# The Forester

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#### **Forest Park Civic Association**

My fellow residents,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you all the best during these trying times. The impact of COVID-19 is being felt throughout our country and I must encourage everyone to heed all state and city government warnings in order to limit the spread of the virus. I pray that none in our Forest Park family loses anyone to this disease.

In light of the statewide Stay-at-Home order, your civic association has temporarily suspended all in-person meetings until further notice. The result of this decision is that our monthly newsletters will be online during the impacted periods as we cannot endanger the well-being of our volunteers who have to meet to stuff the bags for distribution. Our regularly scheduled April meeting on 04/14/2020 will be held digitally via Zoom and unless the situation improves, the May meeting will be held remotely as well; however, the decision regarding the May meeting will be made at a later date. Please note; however, that the planned Stuffing Day Event on April 25th at 10am at Schoedinger Funeral Home on Karl Rd is scheduled go on as planned. We will set up with strict adherence to social distancing guidelines in mind and will have to get the job done in shifts with no more than 10 volunteers in the room at any given time. We ask that as many residents that can volunteer for a shift do so ASAP. It is yet to be seen if this event will have to be rescheduled given current events. We will notify you all as we hear from the authorities if the impact of the Stay-at-Home order has been positive. There are links to sign up to volunteer for this event on our Facebook page. The links to the virtual meetings will be published online on our website www.fpcivic.org, on our official Facebook page Forest Park Civic Association, and on the resident-led Facebook group Forest Park Neighborhood (Columbus, OH). Also, note that all information we receive from our partners with the State of Ohio and the City of Columbus will be disseminated via the afore-mentioned platforms.

Lastly, I implore you all to make an even greater effort to be of assistance to those of our residents who stand to be most impacted by the current situation:

- Check in on your elderly neighbors before you run to the store to see if they need anything.
- Limit your own exposure by reducing the number of trips made to the store. Ask neighbors going to the store to pick you up small items that you may need. Be sure to ask your neighbors if they need anything before you go to the store yourself in return.
- I must ask parents of pre-teen and teenage children to strongly discourage them from congregating in large numbers at our area playgrounds in order to limit their exposure to the virus; which in turn can expose older members of your households to illness.

Stay safe and healthy Forest Park!

Felix Quachey, FPCA President

### DO the FIVE

- 1. Hands-Wash them often
- 2. Elbow-Cough into it
- 3. Face-Don't touch it
- 4. Feet-Stay 6 feet apart from people







**Forest Park Blockwatch** Check email, social media for next meeting date \*\*\*\*

**FPCA** Meeting **Next Meeting ONLINE only** April 14, 2020 - 7 pm Check the website, fpcivic.org for instructions to connect for meeting

**Tentative** dates for upcoming events: Forester Membership Stuffing Day Saturday April 25th **Forest Park Garage Sales** Saturday, May 16 Check website, social media closer to dates for details

**APRIL, 2020** 

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#### FORESTER DEADLINE

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If you encounter problems with an advertiser, please notify Joel Kin, 614-357-1167 or email to: forester\_ads@fpcivic.org

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

Articles for the MAY, 2020 Forester are due to editor by April 16, 2020. The MAY 2020 Forester will be delivered to households by the first Sunday, MAY 3rd or ONLINE at fpcivic.org.

#### CONTRIBUTORS THIS MONTH ARE:

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#### The Mayor of Cherrywood Court, Gloria Free

On February 20, 2020 we lost an original member of Forest Park West. Gloria Free was more than a neighbor, she was a friend, historian, and a very caring person. When we purchased our home in 2016 Gloria was the first person to come over and greet us and introduce herself. Although she was not an appointed member of the welcoming committee of Forest Park she extended herself to ensure we felt welcomed. In the four years I was fortunate enough to know Gloria she was a great neighbor. She never saw me and didn't wave and say hello. She shared her phone number, would call and check on us to see how we were doing, told stories of the history of the neighborhood, my house, and memories of life in Forest Park West and on the "court". She offered her expertise on gardening, identified plants and flowers and educated us on what we thought were flowers, were actually weeds!

She talked of neighbors helping each other out, being able to leave her door open, and children riding their bicycles together. She offered feedback on our new house paint choices and cheered us on as we worked through the summer and into Fall to refinish our garage door. Gloria truly loved raising her family and being a part of Forest Park and always looked forward to the delivery of the Forester. She knew each member of the court by name and even offered introductions when we became part of the neighborhood family. Gloria would decorate for each holiday and made sure to show her OSU pride on game days. I left for work in a hurry one day and Gloria came over and closed my garage door, then called to tell me she wanted to make sure my house was safe. The kindness and generosity Gloria showed reminds me how important it is to have good neighbors and to be a good neighbor.

