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Forest Park Civic Association

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Happy Holidays

from your Forest Park Civic Association

Hello, Forest Park, the Christmas season is upon us. I hope everyone enjoyed a happy Thanksgiving. I want everyone to know that there will be no general meeting at the Epworth Methodist Church in December. At the general meeting on January 10, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Epworth elections for officers and representatives will be held. Anyone may volunteer for all positions; however, we are in need of volunteers for the offices of secretary, business representative, and several area representatives. If you are willing to hold any of these posistions, please contact me, Ed Vanasdale, or Ken Gilbert. Our contact information is on the second page of this Forester at the top left hand corner. We encourage all of you to volunteer in our organization.

Also, at the January 10 meeting we shall be purposing changes to the Forest Park Civic Association Constitution and By-laws. If you would like to vote on these changes, you must be in attendance at this meeting. This is the official notice to the homeowners of Forest Park of the purposed changes.

The purposed changes to the Constitution of the Forest Park Civic Association as last revised in 2005 are as follows:

Article VI-dues (now): Dues to the Forest Park Civic Association shall be on a fiscal year basis commencing on July 1 and ending on June 31 of the following year.

PURPOSED: Dues of the Forest Park Civic Association shall be on a fiscal year basis commencing on April 1 to March 31 of the following year.

Article X- Annual Budget (now): The budget shall be for the period of Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 of the next calendar year.

Purposed: The budget shall be for the period of April 1 through March 31 of the next calendar year.

The purposed changes to the Forest Park Civic Association By-law last revised January 2005 are as follows:

By-law XIII- Finance Committee (now): The final annual budget shall be in effect for one year commencing on July 1 of that year.

PURPOSED CHANGE: The fiscal annual budget shall be in effect for one year commencing on April 1 of that year.

These purposed changes will help the association to align the membership with the annual budget to better plan and serve the community. I hope all of you will plan to attend the January 10, 2017 meeting to participate

May you all have happy holidays, and I hope to see you in January.

Ed Vanasdale, FPCA Presidnent



Next FPCA Meeting

NO DECEMBER Meeting, Happy Holidays

Next Meeting
Tuesday January 10th - 7 pm

Location:

Epworth United Methodist Church 5100 Karl Road

JOIN US and be active in Forest Park

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Articles for January, 2017 Forester due to editor by December 16th, 2016. The JANUARY 2017 Forester will be ONLINE only at fpcivic.org.

CONTRIBUTORS THIS MONTH ARE:

Dan Hartzell, Cate Gilbert, Mary Squerra Mike Stone, Felix Quachey, Rita Woeste,





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Forester	\$	185.00	\$	250.00	\$	12,368.00	\$	15,812.14	\$	12,500.00	\$	17,400.00
Garage Sale			:		\$	245.00	\$	67.00	\$	250.00	\$	110.00
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Miscellaneous			\$	50.00	\$	- 0	\$	3,915.54			\$	101.00
Northland Community Council					\$		\$	380.00			\$	400.00
Treasurer Expenses					\$	5.00	\$	126.67			\$	100.00
Beautification Awards	\$	5.00			\$	393.00	\$	150.00	\$	350.00	\$	175.00
Outreach Day					\$	-	\$	273.75			\$	200.00
July 4th Bikes/Parade Floats	19 6	1			\$	200.00	\$	189.05	\$	200.00	\$	220.00
Block watch					\$		\$	0.00			\$	100.00
Welcome Committee/Directory					\$	1,014.00	\$	477.06	\$	25.00	\$	150.00
Total Income & Expenses	\$	365.13	\$	670.00	\$	35,098.96	\$	34,474.07	\$	35,816.00	\$	35,816.00
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Thank you!! Thank you!! Thank you!!

You make this neighborhood incredibly special. Forest Park is unique in so many ways thanks to your contribution. Consider the following...

You likely keep your well-built home in a beautiful and strong condition. You have probably made further investments to maintain its strength and beauty first established during the neighborhood's "Parade of Homes" days.

You manage some of the gorgeous trees that allow Forest Park to live up to its name. This is one of the city's most beautiful tree-lined communities.

You look out for your neighbors. You might be a FP Block Watch participant. Perhaps you stay current with the neighborhood through the Forest Park Facebook site or "Next Door."

You likely join the Forest Park Civic Association and thereby fund the supplemental security program. It's the only neighborhood in Columbus to have one.

You may be one of the many neighborhood volunteers who have either helped with FPCA or the entire Northland community. Perhaps you helped with the amazing 161 clean-up operations. Maybe you helped with Forester Newspaper delivery or with the membership drive. Apologies if you participated in one of the many other activities.

So enjoy the close of 2016 and have a great start to the new year!! You've earned it!!

WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP IN FILLING THESE FPCA 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 4,7,8,9 and 14.

Forester Delivers: 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 or msto0103@yahoo.com

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

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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happens on the
same Friday, every
other week.







