

Dear Neighbor: As a resident of Forest Park, I take great pride in our community. Its size, location, and history has made it one of the most identifiable neighborhoods in Central Ohio. The contribution of Forest Park residents have profoundly shaped the city's success. At its birth, our community marked the north edge of Columbus. Now it is well within the city limits, all while staying attractive and vibrant. Like all neighborhoods in this era, Forest Park faces challenges. Our advantage is having a representative body like FPCA, advocating our concerns and needs to the city. FPCA works with community leaders for the betterment of the neighborhood and provides resources, guidance, and support for individual residents. It is the only known Columbus neighborhood to arrange supplemental security patrols as added protection to an already vigilant area. The strength of FPCA is directly related to its membership. An increase in support, both in terms of activity and resources, increases the impact the organization can make. I humbly ask you to join us in our effort to maintain and improve an already special community by becoming a member of the Forest Park Civic Association.

FPCA President

FPCA represents nearly 3000 households & businesses within Forest Park. As your Civic Association, we ...

- Publish and deliver *The Forester*, our monthly community newsletter, to almost 3000 homes in and around Forest Park while publishing the *Forest Park Directory* every three years, delivering copies to all paid FPCA member households.
- Provide and manage Supplemental Security Patrols in marked cars from US Protection Service to help
 detect and deter crime throughout our community. Provide support to our Neighborhood Block Watch
 program and partner with the Columbus Division of Police through the Community Liaison Program.
- Organize **community activities and events** for both kids and adults, including the July 4th "Bikes & Trikes" Parade, Community Picnic, two community garage sales, and the front yard beautification.
- Maintain the landscape and sign boxes at Sandalwood Place and Karl Road island entrances, while coordinating cleanup, restoration and beautification activities within Forest Park and along State Route 161.
- Maintain and update the **Forest Park Web site** at **www.fpcivic.org** with news and information.
- Welcome new residents and provide them with information on our community.
- Sponsor presentations by **guest speakers** from government, schools, and associations at our monthly general meetings.
- Help residents contact and **work with city agencies** on community and neighborhood issues, such as code enforcement, street repair, snow removal, and street lighting.
- Represent Forest Park in the **Northland Community Council (NCC)** which advocates the interest of 25 Columbus neighborhoods containing over 100,000 residents.
- Support local business and developmental organizations, such as the Northland Area Business Association (NABA), the State Route 161 Task Force and the Northland Alliance.

And much more! Thank you for helping us to continue these activities during the coming year.