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Happy Independence Day

Greeting Neighbors, I hope everyone is enjoying this warm weather as a prelude to summer. School is out so there are more children playing outside. Please drive carefully keeping an eye open for any child who might inadvertently run into the street.

We enjoyed a great "Gabby's Night Out". There were lots of new residents there to greet and meet. Our next big community event is the July 4th Parade. Everyone is invited to sit on the curbside to watch the parade which starts at 11:00 am and travels up Karl Road to Dublin Granville Road. Don't forget that Forest Park is sponsoring "Bikes and Trikes" for the children to participate in the parade starting at Woodward Park Middle School. The NCC Parade is a long tradition for Forest Park. We hope you will all come out and cheer for our national independence.

As a reminder, I want to emphasize to you that any car parked in a yard is illegally parked and may be reported to 311. Any car parked partially in the street with its wheels on the curb or grass is also illegally parked and may be reported to the police. We want to keep our community attractive and these types of violations thwart that possibility. Neighbors who have planted flowers and shrubs and who keep their lawns neatly mowed add to the beauty of a wonderful community. I want to thank all of you who are trying to keep our neighborhood beautiful and safe. Keep up the good work and thanks for being part of Forest Park.

Have a safe and Happy 4th and enjoy the summer!!

By Ed Vanasdale, FPCA President



FPCA Annual BIKES & TRIKES

What: Judging of bikes, decorate your bike, trike or wagon. Children ages 12 and under are eligible

When: July 4th, 10 am

Where: parking lot of Woodward Park Middle School

Categories: Decorate you bike with any of the following themes:

- Patriotism
- Originality
- Theme of the Parade: What Do Dreams Know of Boundaries?

Parents or guardians are asked to register the participants and sign a waiver. Participants five years age and under must be accompanied by a parent or an older child (12 or older) during the parade. The children will join the parade after the awards are presented when the Forest Park contingent passes Woodward School. All of the children who are riding a wheeled vehicle (bike or trike) are required to wear a helmet to participate in the parade.

QUESTIONS: call Kim Quachey 614-937-4979

**55th Annual Northland Community
Independence Day Parade
Tuesday July 4th, 2017 starts at 11:00**

**Forest Park BLOCKWATCH Meeting
6:00 pm, July 11, 2017
Prior to FPCA meeting**

**Next FPCA Meeting
Tuesday July 11, 7 pm**

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

Forest Park Civic Association
Summer Picnic
With the YMCA North



Saturday August
5th 1-5 pm.

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Articles for August, 2017 Forester due to editor by July 21, 2017. The August, 2017 Forester will be delivered to homes by the first Sunday, August 6, or ONLINE at fpcivic.org .

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Cate Gilbert, Mary Sguerra, Mike Stone, Ed Vanasdale, George Schmidt, Rita Woeste, Teri Easterday, Rae Polina, Felix Quachey, Dan Hartzel

Tuesday, June 13 FPCA meeting minutes

Epworth United Methodist Church, Karl Road

Meeting opened at 7:05 with Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Treasurer Report was presented by Dan Hartzel, voted and passed, copy will be in July Forester

Guest Speaker: Sandra Lopez, legislative analyst from city council division of community engagement

Sandra works with residents on behalf of city council, overseeing how money is spent, changes in city rules, and is zn advocate for us to citizens to city council.

She covers the entire north side of Columbus, starting at SHort North, over to Bethel Road and east to Northland. There are 4 reps on community engagement that cover Columbus. She has been in the role for about a year. She is here to hear any concerns. She gave lots of handouts on information of the council or other activities of the City. Taste of Northland at Northland Center for the Performing arts is on July 18th. \$5 charge at the door, money will go to non-profit in the Northland area. She was not appointed to this job, hired by the city via interview. She discussed how to get in contact with her via text, email and nextdoor. She took questions from the group present. Discussion came up again about street lights for the Forest Park Neighborhoods. Another discussion with Sandra, was how can we find a way to monitor speeds since the city trailers don't record speeds of cars so we can't prove there is actual speeding going on specific streets that folks are voicing concerns. A continued discussion about Tamarack Circle and issues with it as well for traffic issues. Sandra can be contacted at her email: srlopez@columbus.gov or phone her at 614-900-8397.