I still see her sweet husband, Kirk, almost daily and he continues to be an outstanding neighbor as well. I am honored and grateful to have known Gloria and to be a part of Forest Park West. Submitted by Katrina Kerns



#### **APRIL, 2020**

|              | Forest Park Civic Association    |          |           |    |           |          |          |        |           |                  |
|--------------|----------------------------------|----------|-----------|----|-----------|----------|----------|--------|-----------|------------------|
|              | Treasurer's Report               | 2020     |           |    | 2020      | Budget   |          | Budget |           | YTD Difference   |
|              |                                  | February |           |    | YTD       | February |          | YTD    |           | Actual vs Budget |
| Revenue      | Membership                       | \$       | 225.00    | \$ | 14,150.00 | \$       | 25.00    | \$     | 14,650.00 | -3.41%           |
|              | Business Membership              |          |           | \$ | 200.00    | \$       | -        | \$     | 425.00    | -52.94%          |
|              | Supplement Security              | \$       | 25.00     | \$ | 2,175.00  | \$       | -        | \$     | 1,600.00  | 35.94%           |
|              | Interest                         | \$       | 0.32      | \$ | 3.46      | \$       | 0.25     | \$     | 2.75      | 25.82%           |
|              | Forester                         | \$       | 530.00    | \$ | 8,160.00  | \$       | 900.00   | \$     | 9,100.00  | -10.33%          |
|              | Additional Donations             | \$       | 200.00    | \$ | 1,738.00  | \$       | -        | \$     | 1,102.00  | 57.71%           |
|              | Garage Sale/Wecome Advertising   |          |           | \$ | 240.00    | \$       | -        | \$     | 260.00    | -7.69%           |
|              | Beautification                   |          |           | \$ | 710.00    | \$       | -        | \$     | 400.00    | 77.50%           |
|              | Total                            | \$       | 980.32    | \$ | 27,376.46 | \$       | 925.25   | \$     | 27,539.75 | -0.59%           |
|              |                                  |          |           |    |           |          |          |        |           |                  |
|              |                                  |          |           |    |           |          |          |        |           |                  |
| Expense      | Membership                       | \$       | 4.84      | \$ | 2,836.47  | \$       | 10.00    | \$     | 2,535.00  | 11.89%           |
|              | Supplement Security              | \$       | 500.00    | \$ | 8,125.00  | \$       | 500.00   | \$     | 7,625.00  | 6.56%            |
|              | Forester                         | \$       | 935.90    | \$ | 12,193.67 | \$       | 1,300.00 | \$     | 13,250.00 | -7.97%           |
|              | Liability Insurance              |          |           | \$ | 475.00    | \$       | -        | \$     | 475.00    | 0.00%            |
| February     | Miscellaneous                    |          |           | \$ | -         | \$       | -        | \$     | -         |                  |
| 2020         | Northland Community Council      | \$       | 170.00    | \$ | 170.00    | \$       | -        | \$     | 310.00    | -45.16%          |
| Treasurer's  | Treasurer Expenses               |          |           | \$ | 115.88    | \$       | 10.00    | \$     | 90.00     | 28.76%           |
| Report.      | Island Maintenance               |          |           | \$ | 540.00    | \$       | -        | \$     | 900.00    | -40.00%          |
|              | Garage Sale                      |          |           | \$ | 97.94     | \$       | -        | \$     | 100.00    | -2.06%           |
| Submitted by | Beautification Awards            |          |           | \$ | -         | \$       | -        | \$     | 325.00    | -100.00%         |
| Dan Hartzell | Outreach Day                     |          |           | \$ | -         | \$       | -        | \$     | 150.00    | -100.00%         |
|              | 4th of July Parade               |          |           | \$ | 195.13    | \$       | -        | \$     | 200.00    | -2.44%           |
|              | Welcome Committee                | \$       | 341.03    | \$ | 848.42    | \$       | -        | \$     | 280.00    | 203.01%          |
|              | Picnic                           |          |           | \$ | 43.27     | \$       | -        | \$     | 450.00    | -90.38%          |
|              | Total                            | \$       | 1,951.77  | \$ | 25,640.78 | \$       | 1,820.00 | \$     | 26,690.00 | -3.93%           |
|              |                                  |          |           |    |           |          |          |        |           |                  |
|              | Net Income/Loss                  | \$       | (971.45)  | \$ | 1,735.68  | \$       | (894.75) | \$     | 849.75    | 104.26%          |
|              | Account Balances at end of month | \$       | 24,677.19 | ⊢  |           | ⊢        |          |        |           |                  |

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Hello Forest Park! Times are weird but the sun is shining and the temperature is rising. Now that everyone is spending more time at home, here are just a few friendly reminders. When doing yard-work in the back, it's important to leave your garage door and the front of the house closed and secured. It prevents people from taking your belongings while unattended. It's also important to remember to not leave bikes, children's toys, and scooters unattended in the front yard. While we hope no one is going around steeling toys, we have seen recent posts on the Facebook page. Finally, please remember to keep your cardoors locked and window rolled up when not attended.

