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**Forest Park Civic Association** 

**NOVEMBER, 2017** 

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For Neighbors, City leaders, and support of other people in my everyday world.

# Neighborhood Challenge-- Let's Coordinate with Larkwood!!

Now that the time is ending for the little candy-seeking ghosts and goblins to roam, we get to turn our attention to the big holidays!! How about if we do it by building on Forest Park history? I'm referring to celebrating with Christmas Lights.

Forest Park has a unique history on the topic, though much of it was before I moved here. However, I remember driving to Forest Park East in the late 80's to look at the amazing spectacle of Christmas lights created by rival brother- in- laws off of Yellow Pine Ave. With the traffic that it gathered, I'm guessing that Yellow Pine neighbors have some good stories to tell.

While those residents have been gone for some time, a huge tradition remains off of Larkwood Rd. Many neighbors have coordinated to light up their front yards with as many white lights as possible. When one drives around the curving loop, it creates a stunning effect. While the house participation on the street has declined somewhat, it is still very impressive.

And on that note, why don't we expand the tradition throughout the entire neighborhood? Let's ramp up our Christmas Light displays use it as an opportunity to connect further with our neighbors. Consider talking with your fellow residents around you to find a common light theme or color or pattern that might engage some friendly neighborhood camaraderie. If not, try putting white lights out in the front yard and perhaps we can slowly build the Larkwood effect throughout the neighborhood.

Let's say that you and two neighbors engage in some fun holiday coordination. It would likely begin a tradition that might be joined by more neighbors the next year. Before you know it, you might live on "that street" that is remembered for years to come!!

Now don't abandon what you normally do if you already have your own light tradition!! But hey, let's all have some fun with this!!

Submitted by Mike Stone, FPCA volunteer coordinator

Thanksgiving

Forest Park BLOCKWATCH Meeting 6:00 pm, November 14, 2017 Prior to FPCA meeting

**Next FPCA Meeting** 

**GUEST SPEAKER** 

Columbus Lt. Dave Sawyer Fire Prevention

**Tuesday November 14, 7 pm** 

Location:

Epworth United Methodist Church 5100 Karl Road

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#### **CONTRIBUTORS THIS MONTH ARE:**

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## WHAT IS A NEIGHBOR? WHAT MAKES A NEIGHBORHOOD?

By Ed Vanasdale, FPCA President

A neighborhood is a community of people who care about where they live and how they live. A good neighborhood begins with good neighbors. A neighbor is someone who lives in close proximity

to your home. A good neighbor is not just someone who lives nearby, but one who gets to know and care about you and your family. A neighbor cannot not live in fear of those who live around him. Too often we hear of people's complaints about someone who lives close or next door. Most of these issues could be settled by a conversation with your neighbor. Instead of cordially speaking with the neighbor about a particular problem, we want someone else to handle the situation. As a civic association we are not equipped to handle disputes between neighbors. If you cannot



speak to your neighbors, there are city officials who can deal with those problems. However, the goal



of our community is to be able to speak to one another to settle our issues. The first step to this end is to get acquainted with the people who live near you and that begins with you. In order not to be concerned over "retaliation" from our neighbors, we must get to know the people who live around us. That's what makes a good neighbor and eventually a good neighborhood.

2017

Revenue

Treasurer's Report

September YTD September YTD Actual vs Budget 15,295.00 750.00 \$ 16,700.00 Membership 675.00 40.00 \$ 2,050.00 Supplement Security **Business Membership** 625.00 0.18 \$ 0.81 0.13 0.72 1.055.00 \$ 6 205.00 1.185.00 7.110.00 165.00 \$ 325.00 125.00 250.00

**Forest Park Civic Association** 

2017

Budget

Expense

September 2017 FPCA Treasurer's Report. Submitted by

Dan Hartzell

-8.419 12.50% 12.739 Garage Sale 30.00% 1,275.00 Additional Donations 160.00 \$ 4th of July Parade Float \$ 200.00 \$ 200.00 200.00 0.00% 500.00 Beautification Total 2,370.18 2,060.13 \$ 24,260.72 9.13% 26,475,81 9.80 1.790.66 2.465.00 27.369 Supplement Security 750.00 \$ 3,750.00 500.00 4,125.00 -9.09% Forester 1,164.25 \$ 7,035.35 1,215.00 7,055.00 -0.28% Liability Insurance 610.00 91.94% Miscellaneous 154.00 1.910.00 Northland Community Council 310.00 290.00 6.90% 45.48 10.00 9.04% Treasurer Expenses 50.00 90.00 570.00 60.00 510.00 11.76% Island Maintenance 49.779 Garage Sale 52.42 104.84 35.00 70.00 Beautification Awards 150.00 150.00 100.00% Outreach Day 153.18 \$ 153.18 200.00 -23.41% 56.97 \$ 4th of July Parade 187.56 \$ 200.00 -5.22% Welcome Committee 175.00 100.003 Picnic 175.93 -41.369 Total 2,276.62 14,277.00 2,592.00 18.42% Net Income/Loss 93.56 \$ 12,198.81 (531.87) \$ 6,760.72 80.44% Account Balances at end of month \$ 21,956.09

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# Forest Park Civic Association Meeting

October 10, 2017 - 7pm, Epworth United Methodist Church

Meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting @ 7:00 PM No roll call taken.

