

# The Forester



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**Forest Park Civic Association** 

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## Welcome

# SPRING

### President's Message

From Ed Vanasdale, FPCA President

In the early weeks of March on "Next Door" there was chatter about a camp of homeless people in Woodward Park. A question about this was asked of Officer Clinger, our liason with the Columbus Police Department, at the March Blockwatch meeting. Officers Clinger, Geiss, and Stacy along with a representative of the Parks and Recreation Department walked the entire wooded area of the park and found no evidence of any homeless activity. Officer Cling-

er even had a helicopter check the area for activity and none was found. What was found, however, were coyote tracks. Residents are warned to be on the look out for Wile E. Coyote! If you have cats or small dogs, you should keep an eye on them when they are outside. Coyotes are nocturnal animals which are not human predators, but which will attack small animals if the opportunity presents itself.

In late April the Forest Park Civic Association will begin its yearly membership drive. You will be receiving in the mail the May 2018 Forester along with a membership application and information about the association. The yearly fees are only \$25.00. That money covers a wide variety of services of which you may not be aware. The maintenance of the entrance islands for both west and east Forest Park areas is paid for by this fee. In addition, the beautification awards, security checks of the neighborhood, the garage sale, insurance, the welcome committee packets, the community picnic, and membership in the Northland Community Coucil are all included in this \$25.00 fee. These all play part of keeping Forest Park strong and vibrant. All members of the association board, officers and representatives, are 100% volunteers. They give of their time to keep our neighborhood great. Please become a member of our organization and do your part to help. We are glad you are part of our neighborhood and hope you can take the time to be involved in what Forest Park has to offer you. Thanks, and enjoy the season of Spring. - Ed

### **Upcoming Events in Forest Park**

- ◆ Forest Park Community Garage Sale Saturday May 19th, 9-5 pm check out page 5 for more info
- ◆ Northland Community Council Shred it Day at the Kroger Morse Road Parking Lot. Saturday May 12th
- ◆ May Forester Edition—will be mailed to homes in Forest Park and will include annual membership notice. Join Forest Park Civic Association for just \$25/year.

### **Forest Park BLOCKWATCH**

<u>Meeting</u>

April Meeting
Tuesday April 10th—6 pm

FPCA Meeting
Tuesday April 10th—7pm

Location:

Epworth United Methodist Church 5100 Karl Road

### FOREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION OFFICERS & REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL, 2018 - www.fpcivic.org

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- **8 VACANCY**

- Dave Paul......614-325-8217
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### FORESTER BILLING ADDRESS:

Checks should be made payable to **Forest Park Civic Association and** mailed to : c/o Cate Gilbert 5732 Firwood Place. Columbus, OH 43229

#### **FORESTER DEADLINE**

For any other information please call Catherine Gilbert @ 614-888-3559. Advertisements can be emailed (camera ready)

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**Business card AD: \$40** 

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Foresters are available at the Karl Road Library, Donatos Pizza, Sequoia Lanes, YMCA, Gabby's Bar & Dairy Queen.

Articles for May 2018 Forester are due to editor by April 13th, 2018. The May 2018 Forester will be mailed on/around the first Sunday, May 6th or view it online at fpcivic.org.

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

Ed Vanasdale, Rita Woeste, Dan Hartzell, George Schmidt, Cate Gilbert, Ken Gilbert, Mike Stone, Mary Sguerra

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Meet behind the Jiffy Lube.

Gloves, bags and grabbers will be supplied to volunteers. Help keep Columbus Clean!!