We are all dealing with an unprecedented situation but now is the best time to get to know your neighbors – while remaining a safe 6 foot distance from each other. While you're out working on your yard, walking the neighborhood, or sitting on your porch. Take a moment to say hello to your neighbors. The more we know eachother, the more we notice when things aren't right, which puts us in a better position to report issues and band together during tough times.

Remember, if you do need to go out of town and are a paid Forest Park Member, you can submit your vacation request by mailing the form below to Daryl Van Mercetta a 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, OH 43229; email the form to Daryl at <u>dvanmercetta@gmail.com</u>; by providing the information from the form to Daryl at 513-607-5975, or by filling out the form electronically at <u>fpcivic.org</u>.

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

| Supplemental Security House Check<br>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        | Dary                | Mail to:<br><b>Van Mercetta</b> |  |  |  |
| Lights on timer? Locat  | ion          | 2131 <sup>°</sup> H | loneytree Court<br>3-479-2416   |  |  |  |
| Radio or TV continuously on tim   | er? Location |                     | Or<br>Email at:                 |  |  |  |
| Will older children be in and out   | ? Yes No     |                     | cetta@gmail.com                 |  |  |  |
| If yes, make and model of car   |              |                     |                                 |  |  |  |

#### APRIL, 2020



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#### NO STOP ON RED

When I watch the traffic patterns I started wondering if the **no turn on red** signs said **no stop on red**. The next time I was stopped right in front of a "no turn on red" sign I looked at it very carefully. The way most people drive, it seems as though the sign says, "no stop on red." Not only do people make the turn on red they do not stop.





#### WHAT DOES THIS ARROW MEAN?

The next confusing thing for me is what happens at the service road at Maple Canyon and 161. The arrow is facing right. That means right turn only. Common wisdom says people understand the symbol easier than words. Can you not deduce from this that we are not to make left hand turns or go straight thru? In reality, drivers generally ignore it.

#### STOP MEANS CESSATION OF MOVEMENT

We have been walking every day since Covid 19. We walk around the Circle. There are stop signs at each feeder street. I started to take note. 100% of the cars did not stop at the stop sign unless there was a car coming or someone at the crosswalk. So, I took a long look at the "stop" signs. It says "stop.

#### So What?

I shouldn't be so snarky. Why does it matter? It might not except it is against the law. It might be a stupid law except there are, every year, more accidents along the 161 corridor than any other place in the entire region. The reason for over 90% of these accidents is people making left hand turns, going straight thru on the service road, not stopping on red before turning or turning on red when it is forbidden. In other words not following simple directions.

The City of Columbus knows this. They did a study. They plan to fix one of our accident problems by making it impossible for us to make left hand turns or going straight at the feeder streets along the service road. They are going to put in physical barriers that will prevent left hand turns. You will have to turn right. Proceed down the feeder street a few hundred yards and make a 180 left hand turn and head back to the service road. It will be impossible to make a left hand turn onto a service road from the feeder street. This will be true for all feeder streets eventually.

Allow me to give an example. If you are heading east on 161 and you want to continue to head east on the service road at Maple Canyon and say you want to go Jeddo Kabab. You will need to turn right onto Maple Canyon, proceed a couple hundred yards and make a 180% left turn, go back north to the service road and make a right-hand turn.

I told the street planners that most people will turn right at the service road, go thru the gas station or behind Wendy's and make a left hand turn or turn left into the post office and back out or better yet go thru the ATM at Huntington and continue on your merry way east on the service road.

We as a community did not agree with the City's fix. The 161 Task Force did not want this. We wanted contraflow, the service road one way going the opposite way of 161. It is cheaper to build and easier to maneuver. The City is stuck on round-abouts.

In the meantime, we could all follow the signs, eliminate accidents and the need for the change.