#### **Issues and Concerns**

There was some discussion about the May 2017 Sugarmaple shooting, but nothing new was added.

#### Treasurer's Report: Dan Hartzell

- Dan rec'd checks for the garage sale and 4th of July Parade.
- 27 memberships were rec'd, to bring the YTD total to 611. That is down from last year at this time.
- We are currently 80% above the YTD budget.

#### Forester Editor: Rita Woeste

- Needs articles by Oct. 20th for this month's Forester.
- Because the next Forester is coming out around Thanksgiving, the schedule of when articles need to be received, and the delivery may need to be altered. Rita will check with Paul about this.
- October recycling dates are wrong. This will be fixed. Remember that you can always go to the City of Columbus website to get the most up-to-date information: <a href="https://311.columbus.gov/addrlookupnew.aspx">https://311.columbus.gov/addrlookupnew.aspx</a>

#### George Schmidt (Area 13 Rep.)

- This upcoming month, The Happy Druggist is putting in a flyer, this will add \$500 to budget; and Mary Sguerra will be adding flyers into the Forester bag in the December Forester, also adding extra income to the budget
- Stuffing the Forester bag will take place on Oct 27th at 2 pm at Donato's on Tamarack Circle, anyone willing to help would greatly be appreciated

#### Mary Squerra: Garage Sale Update

• There was a good turnout this year -- 30+ households participated, Garage Sale holders said that here seemed to be good support from the community

#### **Donna Vanasdale: Welcoming Committee**

We have a few new neighbors. Welcome Packets were distributed for people present at the meeting

#### Felix Quachey: Supplemental Security Report

No report-not in attendance

#### **Dave Paul: Northland Community Council**

- There has only been 1 case brought before the NCC Development Committee in September: this is a follow-up to a previous case: The Hamilton Rd./Rt. 161 Development that will include a Target store. This was a graphics plan to address standardizing the signage.
- This is one case in the upcoming month: a proposed hotel on Sunbury and Morse Rd. near the Holiday Inn.
- There will be no Shredding/Recycling Day this fall. Things got busy, and people never got around to planning it.

#### Ed Vanasdale: President's Report

- Clear Out Your Car!! There have been lots of people reporting that people are going through their cars at night. These cars have been left unlocked, and people are going through and mostly taking small items and change. Take your valuables out of your car. Keep your home and garage doors locked.
- Received an email from a man from our area who started using the COTA regularly. He began to notice the amount of trash in the area. See his letter in this issue of the Forester. Please clean up the area in front of your houses, the street gutters-let's keep our streets clean.
- Pace Car Program: a new program (only 6 cities chosen to participate) Columbus is rolling out to help curb speeding in our neighborhoods. Apply and get your sticker now. Please help keep our streets and people safe in our neighborhoods. See the article in this month's Forester <a href="https://www.columbus.gov/PaceCar/">https://www.columbus.gov/PaceCar/</a>
- Oct. 21 is the 4th Annual City of Columbus Green Purge: bring your unwanted, not needed, make-room-for-more items. The following organizations will be onsite to accept your donations to be reused, recycled or disposed of responsibly: SWACO- Household hazardous waste <a href="https://www.columbus.gov/greenpurge/">https://www.columbus.gov/greenpurge/</a>
- Columbus Police Zone 1 Newsletter: Check it out at forestparkwest.nextdoor.com/ It is a great newsletter that keeps you up-to-date with police news in our area
- Human Trafficking Training: On October 17, 2017 at 7:00PM @1120 Morse Rd, will have their quarterly Block watch Coordinators meeting.
- Adult Gang Education: The Franklin County Sheriff's Office will be hosting an open class for our Adult Gang Education Program.
   The class will be held November 18th 2017 from 8:30am-12:00pm at our training academy, which is located at 6347 Young Rd. Grove City, OH 43123. If you wish to participate in this class please use the link to sign up for the class: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094BAAAC2FABF49-adult

#### **Business Report: Ken Gilbert**

- Ken attended the Open House at the new Sun Behavioral Columbus hospital at the corner of Busch Blvd and Rt 161.
- http://www.suncolumbus.com/

Meeting adjourned 7:32 PM

Minutes recorded and submitted by Lou Bernard, Secretary FPCA

# Help Clean Up Forest Park: Pick Up the Plastic

By Lawrence Radford

Since our family car blew a head gasket this past May, I have been getting very familiar with the COTA bus system. Riding the bus comes with a certain amount of walking... and running! I walk from home to my nearest stop. I walk, or sprint, from stop to stop when transferring. Much of this walking is along Tamarack Boulevard, Tamarack Circle, and other areas of Forest Park. Even the nicest groomed streets are not free of this plastic nightmare.