Other business

Kroger lot on Morse, has had a lot of Semi trucks parking there. This past week 14 trucks were toward and other things are being set up to prevent the large trucks from parking there in the future.

Discussion on the Sequoia Swimming pool - this situation has gone to court and looks that all of the court ordered issues have been done and things have been filled in according to the what the city required. The property is still a eyesore and fencing has to be fixed. If folks have issue, they need to put in a 311 call about the property.

Ed thanked all of those who have turned in membership monies. Outreach stuffing day is Monday June 26th, 6 pm. Organizational meeting for OUTREACH membership is this Monday June 19th at 7pm at Donato's.

Epworth is having a outreach picnic for the July 4th parade. Hope to feed 300 people. Mary Sguerra requested anyone who would like to walk in the parade to help carry the Forest Park banner or pass out candy to let her know. She will have the float in line at 8:30 am on July 4th for the parade.

Foresters will stuffed Friday, June 23rd at 2:00. Ed reported if you have any articles on what is going on in the neighborhood, to submit those to Rita Woeste.

The August Forest Park Meeting will be in combination with Northland Community Council at the Northland Swim Club, on August 8 at 6 pm. Folks are asked to bring a side dish with them and enjoy the company of Northland folks. There will be no blockwatch meeting for August.

Meeting was dismissed at 8:22

submitted by Rita Woeste

		Forest Park Civic Association					
Revenue	Treasurer's Report	2017	2017	Budget	Budget	YTD Difference	
		May	YTD	May	YTD	Actual vs Budget	
	Membership	\$8,775.00	\$8,950.00	\$8,125.00	\$8,325.00	7.51%	
	Supplement Security	\$1,435.00	\$1,440.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	Business Membership	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	Interest	\$0.10	\$0.20	\$0.07	\$0.14	42.86%	
	Forester	\$1,055.00	\$1,980.00	\$1,185.00	\$2,370.00	-16.46%	
	Garage Sale	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	28.00%	
	Additional Donations	\$655.00	\$695.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	4th of July Parade Float	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Beautification	\$340.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
	Total	\$12,645.10	\$13,800.20	\$9,435.07	\$ 10,820.14	27.54%	
Expense							
	Membership	\$34.29	\$1,748.29	\$12.00	\$2,417.00	-27.67%	
	Supplement Security	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$375.00	33.33%	
	Forester	\$998.10	\$2,203.30	\$865.00	\$2,195.00	0.38%	
	Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	Miscellaneous	\$154.00	\$154.00	\$860.00	\$970.00	-84.12%	
	Northland Community Council	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$290.00	6.90%	
	Treasurer Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	-100.00%	
	Island Maintenance	\$120.00	\$150.00	\$120.00	\$150.00	0.00%	
	Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	-100.00%	
	Beautification Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	Outreach Day	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	4th of July Parade	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	Welcome Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	-100.00%	
	Picnic	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
		Total	\$1,556.39	\$5,065.59	\$2,327.00	\$ 6,617.00	-23.45%
		Net Income/Loss	\$11,088.71	\$8,734.61	\$7,108.07	\$ 4,203.14	107.81%
	Account Balances at end of month	\$16,534.39					

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May 2017
Report.

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Points of Pride Living In Forest Park

By Mike Stone, Volunteer Coordinator/former FPCA President

I love this neighborhood! I'm so proud of its history and its endurance, particularly over the last 10 years as we residents stuck together and brought the neighborhood out the 2008 housing crisis and into a very bright future. Apologies to Julie Andrews, but here's a few of my favorite things that make me happy being connected to Forest Park.