It would be great in my humble opinion if the City of Columbus would reconsider round-abouts. I predict major backups on the feeder streets, especially when school buses are dropping off or picking up students. Or at rush hour. What do you think? Want more information? George Schmidt

#### **APRIL**, 2020

#### **Forest Park Civic Association Meeting** March 10, 2020 Minutes - Epworth United Methodist Church

Meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting @ 7:01PM byFelix Quachey Roll Call: Taken by Lou Bernard - loubernard3@gmail.com Attendance: Officers and Committee Chairs in Attendance: FQ, DH, LB, MS, DVM, KVM, EV, ER, MS, PW, and SL. Area Representatives in attendance: 2, 3, 5, 6, 11 Area Representatives Absent: 1, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 **Officer's Reports President's Report:** by Felix Quachey 1. Minutes from last month's meeting are approved. 2. Jasmine Petty (FPWest) has organized a Forest Park Clean-up day on 3/21. Meet at Woodward Pk. Rec. Center at 10 am. Info is on the Facebook and Nextdoor sites/pages. 3. All committee chairs should submit articles to promote their activities and recruit volunteers. Any FP member can submit an article. 4. The attendance of area reps at FPCA meetings is really down at the meeting. We will start following the NCC Meetings by posting attendance in the Forester. Vice President's Report: by Scott Prigan - scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com - Absent - No Report Secretary's Report: by Lou Bernard - loubernard3@gmail.com - No Report Treasurer's Report: by Dan Hartzell - danbob1@email.com 1. Feb. membership: 9 new members. Membership totals for End of Feb. out of 2800+ households (year) : 566 (2020), 587 (2019) and 626 (2018) 2. The budget was accepted and passed. See budget in this month's Forester. 3. The budget for the next fiscal year was reviewed. There was a correction to the date, and then the budget passed. 4. Dan reported that he needed the email of the Beechcroft HS STEM people so he can get them their check for delivering the Forester. The Forester Report: by Rita Woeste - forester ed@fpca.org - absent Report by Mary S. 1. Deadline for articles is Thurs. Mar. 19, so you have an extra week to get items in 2. We are happy to see some articles from local schools, but still looking for articles from/about the neighborhood. 3. We will have a few more ads from new folks inquiring about the Forester. 4. We need Joel to get in touch with Gabby's about their Ad. Rita will email him. Public Relations Report: by Mary Sguerra - mary.sguerra@herrealtors.com 1. Community Garage Sale will be held on May 16th. Look for info in future editions. Also looking for volunteers. 2. Getting with Felix to go over 50th anniversary items, to see what can be used for the 60th. Supplemental Security Report: submitted by Daryl and Katie Van Marcetta - dvanmercetta@gmail.com 1. It has been pretty quiet. Not much to report. Business Representative: by Sheridan Landin - sheridanlandon@yahoo.com | Alan Ray, aray.bergahorn@gmail.com 1. Made contact with 2 more businesses: the Universal African Mkt. and the Sandalwood Supermarket. 2. The owners of the Drelyse Restaurant on Tamarack Circle want to know the status of their membership. We are looking into this. 3. Geo. Schmidt will be working with the Bus. Reps to help them **Committee Reports** Social Activities Committee Report: by Pam Weaver - pweaver1208@gmail.com - presented by Amber Liston 1. We are looking to host a happy hour for FP residents. Vote taken, and a weeknight will be chosen. Look for updates in the Forester or the Facebook page. 2. Also a vote was taken to hold a Clipper's Night again. Look for updates. 3. July 4th Parade coming up. Looking for volunteers to help with the float. Contact Pam please. If you are interested in helping out with the parade, contact Ed Vanasdale, 614-847-1494, evanasdale@insight.rr.com Welcome Committee Report: submitted by Ellin Ray (new Welcome Committee chair!) 1. We have new Welcome Packets for the new members, and were passed out to the area reps to deliver. Volunteer Coordinator/Membership Committee: submitted by Mike Stone - msto0103@yahoo.com 1. Membership envelope stuffing will be on April 25, 1:30 at Schoedinger's. We are looking for 30-40 volunteers. Ellin Ray volunteered to take all the envelopes for the membership drive down to the post office.

2. Also looking to find ways to increase outreach to international neighbors. Look for more future info in the Forester.

3. The "door-to-door" campaign will begin very soon.

Northland Community Council Report/Dypt Representatives: by Ed Vanasdale, evanasdale@insight.rr.com

3 cases that dealt with Forest PArk:

who is running an auto mechanics shop in the space of the old car wash in Tamarack Circle is seeking a variance to 1. The man auto dealer. This was brought up last month. The development board refused the variance and are against it. become an

2.4899 Cleveland Ave. requested a variance to become a restaurant or coffee shop. Granted variance on the condition that they put in a sidewalk.

3. 4509 Cleve. Ave. the old yarn shop near Morse Rd. that is now a daycare wants to expand into a nearby bldg.

