



# The Forester



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## **BUILDING FROM THE INSIDE OUT**

Happy February!! One of Forest Park's strengths is its real, true diversity. We're a living model for the ideal that people have when they throw around that word. The original European-American and African-American population that settled Forest Park have never left and remain here with a huge presence. Newer to the area are people from East Asia, Africa, Central and South America. It's diverse. It's balanced. It's rich. It's really great!! Together we look different, sometime speaking different languages and contribute a wide array of customs. Yet we share our lives together as we improve our properties and look out for one another.

This year, an FPCA goal is to facilitate regular meetings among different Forest Park groups that share common languages. This will hopefully lead them to further build their lives in a variety of ways.

### **HERE'S WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR...**

In order to begin some of these groups, we are looking for people who can speak both English and an international language such as of Nepali, Spanish, or one the many other demographics that grace our community.

The hope is that these groups will allow people to branch out to others within their community and ultimately the entire Forest Park community. It is the hope that these groups will provide a source of joy, entertainment and support. But the groups will become what their attendees make it.

If you have interest in helping to be part of one of these groups, please contact your area representative or call Mike Stone at [\(614\) 218-1788](tel:(614)218-1788).



Thanks to Columbus City Attorney, Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. for swearing in the new slate of officers and board members for the Forest Park Civic Association during the January 2017 meeting. Thanks also to the many volunteers who will dedicate their time to the Forest park neighborhoods in 2017.

### **Next FPCA Meeting**

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday February 14th, 7 pm**

Location:  
**Epworth United Methodist Church**  
**5100 Karl Road**

**JOIN US and be active in Forest Park**

**March Meeting**  
**Tuesday March 14th at 7 pm**

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Articles for March, 2017 Forester due to editor by February 15th, 2017. The March 2017 Forester will be delivered to homes by the first Sunday, March 5th or ONLINE at fpcivic.org .

### CONTRIBUTORS THIS MONTH ARE:

Mary Sguerra, Mike Stone, Ed Vanasdale, George Schmidt, Rae Polina, Felix Quachey, Rita Woeste

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## ***President's Report***

by Ed Vanasdale

On Tuesday, February 14 at 7:00 pm at Epworth Methodist Church Mary Rosenthal from National Church Residences will be our guest speaker. She will speak about a housing project being proposed for the area north of Rt. 161 on 5771 Maple Canyon Ave. We would like for a number of residents to attend this meeting.

I want to thank all of the residents of Forest Park for their volunteer service to the organization. We could not perform our many duties without help. They give freely of their time and effort to help this community. One of the important contributors to our community is John Biteman who over several years has been the director of the Forest Park Block Watch. At the end of March he will be stepping down. We need someone to take the reins of the FPBW. John is willing to assist the new director in planning programs for the monthly meetings. Block Watch meeting are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Epworth Methodist Church at 7:00 pm. John Biteman can be reached at 614-848-6360(work).

In March the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security will be their next round of CERT (County Emergency Response Team) training classes. See the flyer in the Forester. This is a great program to help prepare citizens for local and national disasters. At the end of the course upon successfully completing the classes, you receive a back-pack full of necessary gear that you get to keep.

Look forward to seeing you at the February meeting!



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## Forest Park Civic Association Meeting Tuesday, January 10, 2017 Minutes

@ Epworth United Methodist Church  
Submitted by Catherine Gilbert, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll Call and the election of the 2017 slate of officers presented by Nominating Chair Ken Gilbert. This year's slate of the board of officers was approved by acclamation and sworn in to the office by City Attorney Rick Pfieffer.

The Constitution and By-law changes mentioned in the December, 2016 Forester were approved by vote of the members.

Dan Hartzell presented the December treasurer's report which was approved. Mary Sguerra asked for funds to purchase new material for the island announcement boards. A motion was made and passed to spend \$100 for sign repair. Rita Woeste reminded everyone about the Forester deadline and will be coordinating with George Schmidt to create the Forester schedule.

Felix Quachey reported that the neighborhood has been mostly quiet and encouraged folks to attend the Columbus Police Citizen's Academy to be offered for 12 weeks beginning in March. Details can be found on the Columbus Police Website. George Schmidt reviewed the efforts of the 161 Task Force. The theme of the Northland 4<sup>th</sup> of July Independence Parade this year is "What do Dreams Know of Boundaries". The Northland Community Council Awards banquet will be on April 12 at Monaco's Palace. A request for Banquet committee members was made.