- ♦ It's a former Parade of Homes neighborhood.
- ♦ It's the childhood home of a United States congressman (Pat Tiberi).
- ♦ It's the scholastic home of NBA greats Jared Sullinger and Trey Burke.
- ♦ We're a bike connector to all major Central Ohio trails. In particular, the I-71 footbridge leads to the Olentangy Trail, OSU and downtown (beautiful scenery!!).
- ♦ ESPN has nationally broadcasted sports from our neighborhood, thanks to Sequoia Pro Bowl. Find another neighborhood that can say that!!
- ♦ It has it's own supplemental security program.
- ♦ Our freeway access to everything in Columbus is amazing.
- ♦ It's walking distance to the YMCA, Woodward Rec. Center and the Karl Rd. Library.
- ♦ Taxes are amazingly low.
- ♦ Five city parks are either within, or border Forest Park.
- ♦ Property values are way, way, way up!!
- ♦ It co-hosts a huge annual Independence Day Parade. Not leaving the neighborhood to see something of that magnitude is pretty cool.
- ♦ It is a neighborhood of friendly residents!!

So when the dog bites, when the bee stings, bla bla bla... remember your neighbors unique and fascinating characteristics.

Please Support FPCA!!

Choose a way you can be active in Forest Park

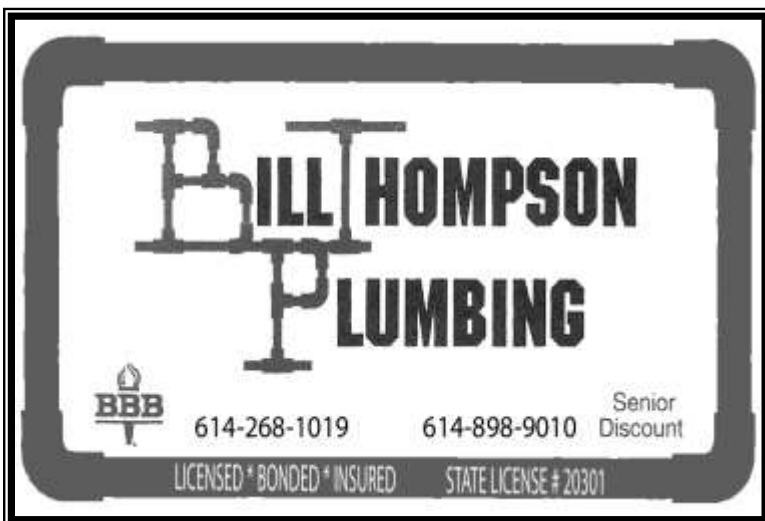
* If you still need to do so, please get your membership returned as quickly as possible, either through mail or through Paypal (located on our website fpcivic.org). And thank you!!

*FPCA Outreach Takes place Through the month of July. FPCA volunteers will visit many homes to provide more information bout FPCA and to collect memberships. If you receive a visit from one of the volunteers, please answer your door out of courtesy to them.

* Outreach Volunteers Needed: We still need volunteers to help with these visitations. For more details, please contact Mike at (614) 218-1788.

FPCA/ YMCA Picnic helpers-- Saturday, August 5 from 1-5 P.M. is a community picnic. If you are interested in helping with either the planning or the activities that day, we would love your support.

Please help FPCA and have some fun with it. For any of these opportunities please call me (Mike Stone) at (614) 218-1788



CONGRATULATIONS to John Biteman, (left) and George Schmidt (right) Ed Vanasdale, FPCA President, (middle) honored them at the Northland Community Awards Banquet in May, for their immense volunteer service and leadership to Block Watch and the Forest Park Civic Association. We are so proud to have them in Forest Park.

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In April you might have seen Blue Ribbons around Forest Park. Those ribbons were there to show Support for our Columbus Police. Before the Blockwatch meeting in April some residents of Forest Park wore blue and posed with Columbus Police to show our support. We appreciate that Columbus Police is helping keep Forest Park safe.

National Night OUT Tuesday August 1st, 2017

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Plan a neighborhood cookout that evening. For more info, go <https://natw.org>.