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#### 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 HER Realtors 614-818-7636

**Amy's Alterations & Creative** Sewing Amv Likens 614-404-8090

Jonathan Allen Landscape iallen8352@wowway.com 614-899-6085

Schoedinger North Chapel 5554 Karl Rd 614-224-6105

#### Restaurants

Donatos Pizza 1891 Tamarack Circle www.Donatos.com

Gabby's 1887 Tamarack Circle (614) 433-0583

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Northside Family Dental 5770 Karl Rd, Ste. 100 614-846-8340

**Kreiger Ford** 1800 Morse Road 614-783-3673



#### **HADLER** Companies 2000 W. Henderson Road

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#### WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE IN MY HOUSE?

Every crisis comes with some degree of opportunity. In my life, depending on the season, I will have four of my weeknights occupied after my normal work day. I would need a sizable part of my weekend to prepare everything. That would lead to a lack of home organization and upkeep. It also would cause less face time with the ones most dear to me.

That was before the virus invasion. It came from nowhere and wrecked a lot of plans and prosperity for everyone. Now we are adjusting to working and being educated within our homes. My son moved back from college much earlier than anticipated, and he has reunited with his beloved sister (aka "the target"). So our home is a bit more crowded, a bit more noisy, and a bit more interesting.

Speaking of which, we have been eating dinner at the... dining room table. All four of us!! No rushing to work, a study session or a practice!! We've actually been cleaning and organizing our house! We just put down the baseboard after laying the bathroom flooring TWO YEARS AGO. I even found an uncashed check!! And get this: Our family actually played Monopoly the other night!! Now full disclosure on the last bit. After a half hour, my daughter was trying to bankrupt herself to end her role in "family time." That led to an auction for Park Place where the lowest bid got it. Yes, she was ready to sell it for a dollar before the regulatory authority (mom) disallowed the transaction. That has to be a first in monopoly history.

The world has slammed on the brakes in a way that will likely never happen again in our lifetime. Nobody prefers life as we are currently living it, but the bizarre circumstance also provides us with some degree of opportunity. If we use it right, we can be still for a bit. We can use it to think, pray, reflect, connect, prepare, and even possibly reprioritize.

Submitted by Mike Stone



#### ......Minutes continued from page 6

#### **Old Business**

1. Felix would like to revise the positions of Block Captain and Area Rep. A committee is being formed to look into this. **New Business** 

1. When is the next Shredding Day? If NCC isn't doing one, should the FPCA sponsor one?

8:35 pm Meeting Adjourned Submitted by Lou Bernard, FPCA Secretary

#### A Little Fun For Everyone...

As a mom of two very active boys, ages 7 and 9, I have to admit that things can get a little tense some times being cooped up inside all day with homeschooling. In March, some residents suggested on our neighborhood Facebook page that we all get out and do a "Shamrock Hunt" throughout the neighborhood – the Social-Distancing version of a shamrock hunt that is. Many residents joined in the fun by printing and coloring pictures of shamrocks and then hanging them in their front windows. Neighborhood children and adults then went out on daily walks and had a good time "hunting" for new colored shamrocks in the windows of their neighbors. My boys and I had a great time going on walks ourselves! We tried new routes each time and discovered quite a few beautifully colored shamrocks.





Well, lets keep the fun going! For April, I'd like to encourage our residents to join in on the Forest Park Front Window Easter Egg Hunt! Create a paper Easter egg of your own, then paint it, color it, glue construction paper to it – get as creative as you want – but make it bright and visible from the sidewalk. Even if you don't have children, join in by going out for a walk and enjoying all the gorgeous window eggs, or you can even put up a window egg of your own to brighten up someone else's day. Feel free to use the

blank egg template in this issue of The Forester. I'm looking forward to a beautiful April!

Pam Weaver Forest Park Social (Distancing) Activities Committee

## CALL TODAY TO SEE HOW WE CAN MAKE YOUR HOME MORE BEAUTIFUL AND ENERGY EFFICIENT!



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# esources for Students & Parents

Thanks to Principal Charmaine Campbell at Parkmoor Elementary in Forest Park East for this list of links to the many educational resources for students and resources for families in the Columbus area as we all respect and follow the guidelines of Stay at home mandate for the current time. Remember to balance the time your kids are online with physical exercise activities (this can include house chores) and just spending time in conversation with family members including playing board games, doing puzzles and cooking together. Stay safe, Stay Healthy!!

# CAP4Kids

#### https://cap4kids.org/columbus/coronavirus/

Cap4kids has a ton of resources for families including Food & Meal Resources, Housing and Utility assistance, Community Resources, and Fun & Safe Activities for Families. A very valuable resource specific to the needs of families during this Coronavirus.



