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Make some TIME

My fellow residents,

One of the first Latin phrases I learned in high school is “Tempus fugit” which means “Time flies”... Undoubtedly, many of you; like, me are taking stock of the past year and are just as surprised at how many items were on your vision board for 2019 that you simply ran out of time to accomplish. 2020 is already off to a gallop and it is already February! I bring this up because for many of you, it was one of your goals to get more engaged/ involved in our community. You kept telling yourself you will pick up the mantle next month or next week and before you knew it, the year was over and you never got going. Sound familiar?



I would like to take this opportunity to challenge us all to recommit to EACH of us; homeowner or renter, to being one of the many building blocks that make our Forest Park the amazing community it is! What does this recommitment look like you may ask? Well, here are a few suggestions:

Volunteer: the Forest Park Civic Association has several committees e.g. Social Activities, Publicity, Forester, and Membership Committees to name a few. Each of these committees is **severely understaffed**. We can do so much more with more hands lightening the load. In a recent survey, over 60% of residents responded that you still prefer to receive a paper copy of our monthly community newsletter. What I find disheartening is that the work to get this paper out to everyone every month is done by less than 1% of all the residents in a community with over 2900 households and is funded only by about 570 of those households...which leads me to my next suggestion.

Pay Your Annual Dues: We are talking about \$25 for the ENTIRE YEAR! **That is only \$2.08 per month!** This past membership year, I hoped that we could get at least 75% of households paying their membership. We are currently at just about 20% for paid memberships. All we do is driven by our ability to afford it---if we have more paid memberships, it allows us to do more as an organization and even opens the door to discussing ways in which we can make a real difference in our community. I not saying that money is the only way our civic association makes an impact in our community; but it definitely helps! Let's do better in 2020!

Attend Meetings: I am aware that not everyone can attend every single meeting. I am suggesting that you make the effort to attend as many meetings as possible each year. You will never met better neighbors than our regulars. They are amazing people to get to know, are a wealth of knowledge; yet, most importantly, your fresh perspective is also very important to keep our organization nimble. It also helps to give you a better understanding of how your civic association really works.

Get to know your Area Representative: this starts with getting to know what area of Forest Park you live in. Once that is established, get over to our website <http://www.fpcivic.org> and look up your Area Representative. They are your first stop for all your questions, concerns or suggestions; and lastly,

Get Engaged Online: our civic association has a Facebook Page—**Forest Park Civic Association** is the name with 387 followers currently—be sure to follow it. Additionally, we have a resident-driven group which has over 450 active residents called **Forest Park Neighborhood (Columbus, OH)**. Be sure to answer the questions in order to be approved to join the group.

Please stop kicking the bucket down the road and get involved! We need you more than you know. To paraphrase President John F. Kennedy's appeal, **ask not what your civic association can do for you; but what you can do for your civic association!** I have dropped the proverbial gauntlet at your feet Forest Park...what say you?

Be Part of your neighborhood, Felix Quachey, FPCA President

Forest Park Blockwatch

Next meeting, Tuesday

February 11, 6 pm

FPCA Meeting

Next Meeting

February 11, 2020 - 7 pm

Epworth United Methodist
5100 Karl Road

Happy Valentine's Day

♥ February 14 ♥

Forester Stuffing Day

Friday February 21

2pm—Donato's

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Articles for the March, 2020 Forester are due to editor by February 13, 2020. The March 2020 Forester will be delivered to households by the first Sunday, March 1st or ONLINE at fpcivic.org.

FORESTER BILLING ADDRESS:

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News & Thoughts from Mike.....

Happy February!! Well, it's about time that I take down my Christmas lights-- I'll do it right after this article.

As the membership/ volunteer committee, it is our constant mission to inspire and involve our neighborhood into greater participation. This year, I would like to make a particular connection with our growing international population. Often language and cultural barriers can weaken the shared vision of a strong neighborhood that all homeowners dream of having.

With that in mind, we are looking for help with the following areas...

*Individuals who speak and write in multiple languages. Languages associated with those from Bhutan and Nepal are particularly helpful.

*People who are connected with these particular communities by either having a direct connection, or possibly being a neighbor to international residents.

*Residents who are willing to invest time to learn and connect with people from these unique cultures.