To view crime in your neighborhood, check out LexisNexis community Crime Map: <https://communitycrimemap.com/>



Supplemental Security News



I am always pleased to hear from our friends at the Columbus Police Department that our neighborhood is a safe one compared with many others they serve and protect! This isn't to say that we do not have any crime; however, our crime levels have dropped significantly since all the trouble hotels/motels on SR-161 were closed or forced to clean up their acts.

I was reading through the June edition of the Columbus Police's Zone 1 Newsletter and a few things came to my attention I would like to share to reinforce some of the home security tips I have shared in the past:

- As an entire policing area, Zone 1 has seen an increase in night-time burglaries. The majority of residential burglaries are caused by burglars gaining access to homes through open patio doors or ground floor windows being left open.
- Refrain from leaving kids toys/bicycles in the backyard.
- As I have shared before, do not leave anything of value; or anything that looks to be an item of value in your vehicles. This will make your car a target for a break-in. To quote Officer Geis "Out of sight, out of mind...if they don't see something, they won't want it."
- Always be mindful of your surroundings whether you are at home or about town. The idea here is to remain vigilant and proactive about your safety and security.
- Report everything that looks out of place!—according to one of the Zone 1 Lieutenants, residents provided a small piece of information that helped the police to make arrests in many of the crimes in our neighborhoods. If every little incident isn't reported, the department cannot analyze and trend the data in order to allocate the appropriate resources to tackling it. Once again, the non-emergency number is 614-645-4545, then press * when the recording comes on to be sent immediately to a live operator.

Lastly, remember that warmer weather means more incidents or attempted incidents so remain vigilant, get to know your neighbors better and continue to report anything that looks out of place.

Submitted by Felix Quachey

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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Park pick up is
still on Fridays,
we are Part B
of the
Friday Program.**



**Schedule for
Forest Park Yard
Waste & Recycle
dates are:**

**July 14, 28
&
August 11, 25**



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



161 Task Force CleanUp Day

Meet behind Jiffy Lube 9:00 am
Saturday July 1st.



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- The folks who meet to stuff the Foresters into the plastic bags have a blast. We meet at Donato's Pizza on the Circle, usually on Friday at 2pm.
- Exercise is good! Why not walks around the neighborhood and deliver the Forester once a month. We try to give volunteers 5 days to make the deliveries. It takes about 30 minutes to deliver to 40 homes. This will all depend on how fast you walk and talk with neighbors. Consider delivering to your block or street.
- We need some people who like to talk on the phone. If this is you, then we need help to recruit folks to stuff and deliver. We need callers to remind people or verify they are still willing to help.
- Quality control is needed. Sometimes delivery people receive the wrong count. It would be helpful to have someone who can keep track of the numbers.

There is something for everyone. If you think you can do one of the options above then LET US KNOW. We can't do it all and want more neighbors to get involved. Send me an email even if you have the slightest interest. Do not assume the someone else is going to do this. Georgeschmidt1949@outlook.com

Hello Neighbors!

We have lived in Forest Park now for 19 years. Having grown up in Worthington in the same house that my grandfather was born in, gave me some deep roots! Not being able to afford my beloved Worthington, I found beautiful Forest Park. Forest Park has the same lovely atmosphere of a small town, well built and appealing homes, with beautiful mature tree lined streets and yards! When you move into Forest Park, you realize that you have "come home" to a wonderful community in which to raise a family, make new friends, and work together to continue a legacy. A community in which to "grow deep roots". A continued legacy of taking pride in the upkeep and beauty of your property, and supporting and caring for your neighbors as they do the same for their neighbors throughout our community. Do unto others as you would have others do unto you is a great motto and model to live by. We have many traditional activities that we do as a neighborhood. One that is especially dear to my heart is The Circle of Prayer. It is the second Thursday evening in September this year. September 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. In the parking lot of The Dairy Queen on Tamarack Circle. We pray for the safety of our community, our city, and our world. I would encourage everyone to participate in all of the great activities that take place in Forest Park, get to know one another, and be sure that your neighbors know of all of the great things going on in our little corner of Columbus! Forest Park is a community where it's great to belong, I'm always looking forward to meeting new neighbors, and those who are not so new!