The Budget committee will meet in January. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

FOREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION December 2016 Treasurer's Report						
	Month		Year-to-Date		Budget	
	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses
Membership	\$ 50.00		\$ 17,300.00	\$ 2,394.03	\$ 18,250.00	\$ 2,550.00
Business Membership			\$ 855.00	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -
Supplemental Security		\$ 125.00	\$ 2,058.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 1,890.00	\$ 13,250.00
Interest	\$ 0.12		\$ 1.20	\$ -	\$ 1.00	
Forester	\$ 715.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 14,203.00	\$ 17,176.39	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 17,400.00
Garage Sale			\$ 245.00	\$ 67.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 110.00
Additional Donations			\$ 740.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	
Island Maintenance & Improvement			\$ -	\$ 690.00		\$ 550.00
Liability Insurance/Bond			\$ -	\$ 475.00		\$ 510.00
Miscellaneous			\$ 25.00	\$ 3,915.54		\$ 101.00
Northland Community Council			\$ -	\$ 380.00		\$ 400.00
Treasurer Expenses			\$ 5.00	\$ 126.67		\$ 100.00
Beautification Awards			\$ 393.00	\$ 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
Total Income & Expenses	\$ 765.12	\$ 575.00	\$ 37,039.20	\$ 36,814.49	\$ 35,816.00	\$ 35,816.00
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Hello Everyone!,

Last year, I attended the CPD's Citizens Police Academy along with our FPCA President, Ed Vanasdale, Mary Sguerra our Public Relations Rep, and PJ Phillips our then Welcome Committee Chair. Forest Park was the best represented neighborhood there and we were all happy to hear how much many of the officers we interacted with truly enjoyed working in our neighborhood. We heard over and over again how great a community we have in comparison to many other parts of the city where crime runs rampant.



We also learned a great deal about how and why the police do what they do and all of us that attended were unanimous in our endorsement of the program. I strongly recommended that as many residents of Forest Park take advantage of this FREE program from the CPD and

help them continue to bridge the gap between themselves and the community. The next session of the program begins in the spring and starts on March 9<sup>th</sup> through May 27<sup>th</sup>. Classes are on Thursday nights from 6:30-9:30pm. Go to the website link to read details and get the application to attend the program.

<https://www.columbus.gov/cpa>

Once again, I hope Forest Park is once again well-represented!

Best Regards,  
Felix S. Quachey Jr., MBA  
Forest Park Civic Association Vice President

**St. Anthony Parish  
Spaghetti Dinner**  
Sunday, February 26, 2017  
12:00 – 6:30 pm

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# Supplemental Security News



## Happy New Year Forest Park!

By Felix Quachey

As 2017 begins, we are again fortunate not to have too many criminal happenings in our neighborhood other than a few of our residents who have had their vehicles broken into and the most major event to my knowledge being a running, parked car that was stolen from a resident's driveway.

Folks, I know with the colder weather, it is difficult to resist the temptation to get your cars warmed up ahead of your morning commute. Please try not to leave parked vehicles running and unattended and risk being a victim of a car theft. Unless you have a remote starter or other security features on your vehicle that permit you to keep it running while locked and without keys in the ignition, not only will it be attractive to criminals; but it is also against the law in Ohio and can earn you a misdemeanor charge regardless of whether or not the car is on private property. Ohio revised code reads: "**No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key from the ignition, effectively setting the parking brake, and, when the motor vehicle is standing upon any grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway.**" I pray that for the remainder of winter, no other resident is the victim of a car theft or misdemeanor charge.

Please continue to remain vigilant and in spite of the winter, endeavor to get out and get to know your neighbors. Knowing your neighbors is the first step to keeping crime off Forest Park streets; but most importantly, it builds community and truly makes us a neighborhood so do get out there and mingle!

Lastly, you will be reading information in this month's Forester about Citizens Police Academy. I was fortunate enough to attend this FREE program by the Columbus Police Department last year and I highly recommend that any resident interested in learning more about our city's police department and how and why they do what they do participate in the Spring! This is truly an invaluable program! I also heard directly from officers who have served in our community that our crime rates are among some of the best in the city and how much they enjoy serving in our neighborhood!