2018 Walking Dates 8:30-9:30 am

At Woodward Park

April 7, 21 May 5, 19 June 2, 16 July 7, 21

August 4, 18 September 1, 15

October 6, 20 November 3

Revenue

Expense

February 2018 FPCA Treasurer's Report. Submitted by Dan Hartzell

		Forest Pa	ark	Civic Assoc	iatio	n			
Treasurer's Report		2018		2018		Budget		Budget	YTD Difference
		February	1	YTD		February		YTD	Actual vs Budget
Membership	\$	25.00	\$	15,645.00	\$	25.00	5	17,150.00	-8.78%
Supplement Security			\$	2,090.00	\$		\$	S#80	8
Business Membership			\$	700.00	5	32	5	0.40	
Interest	5	0.17	\$	1.73	\$	0.10	\$	1.30	33.08%
Forester	\$	1,160.00	5	11,805.00	\$	1,185.00	5	12,280.00	-3.87%
Garage Sale		,(2(4),(3),(3),	\$	325.00	\$		5	250.00	30.00%
Additional Donations			5	1,280.00	\$	- 2	\$		S
4th of July Parade Float			\$	200.00	5	S4	5	200.00	0.00%
Beautification			\$	505.00	\$		5		-
Total	\$	1,185.17	\$	32,551.73	\$	1,210.10	5	29,881.30	8.94%
Membership	+		5	1,790.66	\$	12.00	5	2,525.00	-29.08%
Supplement Security	S	500.00	S	7,625.00	5	500.00	5	7,875.00	-3.17%
Forester	5	890.00	5	12,002.10	5	1,215.00	\$	11,915.00	0.73%
Liability Insurance			5	475.00	5	- 54	5	475.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous			5	154.00	\$	610.00	5	3,960.00	-96.11%
Northland Community Council	5	310.00	\$	620.00	5		5	290.00	113.79%
Treasurer Expenses			\$	45.48	\$	10.00	5	99.40	-54.25%
Island Maintenance	1		\$	780.00	\$	· 0	5	660.00	18.18%
Garage Sale			. \$	104.84	\$	- 32	5	70.00	49.77%
Beautification Awards			5	-	5	+ 1	5	150.00	-100.00%
Outreach Day			5	153.18	5	74 B	5	200.00	-23.41%
4th of July Parade			5	187.56	\$	9-	\$	200.00	-6.22%
Welcome Committee	\$	91.30	\$	91.30	\$		\$	175.00	-47.83%
Picnic			\$	175.93	\$		5	300.00	-41.36%
Total	\$	1,791.30	\$	24,205.05	\$	2,347.00	\$	28,894.40	-16.23%
Net Income/Loss	\$	(606.13)	5	8,346.68	\$	(1,136.90)	\$	986.90	745.75%
Account Balances at end of month	\$	18,487.29		8					0

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### **Doing your Part in the Neighborhood—what that involves**

Having sat in the president's seat of the Forest Park Civic Association, I can tell you that many days it would bring phone calls or email that would zap your entire day. The calls normally come from people you have never met. Unfortunately in our internet era, people have become comfortable with demeaning others they haven't met personally.

So put yourself in the role of the president. You receive a call from someone who is not a member of the civic association. He/She feels no need to pay \$25 to help support the all-volunteer organization. At the same time, the caller expects your full attention and service. It usually begins with a general statement about the neighborhood where the person holds you accountable for any issue found to be objectionable. You receive the caller's anger over unresolved problems, although you never knew these issues existed.

Then it is your turn to ask questions in a polite, respectful manor as you need to take the higher road. You ask "How long has this problem been going on?" The response is a long length of time. Your next question would be, "Did you report this problem?" The answer is always "no." Then usually the next question is "Are you a member of the Civic Association?" The answer is "No" followed by a change of subject going back to problems with the neighborhood. Lastly, you ask the caller if he/she would be willing to help FPCA with some of these concerns and the response is that he/she is too busy. And so it goes.

I write this article primarily because our president recently received another of these calls. However, for the countless supporters who have dedicated time to help boost the neighborhood, all I can say is you have my deepest gratitude.

### But how can a Forest Park resident not active in FPCA help with neighborhood issues?

- When you see something in the neighborhood that needs to be addressed, most commonly a code violation, graffitti, a pothole needing filled, please report it to the city through its 311 system. You can do this electronically at 311.columbus.gov Also you can call the city's 311 hotline at 645-3111. In my experience they are very responsive on potholes and graffiti (if it is on public property).
- Contact your area representative or an FPCA officer to report the case number that has been assigned. FPCA is very good about maintaining pressure on cases already put in progress.
- Expect follow up from both the city and the association.
- Keep up to date with the civic association through Facebook, and our electronic email system. If you wish to have an address added to the system, contact Mike at 614 218-1788 or <a href="mailto:msto0103@yahoo.com">msto0103@yahoo.com</a>.