In doing so, we would like to grow our ability to make consistent video and print communication with those who do not speak English, and further build support systems for them here in Forest Park. Ultimately we hope that this will lead to their participation and a more diverse, unified community.

If you have a passion for this, we can use you. Please contact me (Mike) at (614) 218-1788 or msto0103@yahoo.com.

Forest Park Civic Association					
Treasurer's Report	2019	2019	Budget	Budget	YTD Difference
	December	YTD	December	YTD	Actual vs Budget
Revenue					
Membership	\$ 75.00	\$ 13,925.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 14,575.00	-4.46%
Business Membership		\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 425.00	-52.94%
Supplement Security	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,150.00	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00	34.38%
Interest	\$ 0.34	\$ 2.80	\$ 0.25	\$ 2.25	24.44%
Forester	\$ 210.00	\$ 6,385.00	\$ -	\$ 7,300.00	-12.53%
Additional Donations		\$ 1,538.00	\$ -	\$ 1,102.00	39.56%
Garage Sale/Wecome Advertising		\$ 240.00	\$ -	\$ 260.00	-7.69%
Beautification	\$ 30.00	\$ 710.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	77.50%
Total	\$ 355.34	\$ 25,150.80	\$ 75.25	\$ 25,664.25	-2.00%
Expense					
Membership		\$ 2,831.63	\$ 10.00	\$ 2,515.00	12.59%
Supplement Security	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,625.00	1.89%
Forester	\$ 250.00	\$ 9,941.07	\$ 545.00	\$ 10,995.00	-9.59%
Liability Insurance		\$ 475.00	\$ -	\$ 475.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Northland Community Council		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 310.00	-100.00%
Treasurer Expenses		\$ 115.88	\$ 10.00	\$ 70.00	65.54%
Island Maintenance	\$ 30.00	\$ 540.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 900.00	-40.00%
Garage Sale		\$ 97.94	\$ -	\$ 100.00	-2.06%
Beautification Awards		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175.00	-100.00%
Outreach Day		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	-100.00%
4th of July Parade		\$ 195.13	\$ -	\$ 200.00	-2.44%
Welcome Committee		\$ 507.39	\$ -	\$ 280.00	81.21%
Picnic		\$ 43.27	\$ -	\$ 450.00	-90.38%
Total	\$ 1,280.00	\$ 21,497.31	\$ 1,595.00	\$ 23,245.00	-7.52%
Net Income/Loss	\$ (924.66)	\$ 3,653.49	\$ (1,519.75)	\$ 2,419.25	51.02%
Account Balances at end of month	\$ 25,064.10				

December
2019
Treasurer's
Report.

Submitted by
Dan Hartzell

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Supplemental Security News



Hello Forest Park! Things around the neighborhood have been pretty quiet, which is a good thing, but we've continued to hear stories of people roaming the neighborhood looking for unlocked vehicles. Don't forget to remove any and all property from your vehicle and keep your doors locked at all times. We've had a pretty mild winter so far but as the temperatures fluctuate, as they do in Ohio, don't forget that it is illegal to leave your car running while unattended. If you're curious about how many reports are made to the police for our neighborhood, you can check those out online by going to the Lexis Nexis website. <https://communitycrimemap.com/>

Now that we're rolling into 2020, folks are starting to think about vacations. If you're a paid Forest Park Civic Association member, you can submit your vacation requests to Daryl Van Mercetta online at www.fpcivic.org, by mailing the form below to 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, OH 43229, emailing the information to dvanmercetta@gmail.com, or by calling Daryl at 513-479-2416. Please submit your requests at least one week before your planned vacation so our security team can plan accordingly.

Remember, our Forest Park Membership Dues pay for the extra security that patrols the Forest Park streets. More memberships mean more patrols through the week so let your neighbors know how important an FPCA membership can be and what a simple \$25 a year can do for your neighborhood.

As always, if you see something, say something and stay safe everyone!

Daryl & Katie, Forest Park Supplemental Security Committee

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.

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Vacation Dates: Depart _____ Return _____ Please notify _____

Address _____ Phone _____ Who has key? _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Lights on timer? _____ Location _____

Radio or TV continuously on timer? _____ Location _____

Will older children be in and out? Yes _____ No _____

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Thanks Doug Bond of Columbus Window & Siding Company for your Forest Park Civic Association Business Membership. Neighbors, consider Doug and his group for your next house job on windows or siding.