#### FUN AND FREE WAYS TO LEARN **FROM HOME**



SCIENCE:

**WRITING:** 

www.typingclub.com

Typing Club

National Geographic

kids.nationalgeographic.com

Mystery Doug mysterydoug.com



SOCIAL STUDIES:

History for Kids History for Kids www.historyforkids.net

# **LUNCH DOODLES** with **Mo Willems!**

#### Kennedy Center Education Artist-in-Residence at Home

Mo Willems invites YOU into his studio every day for his LUNCH DOODLE. Learners worldwide can draw, doodle and explore new ways of writing by visiting Mo's studio virtually once a day for the next few weeks. Grab some paper and pencils, pens, or crayons and join Mo to explore ways of writing and making together.

New episodes will be posted each weekday at 1:00 p.m. ET and then remain online to be streamed afterwards. Check back each weekday for new LUNCH DOODLES!

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Covid-19 message to our neighbors of different Languages



#### Prevenir la desinformación sobre <u>COVID-19</u>

A la luz de la pandemia de COVID-19, la Ciudad de Columbus está tomando todas las medidas de precaución para informar y educar a todos nuestros residentes, incluidas nuestras comunidades de Nueva América, sobre el riesgo de exposición y las mejores prácticas para prevenir la propagación del COVID-19 Es de suma importancia que nuestros residentes tomen las precauciones necesarias para frenar y finalmente detener la propagación del virus.

Esta es una situación única que está cambiando a diario. A medida que se disponga de nueva información, queremos asegurarnos de que la información que se comparte esté basada en hechos y sea precisa. Por lo tanto, para evitar la propagación de información errónea, le pedimos al público que haga lo siguiente:

Conozca los hechos sobre COVID-19 de fuentes oficiales confiables. Evite publicar / compartir información no verificada dirigida a las diversas comunidades de nuestra ciudad. Es importante que seamos consumidores informados y responsables de la información, ya sea que provenga de un vecino o de las redes sociales.

Para obtener información precisa y actualizada en varios idiomas, visite estos sitios web: Columbus Salud Publica https://www.columbus.gov/Coronavirus Condado de Franklin Salud pública https://covid-19.myfcph.org/ Departamento de salud de Ohio https:// coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/ covid-19/ Centros para el Control y Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC) https:// www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/ index.html

Combata el estigma entendiendo que no puede saber si alguien está en riesgo de propagar COVID-19 en función de cómo se ve. Los virus no se dirigen a personas de poblaciones, etnias o antecedentes raciales específicos.

A medida que continuamos monitoreando la situación, proporcionaremos información precisa a través de los canales apropiados, incluyendo sesiones informativas oficiales, medios de comunicación legítimos y partes interesadas respetadas de la comunidad.

#### COVID-19 को बारे मा गलत जानकारी रोक्नुहोस्

COVID-19 महामारीको प्रकाशमा, कोलम्बस शहरले हाम्रा सबै बासिन्दाहरू, र हाम्रो नयाँ अमेरिकी समुदायहरू सहित COVID-19 को प्रसार रोक्नको लागि जोखिम र उत्तम अभ्यासहरूको बारेमा सूचित गर्न र शिक्षा दिनको लागि सावधानी अपनाउँदै छ। यो अत्यन्त महत्त्वको छ कि हाम्रा बासिन्दाहरूले भाइरसको विस्तारलाई रोक्नको लागि आवश्यक सावधानी अपनाउँदछन्। यो एक अद्वितीय स्थिति हो जुन दैनिक परिवर्तन हुँदैछ। नयाँ जानकारी उपलब्ध हुने बित्तिकै हामी यो कुरा सुनिश्चित गर्न चाहन्छौं कि साझा गरिएको जानकारी तथ्य आधारित र सही छ। त्यसकारण, गलत जानकारी फैलाउन रोक्न हामी जनतालाई निम्न कार्य गर्न अनुरोध गर्न चाहान्छौ :

फलाउन राक्न हामा जनतालाइ ानक्र काय गम अनुराव गम याहान्छा : विश्वसनीय आधिकारिक स्रोतहरूबाट COVID-19 बारे तथ्यहरू लिनुहोस्। कृपया हाम्रो शहरमा बिभिन्न समुदायहरूलाई लक्षित गर्ने असत्य जानकारी पोष्टिंग / साझेदारी नगर्नुहोस। यो महत्त्वपूर्ण छ कि हामी जिम्मेवार बनौ, जानकारीका उपभोक्ताहरुलाई सूचित गरौ, छिमेकी वा सोशल मिडियाबाट आएको भए पनि। विभिन्न भाषाहरूमा सहि र वर्तमान जानकारीको लागि यी वेबसाइटहरूमा जानुहोस्:

