leaves and subsequently snow comes down, pay attention to tracks left in the snow or leaves around your home for evidence of unusual traffic around your home other than the mailman or other delivery personnel.**
- ◆ **With holiday shopping season getting ready to start, be sure to have your packages delivered to you at work or to a neighbor's home who you know will be available to sign for them. Don't make you home an easy target.**
- ◆ **Always answer your doorbell! Do not open the door and expose yourself to being attacked! Simply making it known you are home in many cases will deter a burglar from breaking in as they would rather be charged with a burglary when caught than with a robbery.**
- ◆ **Always lock the entry door from your garage into your home.**

**As always, if something looks out of place to you, pay attention and report it by way of the Columbus Police Non-Emergency line at 614-645-4545 and then press \* when the machine picks up to be connected to a live operator and they will be happy to dispatch a car to investigate.**

Attention all residents: Please send all your vacation home check requests at least a full week ahead of your departure. We need a little lead time for our patrol officer to adjust his schedule if the need arises.

## Supplemental Security House Check 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.

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Vacation Dates: Depart \_\_\_\_\_ Return \_\_\_\_\_ Please notify \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Who has key? \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Lights on timer? \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Radio or TV continuously on timer? \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

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December 2, 16, 30



**Yard Waste & Blue Can Recycling happens on the same Friday, every other week.**



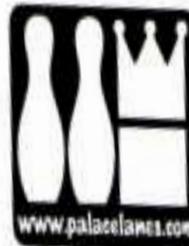
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## Cedar Willow Block Party

Submitted by Bob Sunderman

On Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, residents of Cedar Willow Drive in Forest Park East, gathered to welcome new neighbors and rekindle friendships among longer-time residents. A cookout and social fellowship was hosted on the front lawn of long-time resident Carol Pence. Carol and a small contingent of neighbors provided hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages, tables, chairs, music and decorations for the party. All residents of Cedar Willow were invited to stop by and get acquainted. Fifteen households were represented and they brought along delicious side dishes and desserts for all to devour.



Several Cedar Willow neighbors have talked for many years of gathering together like they had years before when they used to hold large block parties in the neighborhood, but they were never able to make it a reality. This year, several new families arrived on Cedar Willow and we wanted to welcome them and other recently arriving neighbors to the street. There were many introductions, laughs and even a birthday celebration as the neighbors enjoyed each other's company and developed friendships. As the evening drew to a close, everyone agreed that we needed to come together again soon and include more neighbors as we celebrate our common location and community. There is even talk of hosting Open Houses this upcoming Holiday Season!



### *The way I see it*

Laws are generally made for a reason. Somebody gets hurt or something is done that if we all did it we would have a mess.

1. Not parking a cross the driveway is a law because people in wheelchairs and folks with strollers have a hard time.
2. Parking on grass kills the grass and makes a mess.
3. Not cutting the grass or mowing the lawn, well it just does not look good.
4. Not putting plastic bags in the recycle makes it easier for the people who have to sort.
5. Contacting 311 and arranging for special trash pick-ups and putting the old couch and stuff out the night before prevents it from becoming a soggy mess. It makes sense and is easy to do.
6. Putting your trash can out the night before and taking it back the same day it is picked up looks better.

All these things are law and you can be fined. I hope our motivation is to make Forest Park the best it can be. Beyond that it would be great if we all could look out for our neighbors.

Let's help one another.

My opinion.

Submitted by George Schmidt

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## Forest Park Civic Association Meeting Tuesday October 10, 2016 Minutes

@ Epworth United Methodist Church

Submitted by Rita Woeste, substitute Secretary

Columbus Police Officers took questions from neighbors about incidents in the neighborhood. Folks were encouraged to attend the monthly Forest Park Block Watch meetings for further information. Officer Klinger was recognized in Washington, D.C. by an invite of the U.S. Attorney General for an award on Neighborhood Policing. He was 2 of 12 officers nationwide to receive this award.

Next, roll call was taken by Ken Gilbert, past-president.

**Neighborhood News** – The new Kroger Building on Morse Road will open October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. There is a new strip center that will be built in front of the Kroger store.

**Guest Speaker for the evening** – Mr. Tran of ABC Liquor on 161, & Mr. Young. Mr. Young explained about the upcoming election and that Ward 30, Precinct A will have a vote to decide for Sunday Liquor Sales at ABC Liquor. Currently, Beer/Wine are available for sale on Sunday but Mr. Tran doesn't open his store due to the liquor in the building. It was discussed that the new Kroger will have a Liquor store too. This vote is only for liquor sale at the ABC Liquor and its address for that area. Mr. Tran has assisted in the 161 Task Force to do clean up on 161 and has donated \$500 to this cause.