If you own a business, want to do an ad in the Forester and would like to be a FPCA business member, contact one of our business volunteers:
Sheridan Landon, sheridanlandon@yahoo.com
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“Drive-Up Ashes”
at Epworth United Methodist Church

The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. Once again, Epworth UMC at 5100 Karl Rd. will be hosting “ Drive-Up Ashes” between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on that day. No need to even get out of your car! Just roll down your window and Pastor Jennifer Casto will administer ashes, representing both our mortality and sin, as well as God’s forgiving grace revealed through the cross of Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome!

Epworth’s Worship Center will be open from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Ash Wednesday for personal prayer and reflection. Pastor Jennifer will be present during this hour to administer ashes and pray with people.

Epworth’s Vision Statement is “To follow the example of Christ by welcoming, nurturing, and serving all people with love.”



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

Happenings at Epworth United Methodist Church

Epworth's Angel Giving Tree ministry for 2019 served 63 children in 22 families which we connected through our food pantry and street ministry. Each child received gifts from their wish list sponsored by Epworth's congregation. Our hat and mitten tree was filled to the top and all items of outerwear will be distributed to area schools.

Scout Sunday at Epworth will be held on February 9th during the worship service. It is also the 100th anniversary of the Methodist Church and Boy Scouts of America's starting a formal partnership. Epworth celebrates our shared commitment to grow youth with strong values.

2019 marked 43 years of service for Epworth's Food Pantry. Through November 2019, 492 households were served, representing 1,745 individuals. Epworth's Street Ministry is currently serving 235 of our neighbors within a 2-week period. In 2019, the Street Ministry served 8,369 individuals. Thanks to Huntington Bank, Woodward Park Middle School and Epworth's congregation for their donations of needed food items for both ministries.

We look forward to serving the Northland neighbors in 2020, come join us!

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



Schedule for Forest Park Yard Waste & Recycle dates are:

February 7, 22

&

March 6, 20



Yard Waste & Blue Can Recycling happens on Friday or Saturday, every other week.

15 Simple Cold Weather Car Hacks

Check out these cold weather remedies from

<https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/73504/15-simple-cold-weather-car-hacks>

1. CLEAN **YOUR** WINDSHIELD WITH SHAVING CREAM....it cuts down on foggy windows
2. WRAP **YOUR CAR'S** SIDE MIRRORS IN PLASTIC BAGS. ...keeps free of ice
3. USE HAND SANITIZER ON **YOUR KEYS**. ...helps with frozen locks
4. PUT OLD SOCKS ON **YOUR** WINDSHIELD WIPERS. .
5. THROW **A RUG** ON **YOUR** WINDSHIELD AFTER PARKING. ...
6. USE **A PENNY** TO CHECK **YOUR TIRES** TREAD
7. PULL OLD SOCKS OVER **YOUR** SHOES FOR MORE TRACTION.
8. USE COOKING SPRAY ON CARS DOORS SO THEY DON'T STICK.
9. USE AN OLD CREDIT CARD OR SPATULA TO SCRAP WINDOWS
10. DEFOG WITH KITTLY LITTER, put in socks & place in car, will absorb the moisture
11. REMOVE SNOW FROM CAR ROOF WITH PUSH BROOM
12. KEEP 20 lb BAG of KITTLY LITTER IN TRUNK, for weight and traction
13. USE YOUR CAR'S FLOOR MATS FOR TRACTION IF YOU GET STUCK IN SNOW
14. HOMEMADE DE-ICER, 2 parts 70% ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL, 1 PART WATER, few drops of dishwashing liquid in a Spray bottle. Will loosen ice quickly
15. PARK CAR AT NIGHT FACING EAST, morning sun will melt ice/snow off quicker.



Forest Park– 2019
Business Memberships

Churches

Epworth United Methodist
5100 Karl Road
614-885-8015

Karl Road Christian Church
5400 Karl Road
614-888-3444

Home, Services

Mary Sguerra
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614-818-7636

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jallen8352@wowway.com
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5554 Karl Rd
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**Photos from
Kids' Craft Day
at YMCA
In
December**



- Got a Story we should know about?
- Got an event in the Forest Park / Northland Area you want folks to attend?
- School or Sports News you want to tell everyone?