During the course of my travels I began to notice a lot of plastic water, sports drink, and juice bottles. I decided to pick some of them up while walking to and from stops and around bus shelters. Even with a trash can nearby, somehow the ground still seems to catch a lot. This started out simply as a way to clean up a little bit. Now I have become almost addicted to picking up the plastic wherever I am walking or waiting.

As I became hooked on this activity I started keeping a count of the number of items I picked up each day. I also started taking pictures of the accumulation of plastic water and liquor bottles, assorted plastic and foam famous maker coffee cups, lids, straws, and candy wrappers as well as glass beer and booze bottles. The quantity of this trash is astounding. Occasionally I push a shopping cart to the grocery store and I fill the cart with these same items. I have easily picked up over 1000 bottles in a few months and at least as many related/assorted other plastic items. Much of this along Tamarack and the streets that connect to it. Some days I collect over fifty. The entire city of Columbus is being slowly buried in this refuse and Forest Park is not immune. I walk the same route and ride the same bus day after day, picking up the trash, only to find more the next day. How sad.

How is it healthy to drink bottled water only to toss the plastic containers wherever they land? This plastic, after being run over or crushed, is gradually going to end up in a body of water by way of the drains leading to the streams and rivers all around Ohio. This eventually leads to our Great Lakes and the world's oceans. I always try to find a recycling bin to put the plastic in but unfortunately this isn't always possible. My apartment complex doesn't even have recycling!



When I was a kid I picked up every glass bottle for two cents and was thrilled when I amassed 50 cents or more. There were no plastic bottles then. Sadly, with the use of plastic the quantity of litter has increased dramatically. Wouldn't it be nice if everyone just picked up a few pieces of plastic a day and properly disposed of them? Sometimes I find full, sealed bottles of water. These I drink and I haven't gotten sick yet.

One thing I have discovered during my travels - I've found only a few pennies and one solitary twenty dollar bill behind a bus stop. If the bottles were worth cash maybe people would be more thoughtful before tossing them out.

If we each picked up just one or two plastic bottles when we see them a cleaner city would be the result. Smoke if you want, its freedom of choice. Just *please* stop tossing the plastic cigarette pack wrappers and butts.

Let's stop the problem. C'mon Buckeyes, show some pride in our neighborhood. Clean up Forest park!

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# Krieger Ford is a Pillar of our Community for OVER 50 Years!

By George Schmidt

Whether you are looking to purchase a vehicle or get one serviced, Krieger Ford has earned a visit. Not only has Krieger Ford remained in the neighborhood, they have spent a lot of money updating their store, working for the Morse Rd SID, working on the Northland Area Business Association (NABA) Board, supporting the Northland Community Council, serving as a trustee for Morse Road SID, and continued support of the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, just to name a few ways they work in partnership with Forest Park to keep our area vital.

Did you know that Krieger Ford sponsors an annual companywide golf outing every year? This event raises thousands of dollars for local charities such as Westerville Special Olympics, WARM, Autism Society of Ohio, GRIN, etc. They are the number one benefactor and participant of the NABA golf outing with proceeds going to local charities such as the North YMCA and Helping Hands. Additionally, they host an All Mustang Car Show for the Mustang Club of Ohio every year at their dealership dating back to 1976. This event supports the local Boy Scouts.

As I read through the Forest Park constitution and bylaws and spoke with many people who penned them and formed our association, it became crystal clear to me that they all were concerned with the businesses, schools, parks and other associations that help make us strong. We need to support businesses like Krieger Ford. The value of our homes and properties depends on a strong business sector. Krieger Ford has earned our business.

In 1965, following the untimely death of Mr. C.W. Medick, George Krieger teamed up with the Medick family and Ford Motor Company Dealer Development Program. Over the years they sold Jeep's, Lincoln's, Mercury's and of course Ford's. It was named Medick-Krieger Ford in 1971, and then changed to Krieger Ford in 1977. George's sons, Doug, Jeff, and Steve have carried on the family business and concern for the community. After working to get a SID passed to care for Morse Road, Doug volunteered as a trustee to oversee its implementation. Everyone who comments has great things to say about the turn around on Morse Road. Ryan Krieger has taken his father's place on the NABA board. When the report for the 161 Task Force was created, Ryan volunteered to help with the leg work of obtaining contact information for businesses on 161. They do not have a business on 161. This says volumes about the level of support the Krieger's have for our area. Also, Chris Thomas, Ryan's brother, has taken Doug's place as a trustee on the Morse Rd SID board as continued involvement is an important influence.