Contributed by Teri Easterday

July 4th Community Picnic

Date: Tuesday—July 4th
Time: 12 NOON

FOOD * DRINK * GAMES * FUN

Epworth United Methodist Church,
5100 Karl Road, invites the community to
join them for lunch immediately following
the NCC Parade on July
4th. There will be plenty
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2017 Summer Band Schedule

		Sat July 1	Kenny Wayne & Julie Ivory
Fri	July 7	DeSales Reunion	Sat July 8 Free Booters
Fri	July 14	Uncle Fester	Sat July 15 Mega Beth
Fri	July 21	CR2	Sat July 22 Alexander Band
Fri	July 28	Tim Owings	Sat July 29 Thunder Mustard

July 22 is Christmas in July

Fri	Aug 4	Black Friday Blues	Sat Aug 5	5K Wayne/J Ivory
Fri	Aug 11	CR2	Sat Aug 12	Free Booters
Fri	Aug 18	Surprise	Sat Aug 19	Mega Beth
Fri	Aug 25	Alexander Band	Sat Aug 26	Uncle Fester

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161 is vital to our value in Forest Park!

The 161 Task Force is looking for folks to work with businesses and/or maintain a good look on 161

- We could use some folks to help us organize the landlords to make things better. We need a few folks who like to investigate. It will take some skill and patience to identify the names and contact information of the land owners.
- We could use some people who like people and like to sell people on the great projects that are needed for 161 businesses and show them how TOGETHER, we can make this better for doing business on 161 and in the Forest Park Area
- Politics is people coming together to solve problems. Folks who like to delve into government and work for the common good are needed to help us lobby on behalf of our Northland community. We want to make sure our representatives know the needs of our neighborhood.
- Creative artist are needed to help put the 161 vision on paper. We want to create what the possibility for 161 can be and put it clearly in front of the people who need inspired.
- Environmentalist or plant lovers will love to help with the landscape boxes. There are 22 of them. We need to be clever to have plants that can survive in such a rough terrain. We know there are Forest Park gardeners who can help with keep the landscape beautiful on 161.
- Help us once a month in the summer by grabbing a trash bag and pick up trash on July 1, at 9am behind Jiffy Lube. Your reward besides a clean 161 road is that Marco's Pizza coming at 11am.



CONTACT George if you would like to volunteer on 161 Task Force: Georgeschmidt1949@outlook.com



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Dear Neighbors:

I hope you have a fun & safe summer. This is a great time of the year when many people will be looking to make a move. Please give me a call for a free market analysis of your home & let me show you what HER and I can do for you. The real estate market is booming & the interest rates are still low! Let me help you - give me a call today! I closed on **2177 Maplewood & 5274 Poplarwood** & my new listing at **1436 Cottonwood** went in-contract.

NEW LISTING- (In-Contract in 6 days)

1436 Cottonwood Dr. - Wow! 4 Level split home w/5 BR's, 2.5 BA's, 2 WBFP's, 2 car garage & more! \$175,000

**** I still have several buyers looking for houses, so please give me a call if you are thinking of selling. ****

CURRENT MARKET WATCH

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

(LISTINGS NEEDED - Please give me a call TODAY!)

HER Realtors homes In Contract

5425 Rockwood Rd Ranch/3BR 144,900

5493 Aspen Rd. 2-Sty/3BR 163,000

1436 Cottonwood Dr. Split/5BR 175,000

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All Homes SOLD

Homes sold since 5/12/17

	Asking Price:	Sold Price:		Asking Price:	Selling Price:
5274 Poplarwood Rd. Ranch/3BR	130,000	130,000	2133 Yellow Pine Ave Split/4BR	179,900	179,900
1688 Rocky Pine Ln 2-Sty/3BR	145,000	155,000	1656 Pin Oak Dr 2-Sty/4BR	179,900	180,500
1380 Ironwood Dr. Split/3BR	164,900	164,900	5288 Butternut Ct. E. 2-Sty/5BR	184,900	194,500
2177 Maplewood Dr. 2-Sty/4BR	173,000	175,000			

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