Submit your information for possible publication in YOUR neighborhood News, The FORESTER.
Email forester_ed@fpcivic.org



Officer Clinger swears in the 2020 Forest Park Civic Association Board Members and Area Reps who were present at the January 2020 Meeting.

TAX HELP

News from Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein

Information from January e-newsletter



Tax Time

It's tax season. And, we get it. No one, except for maybe accountants and tax consultants, looks forward to this time of year.

But there's a *free program that can help Central Ohio households make filing their tax returns a lot less stressful. It's called [Tax Time](#), a coalition of nonprofit, business, and government organizations providing free, high-quality tax assistance services to low- and moderate-income households and connecting them to financial education and savings opportunities.*

Tax Time works to help qualified individuals and families claim valuable tax deductions and credits and avoid tax preparation fees, with the overall goal of assisting low- and moderate-income households to achieve financial stability.



Every year, Tax Time kicks-off the tax season with their Super Saturday event, being held this year on February 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Columbus Downtown High School. Super Saturday will also feature a financial resource fair that offers information on savings and checking accounts and benefits-eligibility screenings.



If you earned \$56,000 or less in 2019, you may qualify for Tax Time's free tax preparation services. Call 211 to see if you're eligible and schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

WHO: Central Ohio residents who qualify

WHAT: Tax Time *Super Saturday Kick-Off*

WHEN: **Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** (last appointment begins at 4:00 p.m.)

WHERE: Columbus Downtown High School, 360 South 4th Street, Columbus, OH 43215

For more information, call 211 or visit taxtimecentralohio.org.

**Woodward Park Middle School
@ Walden's
6th grade Service Above Self project team presents
S. O. S. (Save Our Shelters)**

Each year, Woodward Park students create and participate in a service project for our community. This year, our goal is to support the Franklin County Animal Shelter with donations of homemade, gently used, and new dog toys, food, and other necessities. Within our 6th grade building, homerooms are competing to donate the most, but we would love to extend this opportunity to the Forest Park community as well!

If you are interested in making a donation, please drop off items at our Walden 6th grade building located at 1860 Walden Dr. off of Tamarack Blvd. by

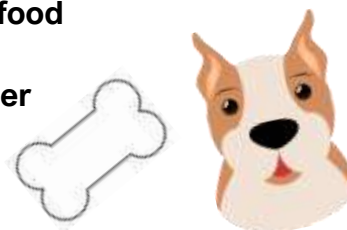
Friday February 7!



**Walden's Service Above Self Project Team
(Pictured l to r: Andrew Bronstein, Michaela Reeb, and Sariah Banks.)**

We are collecting the following items for donation:

- Canned or soft dog food
- Dry dog or cat food
- Creamy peanut butter
- Chewy dog treats
- Large towels
- Old, clean t-shirts
- Gently used or new dog beds
- Gently used or new collars, leashes, or grooming tools
- Gently used or new durable dog toys
- Paper towels
- Newspaper
- Brown paper bags



Thank you so much for your support!

Ideas from Survey results.....help us out

The Forester conducted a survey back in December asking folks what they wanted to see in the Forester. If you have additional ideas or can help us achieve some of the comments below, please contact Rita at forester_ed@fpcivic.org. Here are some of the Results:

- Interview one resident/family a month to make it more inclusive. Find out what they do around Forest Park, how they spend their free time, their interests, etc
- More news about what's happening with businesses along 161. New ones, closings, etc.
- Community good news stories. Maybe as a guest column?
- Addressing some basic disregards for the neighborhood seen every day. Try to create pride in the area.
- More community events. Articles written by other foresters about their history of living in the neighborhood.
- Stories about teens doing great things in our neighborhood
- Spotlight article about a local business each month.
- Not sure yet - only moved in a couple of months ago, so am still learning about the neighborhood!
- Maybe post a "Random acts of kindness" column? Blessings people have received from those in FP?



Forest Park Civic Association Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 14, 2020 Epworth United Methodist Church

Meeting was called to order and Pledge of Allegiance done by President Felix Quachey at 7:02 pm
Roll Call was taken by Mike Stone of Board Members and Area Reps

President comments: 2 items:

The husband of the Pastor of Epworth United Methodist passed away suddenly in the past week and Felix wanted the FPCA Board to be aware and to see what we can do for her and the church. We were told by a neighbor that funeral was several days ago but Felix commented FPCA would still look at doing something.