Forest Park Civic Association Meeting Tuesday, November 8, 2016 Minutes

@ Epworth United Methodist Church Submitted by Rita Woeste and Catherine Gilbert,

Meeting was started at 7:04 pm with Roll Call by Rita Woeste. Ed Vanasdale, Felix Quachey, Mike Stone, Dan Hartzell, Mary Sguerra, Ken Gilbert, Donna Vanasdale, Bob Hinebaugh, Linda Hancock, Scott Prigan, Rita Woeste, George Schmidt, and Cate Gilbert were in Attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance followed roll call.

<u>Volunteer Report</u> - Mike Stone reported the Volunteer committee is contacting people who expressed a desire to volunteer when they mailed their membership form back in. The current needs are secretary, business representative, area representatives for areas 4, 7, 8, 9, and 14, Forester delivery and assembly, and welcome committee volunteers. The group will meet again the Monday prior to Thanksgiving. Discussion was they felt volunteers from the list may not have responded to phone calls during this past election time.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Dan Hartzell stated total income for October were \$365.13. Total expenses for October were \$670.00. Account balance at the end of the month is \$11,308.44

Bylaws - Discussion from Executive Board about change of the FPCA bylaws and constitution for the FPCA. The request was to change fiscal year to match membership year which goes from April to March. The other request is a change for the budget year.

If you are interested in running for a 2017 FPCA board position, please contact Ken Gilbert at kgilbert78@att.net or 614-888-3559

<u>Supplemental security</u> update presented by Felix Quachey: main concerns were cars being parked on curbs, blocking sidewalks and on unpaved surfaces. The recent Columbus Citizen Police Academy had 4 graduates from Forest Park. The next Police Academy starts in March 2017 and runs for 12 weeks. The class is a great way to better understand what the police does.

<u>Police Liaison</u> Officer Clinger answered resident's questions. The November Block Watch Coordinator meeting will be Tuesday, November 15th at 7 pm at 1120 Morse Road. The Speaker would be Judge Hawkins from the Environmental Court. There was some other discussion about the school area where the young person was hit last month.

161 Task Force - George Schmidt shared about the recent award the 161 Task Force for the work along 161. There was a recent traffic study on 161 completed with public meetings to discuss the results to be planned in Spring 2017. They are also working on a "Taste of 161" for Spring 2017, more details to come. George and 161 Task Force were presented with a Best Project of the Year by Sandra Lopez from the City Neighborhood Committee. George tells us that George Hadler has donated \$5000 to help keeps grass mowed on 161. To date almost \$16,000 combined has been collected for grass mowing. George encouraged folks to help at the last Cleanup on 161 coming up on Saturday November 8th, starting at 9 am. 83 businesses have done something to help 161 in the past year.

<u>Forester</u> – deadline for articles is Friday, November 11th, due the Thanksgiving holiday. Email or call Rita Woeste if you have questions. Forester stuffing will take place November 29th at 2:00 at Donatos. Discussion to purchase more bags for the delivery.

<u>Public Relations</u> – Mary Sguerra reported there is nothing new to discuss.

<u>Welcome Committee</u>- Donna Vanasdale reported there are several new packets that need to be delivered to folks new to the Forest Park Neighborhood. Area 12 has requested a packet for the new move to the area.

New Business – Several proposals discussed for the last segment of the meeting. Proposal for letting businesses put in separate ads outside the Forester but at a different cost and at the discretion of the FPCA Board. There was discussion of what is a business memberships and that is doesn't guarantee an ad in the Forester. Another discussion was no more discounted Full year paid ads but to go month to month for the next year to see how financial issues goes with paying for the Forester. Proposal on delivery was clarified that the Non profit delivery group, currently the High School STEM clubs, was get a cut of the ad money from the extra ads that may go in the stuffing for the Forester. It would cost a business \$500 for a one page ad and \$300 would go to FPCA and \$200 to the delivery group. Discussion decided the business would have to pay the cost up front and print the one page ad themselves prior to the stuffing of that month's Forester. Motion was made and passed for this proposal.

More discussions on about who was responsible for business memberships, letting businesses post their business on the FPCA website and offering the option to put their link for the business on the FPCA site as well. There was further discussion on how many pages and ads per month in the Forester and that depending on the number of ads will guide how many pages the Forester will have that month. Another discussion item was assuring that Forester get printed each month or would we have to do some issues online to help cut costs. The discussion on whether to charge businesses for their ads if the Forester issue is ONLINE only was tabled for a later date due to request of more research on the issue. Continued discussions on Forester ads, number of pages and business' cost when advertising were finally halted due to the lateness in time. Meeting was adjourned approximately 9:00 pm.

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We all agreed that this was a very valuable and eye-opening experience and would encourage others to participate in the program.

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4960 Lyle Rd.	Ranch/4BR	162,900	1739 Blue Ash Pl	2-Sty/5BR	179,500
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