All the community service in the world does not inspire anyone to shop anywhere. I am here to tell you, from personal experience, to give Krieger Ford a try. Years ago, I told Doug that I would come there first because of all the help he gave to me while I was president of Forest Park and NCC. Since then I have purchased 3 cars. I would not have if I did not get a fair deal and straight talk. Ryan has shared with me some of Ford Motor Company's "Index Score Report" that Krieger Ford is graded on. Krieger Ford regularly maintains a 93.8% out of 100%. That confirms my experience is not unique.

All my service is done at Krieger Ford. Yes, they do a good job at a fair price. Additionally, I really like Kristina and John

All my service is done at Krieger Ford. Yes, they do a good job at a fair price. Additionally, I really like Kristina and John who greet me in the service department on the afternoon shift. They go beyond the call of duty. The plastic cover over my seat belt bracket broke. The exposed metal was cutting my pants. I mentioned it when I went in for an oil change. They called the mechanic up and he said it would be very expensive to fix, but he could Gerry rig something. He did a great job with some rubber tubes and put some extra in the glove box. NO CHARGE!

As you know I am on the board of the North YMCA. At our board retreat we learned that Krieger Ford had just given a large gift toward our Healthy Living initiative for our area. They plan to be partners with the North YMCA through 2019.

Sales, Service, Longevity (50+ years) in the Neighborhood, Charitable Support and now a Business Member of Forest Park are all reasons you ought to look at Krieger Ford first.

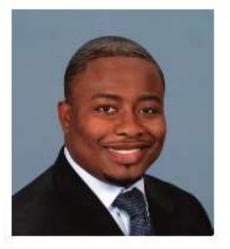
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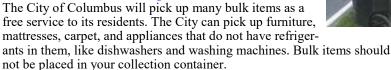
ter. Local vets were there to give advice, and of course, there were bunnies everywhere. We really enjoyed interacting with the bunnies and their people. It's nice to see such events at a local place close to Forest Park, and we will keep our eyes open for events at the NPAC in the future. We encourage Forest Park residents to do the same. Submitted by Ken Gilbert

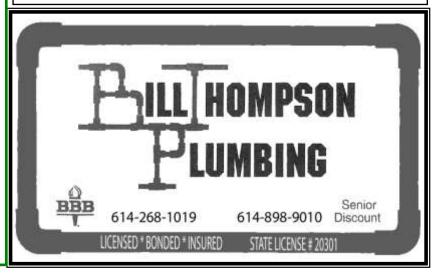
### Forest Park Neighbors,

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### Dear Neighbors:

The real estate market is staying active and the interest rates are still LOW! I closed on my listing at 1458 Hedgewood Pl. & my listings at 5150 Northcliff Lp W & 1714 Brookfield Sq S are scheduled to close. So please give me a call if you are thinking of buying or selling a home or condominium & let me show you what HER & I can do for you. I still have buyers looking in our neighborhood.

#### NEW LISTING

1353 Pegwood Dr. --- One owner ranch home with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, lg. eat-in kitchen, full basement, one car attached garage, fenced backyard & hardwood floors. Sold in "as is" condition. Asking \$110,000

#### CURRENT MARKET WATCH

The following homes are For Sale with HER Realtors:

1918 Coghill Dr. Split/3BR 129,900 \*\*(New price) 1353 Pegwood Dr. Ranch/3BR 110,000

4932 Lyle Rd. 2-Sty/4BR 186,900



#### HER Realtors homes In Contract

 1714 Brookfield Sq S
 Split/4BR
 138,900

 1845 Dandridge Dr
 Split/3BR
 144,900

 5150 Northcliff Lp.W.
 Split/4BR
 168,000

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

All Homes SC Homes sold since 9/14/17	Asking Price:	Sold Price:	
1346 Ironwood Dr	Split/3BR	117,480	111,500
1458 Hedgewood Pl.	Ranch/3BR	138,500	140,000
2091 Maplewood Dr.	Split/3BR	139,900	136,625
1830 Denise Dr.	Split/3BR	146,900	144,500
5145 Northcliff Lp W	Ranch/3BR	146,900	150,900
5419 Aqua St	Bilvl/4BR	154,000	155,000
1256 Gumwood	Split/3BR	167,900	169,000
1944 Torchwood Dr	2-Sty/4BR	174,900	175,000

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