Felix also reported that the Laughlins have agreed to help out with part of the process that is the Forester Delivery and Stuffing Days. He still would like to get another person to help out so that they are not overwhelmed with any of the work that may occur.

February Guest for the FPCA meeting on February 11th will be a representative of the Franklin County Clerk of Courts.

Member question about status of the Welcome Committee. Felix said that Mike Stone was actively working on it and will update the group during committee reports.

Swearing in of 2020 Officers and Area Reps for the Forest Park Civic Association. Officer Clinger of the Columbus Police Department swore in the those Board members and Area Reps with an oath to serve FPCA for the 2020 year.

New business: Treasurer Dan Hartzel informed the group that it is time to conduct a budget meeting and that any and all are welcome. He wants folks to contact him and once he has a date selected for the meeting he would notify all board members and other people who were interested in attending this meeting. The group stated the meeting would probably be before the end of January 2020.

Committee Reports: Felix reminded committee leaders to not be afraid to reach out or contact folks for help on their activities. He doesn't want neighbors to feel like they have to conduct their responsibilities on their own and that there are plenty of great Forest Park neighbors who can help. Before committee reports President Felix introduced Alicia Ward, NCC President, who is now a returning neighbor in Forest Park with her husband Russ. Alicia spoke of her role with Northland Community Council and also her involvement with Elevate Northland.

Treasurer Report: given by Dan Hartzel, FPCA Treasurer

Copies of the December Treasurer report were handed out. 3 new memberships were collected, we are still ahead of budget by 51%, balance is at \$25,064.10. Motion made, 2nd and passed to accept December report

Forester: given by Rita Woeste, Forester Editor

Brief Results given of the December Survey on who read the Forester. Over 60% of respondents still desire a paper copy of the Forester. Another common response to the survey was that residents wanted to see what businesses are in the area and what they do. Rita also selected to random winners to those folks who answered the survey and those Forest Park Residents will be receiving \$25 Kroger gift cards for their responses. Rita passed out the 2020 schedule for monthly dates of when articles are due and when Forester stuffing will be at Donato's. Articles for the February 2020 Forester are due to Rita by this week, January 16th. Stuffing will be Friday, January 24th at 2 pm

Supplemental Security: given by Daryl Van Mercetta

Stated that things have been relatively quiet with the exception of the shooting at the Barbershop up on 161. There have been reports of people walking neighborhoods in the early mornings around 5 am checking for unlocked cars in December. Some days this was noticed by neighbors due to footprints in the snow. There was a quick discussion and clarification on checking with the Security detail to include a weekend day for patrols, at this time Daryl is not asking for an extra day of patrols because it not in the budget. Daryl stated that the online submission as working well because it is a quicker notification when a neighbor will be away from their home. Daryl asked about obtaining a membership list to see of those using the services are dues paying members since it is membership that pays for patrols, etc...

Volunteer/Membership: given by Mike Stone

Mike told the group his committee meets the last Thursday of the Month at Donato's at 8pm and wants to extend a big thanks to Jane and Katalin who have been regular attendees who have helped him. Mikes goals for the year are to continue to work on the Electronic Presence of Forest Park, and even possibly bringing the Twitter account up to a more active status. Mike's 2nd goal is to work on some of the cultural aspects of our neighborhood and get more info out to the entire Forest Park Community. He specially is looking to get information from the Nepal and Latino communities that are now living in Forest Park. Last, Mike is looking for some fresh ideas on how to boost membership next year.

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.....FPCA meeting minutes, continued from page 10

Social Activities: info from Pam Weaver(not present) via President Felix Quachey

Pam is working on a social outing for all volunteers who have done anything on behalf of the Forest Park Civic Association. Felix said they want to let neighbors know their efforts and time is much appreciated. He said the December craft program with kids went well but again more volunteers can always help out events like this. If anyone has a social event for FPCA they are to contact Pam Weaver.