#### कोलम्बस सार्वजनिक स्वास्थ्यः

www.columbus.gov/coronavirus

फ्रेंकलिन काउन्टी सार्वजनिक स्वास्थ्य : https://covid-19.myfcph.org/

ओहायो स्वास्थ्य विभाग: https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/

रोग नियन्त्रण र रोकथाम केन्द्र (CDC) : <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-</u> ncov/index.html

यो बुझेर कलंक लड्नुहोस् कि, अरु कस्तो देखिन्छन् भन्ने आधारमा तपाईं बताउन सक्नुहुन्न कि यदि कोही COVID-19 फैलाउन जोखिममा छ या छैन भन्ने कुरा। भाइरसले विशिष्ट जनसंख्या, जातीयता वा जातीय पृष्ठभूमिका आधारमा मानिसहरूलाई लक्षित गर्दैन।

जब हामी परिस्थितिलाई अनुगमन गर्न जारी राख्छौं, हामी उपयुक्त च्यानलहरू मार्फत आधिकारिक ब्रीफिंगहरू, वैध मिडिया आउटलेटहरू, र सम्मानित समुदाय साझेदारहरू सहित सही जानकारी प्रदान गर्नेछौं।

यो समय यस महामारीको विरुद्ध लड्न हामी सबै एकजुट हौ, र सबैलाई अनुकम्पा, दया र सम्मानका साथ व्यवहार गरौ।

Kahortagga Macluumaadka Aan La Hubin ee Ku Saabsan COVID-19 Iyada oo la tixgelinayo cudurka saf-marka ah ee COVID-19, Magaalada Columbus waxay qaadaysaa talaabo walba oo looga hortagayo, wargelin iyo wacyigelinna loogu samaynayo dhammaan dadka magaalada deggan, oo ay ku jiraan dadka Maraykanka Cusub ah, halista u banbaxa cudurka iyo sida ugu habboon ee looga hortago faafitaanka COCID-19. Waa arrin ahmiyad aad u weyn inoo leh in dhammaan dadka magaalada deggani ay muujiyaan taxaddar walba oo lagu hakinayo laguna cirib tirayo faafitaanka fayruska.

Xaaladdani waa mid ugub ah oo maalin walba is baddeli karta. Haddii ay soo kordhaan warar cusub, waxaan doonaynaa in la hubiyo in warbixinta dadka lala wadaagayo ay ku salaysnaato xaqiiqda oo ay sax tahay. Sidaas awgeed, si looga hortago faafitaanka ku-tiri -ku-teenta, waxaan dadweynaha u soo jeedinaynaa in la raaco talooyinkan:

Warbixin sugan oo ku saabsan COVID-19 ka raadso ilo rasmi ah oo la hubo. Fadlan ka fogow in aad soo gudbiso/dadka la wadaagto wararka aan la hubin oo lala beegsanayo bulshada magaalada ku dhaqan qaybaheeda kala duwan. Waa lama huraan in aan muujinno mas'uuliyad, iyo in aan ognahay wararka aan ka helno deriska ama baraha bulshada.

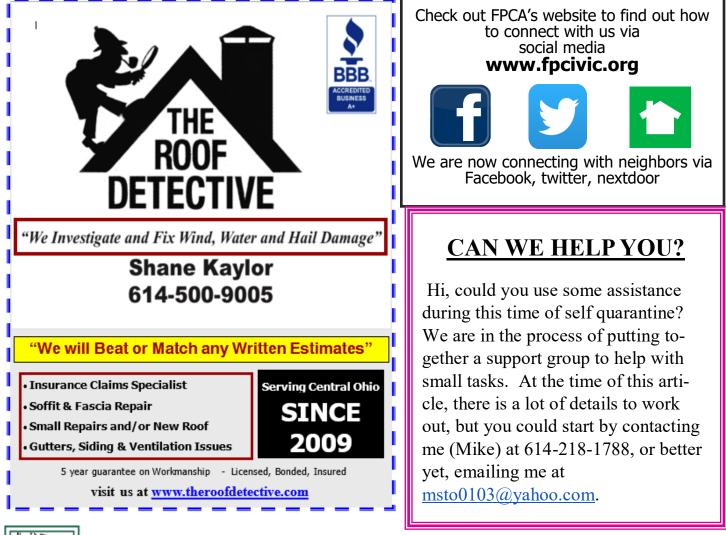
Wararkii u dambeeyay oo sax ah kuna qoran afaf kala duwan ka doono shabakadahan: Columbus Public Health https://www.columbus.gov/coronavirus Franklin County Public Health https://covid-19.myfcph.org/ Ohio Department of Health https:// coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/ Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019- ncov/index.html

Ka hortag eexda adiga oo fahamsan in aan qofka faafinaya cudurka COVID-19 lagu ogaan karin sida qofku u eg yahay. Fayrusku gaar uguma dhaco dadyow gaar ah, jinsiyado ama midab gooni ahna ma beegsado.