At the same time, please keep in mind that neighbors sometimes do objectionable things that are not in violation of city code or legal structure. FPCA is not an enforcement organization but rather one that is well connected with the city and has a pretty strong voice to make sure code/legal issues come to a resolution. No solution is guaranteed, but going through this process makes it more likely that the situation will come to a good outcome.



Submitted by Mike Stone, former FPCA President and still neighbor & current volunteer for FPCA



June 14 is Flag Day. Circle this on your calendar. The 161 corridor will be decorated with flags. We will have patriotic music, food and games. Help us plan it and promote this special day for our neighborhood. Contact: georgeschmidt1949@outlook.com

Forest Park is always looking for folks to help deliver the Forester each month on your block. If you can help deliver to about 20-30 homes each month, contact The Forest Park Editor at forester\_ed@fpcivic.org







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### FOREST PARK SPRING COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE Saturday, May 19th

Spring Cleaning time is here again! Your junk can be someone's treasure. Have fun and make a little money by joining the Forest Park Civic Association Garage Sale which will be held on May 19th from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Advertisement will appear in the local newspaper. Maps and listings of addresses of participants will be handed out to prospective buyers at the East and West Island entrances to Forest Park on Karl Rd from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on the day of the sale.

The Association charges a minimal fee of \$5.00 per household to advertise in the paper & flyer in this gigantic community sale. You receive quite a bargain when one considers the advertisement drawing card to all the Northland communities, fun with your neighbors, and some extra cash in your pocket. The fee helps defray the cost of the advertising.

Please complete the form below and mail with your check of \$5.00 made payable to F.P.C.A. by April 30th to Mary Sguerra, 5395 Pine Bluff Rd. Columbus, OH 43229

If you have any questions, please call Mary at 614-818-7636

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Name	Address	
Email:		
Featured Items:		
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SPACE IS LIMITED, SO LIST Mail to Mary Sguerra, 5395 Pi	THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEMS ne Bluff Rd. Columbus, OH 43229 Make checks out to F.P.C.A.	

### **City Council Member Remy Visits FPCA**

by Ken Gilbert

At the March meeting of the FPCA, newly appointed Council member Emmanuel Remy came by for a visit. He had been the President of the Northland Community Council for the past 6 years until his appointment in January to fill the unexpired term of Zach Klein, who was elected as Columbus City Attorney in November, and is a local Realtor. He chairs the Public Service & Transportation, Environment and Administration committees. Of those, the first drew the most attention from those in attendance. Emmanuel began by talking a little about his experiences and how it was a challenge to be the chair of the Public Service and Transportation committee in the middle of winter, with the snowy weather we have had, as his committee is responsible for the Snow Warriors among other duties.

He also spoke a bit about the proposed plans to fix the service road situation on 161 and the proposed solution with roundabouts, noting, however, that the project likely would not begin for another 3-5 years. However, a fix for the traffic issues at Cleveland and 161 is in the works and should be complete sometime next year. He then took questions from the audience. Among the issues that came up were bus routes and safety on 161 and the issue of non-working cars being left on city streets for extended times (the idea being proposed is to require that such vehicles be moved 100 ft instead of the current rule in which a move of a few inches is acceptable). Continued on page 7.......



Forest Park Civic Association thanks those local businesses who support their neighborhood civic association. Please use these businesses for services in the future. If you have a business and would like to become a member, contact Ed Vanasdale, 614-847-1494 for membership information.

### Forest Park Business Members – April 2018

### **Automotive Services**

Krieger Ford 1800 Morse Rd (800) 783-3673

### Churches

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For the bus issue, the problem is that ridership along the 161 corridor is low at the present time (at most one or two riders per stop and often none). City Council is in contact with COTA on bus routes and issues. Most improvements come through grants, and it is hard to get a grant to fix things when the ridership isn't there. We also discussed concerns about lighting and speeding in our area. This was an excellent opportunity for our residents to meet and talk with city government, and we hope to have more such opportunities in the future. Thank you Emmanuel Remy for taking the time to visit with us.

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### March Forest Park Block Watch Meeting Recap

Some of the topics discussed at the March 13 Block Watch Meeting were concerns about people asking for money, possible homeless camp in Woodward Park woods area, and the Vinewood Dr. house fire.

While there are some legitimate homeless people who do need money for food, there are unfortunately a lot more who are asking for donations to purchase alcohol or drugs. It was recommended that if you want to give money to help out the homeless, making donations to the food bank or an area homeless shelter are better options.