Northland Community Council Rep: given by Scott Prigan, FPCA Vice-President

The NCC group meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at Friendship Village. This past month, January, MORPC, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, was the guest Speaker. There was a discussion of towers/poles that could go in right of ways on streets. They are looking for someone to replace Bill Logan who monitors sign sizes and placements here in the Northland area for NCC. There is another NCC Parade Planning Meeting at Kroger upstairs on Saturday February 1st at 10:30 am. The Elevate Northland Group has been names the Grand Marshall of the 2020 parade but they need volunteers to get things planned and moving along of this July 2020 parade. The Elevate Northland group has a focus on stablizing business economy in the Northland area. Alicia Ward stated that they have had over 20 classes for small businesses to help them be more successful in the area. Elevate Northland will be occupying the Graves Piano building up by Karl and 161 in the future. It will house shared office space, job & interview training.

NCC Development Committee: given by Ed Vanasdale

Two cases were presented and approved at the last meeting. First case was area on Maple Canyon north of 161 for a 56 multi house development. 2nd case was for Cleveland Ave, south of Minvera Park area where National Church Residences is looking to build 75 independent units for Seniors.

Meeting was adjourned with President Felix Quachey thanking folks for attending asking them to bring along a neighbor next time. Meeting ended at 8:04 pm

St. Anthony Parish Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, February 23, 2020
12:00 – 5:00 pm

*Join us for Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad,
Roll, Beverage and Dessert*



Adult Meal - \$8.00 Senior Meal - \$7.00
Child Meal - \$5.00 4 & Under – FREE
(ages 5 – 12)

~ Dine-in or Carryout ~
1300 Urban Drive * Columbus, OH 43229



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR WINNERS!**



Congrats to the Forest Park Neighbors who responded to our December 2020 Survey. Eileen Kunkler of Penworth Drive and Dennis White or Northtowne Ct. answered our survey and their addresses were drawn randomly for the \$25 Kroger Gift Card prizes. We will get those cards to you and appreciate your responses.

Check out FPCA's website to find out how to connect with us via social media

www.fpcivic.org



We are now connecting with neighbors via Facebook, twitter, nextdoor



NEIGHBORHOOD

Update!



MARY SGUERRA

CBR \$25 MILLION CLUB
FOREST PARK RESIDENT

818-7636

February. 2020



Dear Neighbors:

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. This has been another great year in real estate and I would like to thank everyone who has done business with me and who has referred their family & friends to me. I hope you have a **GREAT 2020!** If you are thinking of buying or selling I'd love to work for you!

2019 YEAR END FOREST PARK HOME SALES REPORT

STYLE & NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD	AVERAGE LIST PRICE	AVERAGE SOLD PRICE	RANGE OF SOLDS (Low-High)
2 STORY 45	\$195,604	\$194,671	\$ 146,000 - \$235,000
SPLIT 27	\$186,707	\$183,948	\$ 88,700 - \$222,000
RANCH 52	\$169,072	\$169,000	\$ 88,400 - \$227,500
BILEVEL 8	\$174,287	\$171,050	\$ 124,500 - \$200,000

TOTAL SOLD 132 * (FYI Great News! Average Days on the market for 2019 was 18 days)

CURRENT MARKET WATCH

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

5449 Tamarack Blvd. Split/3BR 179,900

HER Realtors homes In Contract

5242 Hazelwood Rd. Ranch/3BR **120,000**

2255 Teakwood Dr. 2-Sty/4BR **195,000**

1882 Tamarack Ct. S 2-Sty/4BR **210,000**

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



All Homes SOLD

Homes sold since 12/20/19	Asking Price:	Sold Price:	Asking Price:	Sold Price:
1325 Boxwood Dr. Bilvl/3BR	130,000	124,500	1211 Ironwood Dr. Ranch/3BR	189,500 184,00
5761 Lindenwood Rd. Ranch/3BR	154,900	152,000	5544 Rockwood Rd. 2-Sty/4BR	198,500 188,500
5566 Tamarack Blvd Ranch/3BR	158,900	162,000	5103 Tamarack Blvd. Bilvl/5BR	194,900 200,000
1877 Tamarack Ct. S Bilvl/3BR	176,800	165,000	5415 Ivywood Ln. 2-Sty/4BR	224,900 223,000
1754 Pin Oak Dr. 2-Story/3BR	179,900	182,000		

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 1/7/20. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer.