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

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

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

Will older children be in and out? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, make and model of car \_\_\_\_\_



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### Pancake Dinner

Epworth United Methodist Church, 5500 Karl Road, invites the community to join us for a "Fat Tuesday" Pancake Dinner on February 28. "All you can eat" pancakes and sausage will be served between from 5 - 7:30 pm, in celebration of the beginning of the Lenten Season. Adults - \$10, Children (ages 5 to 12) - \$5). There is no charge for children 4 and under. Tickets can be purchased through the church office or at the door. Plan to join us for an evening of good food and fellowship.



## FORESTER Delivery Service - a True Community Effort

Volunteers from Forest Park along with the Stem Clubs from Northland and Beechcroft High Schools have made a tremendous impact on the delivery of the Forester. Due to some constraints it was not longer possible for the board to use the Dispatch Bag. Turns out we get much better service doing it ourselves.

The big bonus has been the time to catch up with friends, have some laughs, get to know one another better and fulfill a sense of accomplishment. We have been stuffing the Foresters in the bags and delivering them since April. Residents have a good time. The STEM Clubs get \$250 toward their National Competition trip.

A total of 44 Forest Parkers have stuffed and or delivered the Foresters. Our greatest thanks to:

Rita Woeste	Fred Stith	Gina Rivera	Cindy Fenstemaker
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\*Volunteered to start delivering next time.

Want to take a walk, get some exercise and help out your community let George know you would like to help deliver. You can do your street or an area as big as you like. We have people delivering any number from 14 to 208. It takes me about 30 minutes to deliver 50.

Let George know if you would like to help stuff. It usually takes from 2:00-4:00 pm. Stay as long as you can



We are grateful to Donato's on Tamarack Circle for the use of the dining room for our stuffing parties.

The Forest Park Board voted to have businesses put an ad in the bag with the Forester. In fact we can have up to 3 ads per month. The business must supply the flyer and pay \$500. Forest Park will give the STEM Club \$200 of that per business. That is up to an additional \$600 per month. We want to support the effort of our students. Sending them to STEM competitions is an excellent way to do this.

If you are a business that wants to get your information in front of 2872 homes right here in the neighborhood contact George Schmidt [georgeschmidt1949@outlook.com](mailto:georgeschmidt1949@outlook.com)

The Happy Druggist was the first to advertise this way in the December issue. He has reported increase traffic with actual new customers and quite a few inquiries. That is a pretty good ROI.

**It was reported at the board that we would not have the Forester without this effort. Thanks to all who help.**

The Forester does not publish personal or anonymous ads and reserves the right to edit, revise, or reject any advertising submitted for publication and to cancel any advertisement at any time.

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Training will be held Thursdays from 6:30pm until 9:30pm. Click on the registration link below for dates.

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SPLIT 41	\$138,085	\$137,318	\$ 70,000 - \$165,500
RANCH 51	\$129,245	\$126,957	\$ 60,000 - \$160,000
BILEVEL 8	\$127,513	\$123,758	\$100,513 - \$169,900
<b>TOTAL SOLD 138</b>	( FYI-This year only 7% of the homes were Bank Owned or Short Sale – Prices are going up ☺ )		

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The following homes are **For Sale** with HER Realtors:

1712 Rocky Pine Lp S. Ranch/3BR 142,900 \*=< New listing

### **HER Realtors homes In Contract**

5472 Durrell Rd Split/3BR 150,000

(C)=In Contract Contingent (E)=I/C w/Escape clause

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### **All Homes SOLD**

		Asking Price:	Sold Price:		Asking Price:	Sold Price:
5699 Satinwood Dr	Ranch/3BR	64,000	60,000	1851 Denise Dr.	Ranch/3BR	148,000
2211 Yellow Pine Ave.	2-Sty/4BR	95,900	99,169	1882 Torchwood Dr.	2-Sty/4BR	158,500
5746 Sandalwood Blvd	2-Sty/4BR	122,900	138,000	5169 Forestwood Rd.	2-Sty/4BR	168,500
5496 Larkwood Rd.	2-Sty/4BR	125,500	123,900	1736 Sandalwood Pl	2-Sty/4BR	171,900
1385 Gumwood Dr.	Ranch/3BR	129,000	118,000	1739 Blue Ash Pl	2-Sty/5BR	179,500
<b>1762 Norma Rd.</b>	<b>Split/4BR</b>	<b>138,000</b>	<b>135,000</b>	5617 Sandalwood Blvd	Split/4BR	183,900
1501 Firwood Dr.	Ranch/3BR	139,900	139,900			185,000

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