There is a local Forest Park church that has volunteers who hand out sandwiches and fruit to the homeless.

There have been reports of fights between homeless people trying to collect money at various intersections because they know they can get a lot of money from folks.

The house on Vinewood destroyed by fire now has an orange placard placed on it by code enforcement it stating that no one is allowed in or on the structure, including the owner(s). Anyone in or on the structure can be arrested for violating the placard. The exception is that people are allowed to clean up the yard.

There was discussion about the recent Next Door post about the report of a possible homeless camp in the Woodward Park area.

They did see one coyote sneaking through the woods so you may want to keep your small pets on a leash if you live in the surrounding area or walk your pets in the park

Submitted by Cate Gilbert

### Supplemental Security House Check Forest Park Business Members and Homeowner Members only!

security officer and the Security Officers.						
Name	_Address	Phone				
Vacation Dates: Depart	Return	Please notify				
Address	_ Phone	Who has key?				
Address	_Phone		MAIL TO:			
Lights on timer? Locatio	n	_	Felix Quachey 5270 Arrowood Loop E.			
Radio or TV continuously on timer	? Location		595-7871 Or			
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All of Forest
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still on Fridays,
we are Part B
of the
Friday Program.



Schedule for Forest Park Yard Waste & Recycle dates are:

> \*\*\* April 6, 20 & May 4, 18



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



The 23<sup>rd</sup> Semi-Annual
Northland Community

Shredding Day

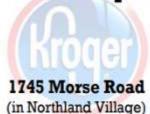
Officer Clinger reports issues with folks at the March Neighborhood Watch Meeting. These meetings now precede the Forest Park Civic Association Meeting every 2nd Tuesday of the Month at the Epworth United Methodist Church on Karl Road. Blockwatch meetings start at 6 pm.

and food drive to benefit

Mid-Ohio Foodbank

Saturday, May 12, 2018

10 am to 2 pm







### 161 Clean Up Schedule2018 Saturdays

April 7 July 14

May 5 August 25 June 9 September 29

We meet behind Jiffy Lube/Sharon Wood Plaza 9:00 AM

Bags, gloves, safety vest and pick-up tools are provided Please wear bright clothing and sturdy footwear

Calling all people in the immediate world, business, schools religious groups, civics, service and social clubs, join us

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Forest Park Blockwatch: http://

blockwatch.fpcivic.org/

Nextdoor:

https://nextdoor.com



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April. 2018



### HAPPY FASTER!



### MARY SGUERRA

CBR \$25 MILLION CLUB FOREST PARK RESIDENT

818-7636

### Dear Neighbors:

Spring has arrived and now is a great time to get your house on the market and start looking for another home or condominium. The real estate market is very active and you might be surprised at what your house is worth in todays market. If you have any real estate questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call and I will provide you with the answers.

I closed on my listing at 1918 Coghill Dr. & I have several buyers looking for homes in our Forest Park area. The real estate market is busy and the interest rates are still GREAT! Let me help you find your next home whether it be a NEW BUILD or an EXISTING HOME or CONDOMINIUM. If you need help in 2018 please give me a call for details. Let me show you what HER and I can do for you!

### CURRENT MARKET WATCH

The following homes are For Sale with HER Realtors:

( All of my Forest Park listings are <u>SOLD</u> -LISTINGS NEEDED - Please give me a call TODAY!)



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### HER Realtors homes In Contract

2171 Teakwood Dr. © 2-Sty/4BR (C)=In Contract Contingent (E)=I/C w/Escape clause

All Homes SO Homes sold since 2/15/1	Asking Price:	Sold Price:	
1918 Coghill Dr.	Split/3BR	129,900	132,800
1951 Brookfield Rd	Split/3BR	134,900	148,000
5215 Karl Rd.	2-sty/4BR	135,000	140,000
1460 Ironwood Dr.	Split/3BR	161,900	161,900
5512 Hazelwood Rd.	Split/3BR	169,900	172,500
5733 Satinwood	Split/3BR	175,000	165,000
5499 Satinwood Dr.	Split/4BR	179,900	200,000
5399 Teakwood Ct.	2-stv/4BR	191,900	185,000

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 3/15/18. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer.

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