**Treasurer Report** – The Hartzell stated that monies reflect 63 new household memberships at \$25 each and 3 new business memberships at \$60 each. The balance at the end of September is \$11,254.92 with a net income for September to be \$215.78

**Volunteer Report** – Mike Stone reported a group of neighbors met 2 weeks ago and reviewed the existing list of folks listed interest in volunteering on the membership form. This consisted of 22 pages of names. The group was checking with those names on the list to see if they are willing to volunteer at this time for any specific area. The group will meet again in 2 week to see what the results are from checking with those folks on the list.

**Forester Newsletter** – Rita Woeste reminded folks that the upcoming November Forester will only be ONLINE. Articles were requested to be sent to Rita by Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Public Relations** – Mary Sguerra told the group that the Garage Sale was a success again with 15+ folks listing their garage sales for the day.

**Welcome Committee** – Donna Vanasdale asked for folks to help with delivery of Welcome Folders to new residents in the neighborhood and they could take them with them after the meeting.

**Other News** – The old Sequoia Pool has until December 31<sup>st</sup> to get the old pool filled in with dirt. There was not mention of what needed to be done with the existing building.

**New Business- 2017 Budget.** Dan Hartzell, treasurer, stated that the budget year needs to match the membership year, so he was requesting a partial year budget til the it lines up with membership timeline mid next year 2017. He also asked for anyone to contribute concerns or info they might have to helping with the budget. The urgency for this change to the budget is due to the loss of monies we are having each month with expenses of security and Forester print costs and lower than normal memberships for the year. He stated the executive committee will have a meeting at the Treasurer's house to further look at this budget and report back at a future meeting.

There was a motion made and second to increase business memberships from \$60 to \$75 starting in January 2017. This motion was passed. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup> proposal to increase cost of ads in the Forester and limit the size of ads. Cost for back page ad is \$200, full page ad \$195. Each issue will sell up to 4 Quarter page ads, 8 business page ads, and 2, half page ads per issue. This is a total of 5 pages of ads for a 12 page newsletter. The motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed by the group. This will go into effect with the 2017 year.

There was a group discussion about how to raise money for the FPCA with one idea of possibly raising household memberships. Another consideration was what percentage of our memberships should cover supplemental security and do folks want more security or issues of the Forester. This discussion was tabled til a later meeting.

The FPCA meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm

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The following homes are For Sale with HER Realtors:



<b>1282 Belden Rd.</b>	Ranch/2BR	<b>89,900 **</b>	5226 Arrowood Ct.	Blvl/3BR	127,900
<b>5336 Hedgewood Rd.</b>	Ranch/3BR	<b>95,000 **</b>	5237 Arrowood Lp W	Ranch/3BR	129,500
<b>1119 Belden Rd.</b>	2-Sty/3BR	<b>118,900 **</b>	1503 Boxwood Dr.	Split/4BR	138,500 **
<b>1928 Judwick Dr.</b>	2-Sty/3BR	<b>125,000</b>	<b>5394 Pine Bluff Rd.</b>	<b>2-Sty/4BR</b>	<b>137,000 **</b>
<b>5156 Northtowne Blvd</b>	<b>Ranch/3BR</b>	<b>127,000 *</b>			

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**HER Realtors homes In Contract**

1459 Cottonwood Dr	Split/4BR	124,900
1694 Pin Oak Dr.	Ranch/3BR	125,000
<b>5422 Hazelwood Rd.</b>	<b>Split/4BR</b>	<b>132,500</b>
5436 Aspen Rd	2Sty/3BR	139,900
<b>5478 Rockwood Rd.</b>	<b>2-Sty/4BR</b>	<b>135,000</b>



(C)-In Contract Contingent (E)-I/C w/Escapes clause

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Homes sold since 9-18-15

	Asking Price	Sold Price		Asking Price	Sold Price		
5092 Riverbirch Dr N	Split/3BR	35,000	32,000	5135 Northcliff Lp E	2-Sty/4BR	145,000	145,500
5624 Sandalwood	Ranch/3BR	109,000	110,000	5488 Rockwood	Split/4BR	149,900	145,000
2093 Honeytree Ct.	Split/3BR	114,900	115,000	1915 Denise	2-Sty/4BR	149,900	144,000
5336 Poplarwood	Ranch/3BR	115,000	112,500	1869 Tamarack Ct N	2-Sty/4BR	149,900	149,900
1182 Vinewood Dr.	Ranch/3BR	125,000	125,000	5379 Vinewood Ct.	2-Sty/4BR	154,900	135,000
5456 Driftwood	Ranch/3BR	132,000	132,000	2239 Yellow Pine	2-Sty/4BR	154,900	153,500
1512 Cypresswood Ct.	2-Sty/4BR	134,900	134,900				

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