Xaaladda si dhow ayaan ula soconnaa, wixii warbixin sax ahna waan idinla wadaagi doonnaa iyada oo la soo marsiinayo ilaha ku habboon sida war murtiyeed rasmi ah, hay'adaha saxaafadda saxda ah iyo saamileyda bulshada ee la hubo. Waxaa la joogaa xilligii aan dhammaanteen u midoobi lahayn in aynu la dirirno cudurkan saf-marka ah oo aan ula dhaqmi lahayn qof walba si naxariis, ixtiraam iyo tixgelin leh.

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News from Northland Principal Jason L. Johnson on the continued success of Northland High School Students.

**Feb. 21, 2020** -- Following in the footsteps of students from Columbus Downtown High School and Walnut Ridge High School, who presented at the first Board of Education meeting in February, ambassadors from Northland High School and East High School shared happenings in their buildings during this week's Board meeting. **WATCH:** <u>Click here to watch the presentations</u>.

The presentations are a continuation of Dr. Talisa Dixon's new initiative during her Superintendent's Report at the board meetings.

Following East High School's presentation, Alonzo Waugh, Fatima Henderson Benard, and Francisca Akoutah from Northland spoke.

Highlights from Northland's speech included a feature on the diversity of students and staff, broad course offerings, robust athletics, and their award-winning STEM program.





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**Dear Neighbors:** 

MARY SGUERRA CBR \$25 MILLION CLUB FOREST PARK RESIDENT

#### 818-7636

STAY CALM - STAY KIND - STAY STRONG - STAY POSITIVE - STAY HOME

Please during these uncertain times of **COVID 19** listen and adhere to the warnings & guidelines that are set in place by the local officials. I am committed to protecting the health of our community. I am still working - just working remotely in accordance with social distancing recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention but I am permitted to work because **Real Estate-related activities are identified as essential** according to the new Executive Order issued on 3/22 by Governor Mike DeWine and Dr. Amy Acton. If needed, much of my work can be done with you through phone calls, emails, text and electronic signatures.

I closed on my listing at **2255 Teakwood Dr**. and I just listed and put In-Contract my NEW listing at **5426 Teakwood Ct.** and I still have several buyers looking for homes in our Forest Park area.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. I hope you'll think of me when buying or selling real estate this year. I specialize in this area and I'm always here to help. Just give me a call and let me show you what HER and I can do for you

#### 2 NEW LISTINGS:

5521 Redwood Rd. - Move-In Condition! One Owner Ranch w/3BR's, 2BA's, Family Rm, 2 car gar. \$210,000 5426 Teak wood Ct. - Wow! Lovely Bilevel home w/4 BR's, 2 BA's, Family Room, 2 car garage \$195,000

#### CURRENT MARKET WATCH

The following homes are For Sale with HER Realtors:

#### 5521 Redwood Rd. Ranch/3BR 210,000

HER Realtors homes In Contract 1651 Penworth Dr. 2-Sty/4BR 268,000 5426 Teakwood Ct. Bi-lvl/4BR 198,000 (C)=In Contract Contingent (E)=I/C w/Escape clause

**All Homes SOLD** 

| Homes sold since 2/11/2 | 20        | Price:  | ł |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|---|
| 5315 Karl Rd.           | Ranch/3BR | 178,999 | 1 |
| 5449 Tamarack Blvd      | Split/3BR | 179,900 | 1 |
| 5107 Sassafras Rd.      | Ranch/3BR | 189,900 | 1 |
| 5046 Tamarack Blvd      | Split/3BR | 189,900 | 1 |
| 1711 Blue Ash Pl.       | Ranch/3BR | 194,900 | 1 |
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#### I KNOW FOREST PARK! I LIVE IN FOREST PARK! I SELL FOREST PARK!

| Asking<br>Price: |         |                      |            | Asking<br>Price: |         |
|------------------|---------|----------------------|------------|------------------|---------|
| 178,999          | 172,000 | 2255 Teakwood Dr.    | 2-Sty/4BR  | 195,000          | 194,000 |
| 179,900          | 175,000 | 5401 Vinewood Ct.    | Ranch/4BR  | 201,000          | 199,000 |
| 189,900          | 195,500 | 1439 Hempwood Dr.    | Bi-lvl/3BR | 210,000          | 211,000 |
| 189,900          | 189,900 | 1845 Tamarack Ct. S. | 2-Sty/4BR  | 216,500          | 212,500 |
| 194.900          | 197.000 |                      |            |                  |         |

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