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President's Message



My fellow residents, our country is experiencing testing times. Throughout the country and communities therein difficult conversations about race and institutional racism are being had. As a leader in a community as diverse as Forest Park I am compelled to discuss the elephant in the room.

Our neighborhood was developed in 1961; only 59 years ago, at a time in our nation's history when none of our residents of color would have been given the opportunity to purchase homes here due to the practice of redlining. It is a testament to the painful progress we have made that our neighborhood is as diverse as it is today. There is obviously still much work left to be done. We can't afford NOT to have real and honest conversations with one another as NEIGHBORS on an issue that has plagued our country since its founding. I have witnessed first-hand the outpouring of support for equal justice and opportunity throughout our neighborhood evidenced by the many yard signs calling for justice in our society and had conversations with several residents and friends. But is that alone enough? My conversations have exposed one constant truth—many simply do not know enough of our nation's history accurately enough to understand why things are what they are today.

It is said that your body can never do what your mind has never prepared it for. If you have mentally rehearsed what to do when your house catches on fire, you are quicker to get over the initial shock and spring into taking action to stop said fire. Do you know where you stand? Do your neighbors know where you stand? Will you fight for your neighbor?

I believe that if we come together as a community and strive to really get to know and understand each other, we will be truly blessed by the richness of the relationships we develop amongst one another. Our community is made up of some amazing people that we will never have the pleasure of truly knowing because racial stereotypes and personal insecurities reduce our interactions to a neighborly exchange of pleasantries. Take advantage of the diversity in our community to begin building the much-needed bridges we so desperately need across the divisions in our society today.

I do not pretend to know all the answers; however, here are some resources that may be of some use to bridging the gap:

Forest Park Blockwatch

Check email, social media
for next meeting date

FPCA Meeting

Next Meeting Scheduled for

October 13, 2020

7 pm

Check the website, fpcivic.org for
instructions as to whether this meeting
is online or in person

40, 40, 40

**That is the number of
Memberships FPCA needs**

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“The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America” by Richard Rothstein. This book is discussed in an NPR interview from 2017. Here is the link to the interview :

<https://www.npr.org/2017/05/03/526655831/a-forgotten-history-of-how-the-u-s-government-segregated-america>

“13th” (On Netflix)

“White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism”

By Robin DiAngelo.

“The New Jim Crow” by Michelle Alexander

“How to Be an Antiracist” by Ibram X. Kendi

Lastly, with COVID-19 still among us we must urge you to follow CDC and Ohio Dept. of Health guidelines if you go out on Beggar's Night this Halloween. Do be safe and have a safe and happy fall!

Felix Quachey
FPCA President

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Checks should be made payable to Forest Park Civic Association and mailed to : c/o Joel Kin
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Adventures in the Neighborhood

Given the new homeowners in the neighborhood, I think this is a great time to revisit the topic.

The placement of Forest Park within Columbus has a ton of advantages. Location is certainly one of them. With the access of I-71 and other routes, we are minutes within Ohio State, Polaris, Easton, a public library, and recreation centers. One of those hidden gems is the Olentangy Bike Trail. If you're looking for a new hobby or a simple way to shed a couple extra pounds, you could invest in a cheap bike and start the adventure.

A Forest Park resident could begin pedaling from her driveway and venture through a number of safe, well maintained neighborhoods to reach the trail. Once there, the trail becomes more scenic and colorful.

The key connecting point is the I-71 foot bridge that links Forest Park with Salem Village. Wherever you are in Forest Park, you need to head to Vinewood Court, located at the most southern, eastern point of FP West. You can also follow the Woodward Park walking path directly to this bridge as well. The ramp is pretty steep so don't hesitate to walk this part.

Once in Salem you go straight on Lincoln. Cross the railroad tracks. You will make a left on Foster and a right on Kanawha Ave. Both of these turns are marked with signs. With Kanawha, you will safely cross high street. You will make a right onto Milton Avenue, left onto Highfield and another left onto Broadview Meadows (again all well-marked with signs). Then at the end of the street is a foot bridge that takes you across the Olentangy River and onto the bike trail.

Heading north on the trail will take you to Antrum Lake. Going south takes you to several small parks and nature preserves that are interconnected with the Park of Roses and some amazing homes in Clintonville. The trail will take you by the OSU stadium, Battelle Labs, ultimately ending at Spring Street where it connects with other bike trails.

A round trip from the footbridge to the OSU Stadium is 19 miles using the trail route.

If you are looking for a way to improve your health, this might be something to consider. It's also a great way to measure how much you are progressing. Set little targeted goals each time you go out. Then enjoy the success of being able to bike a little farther on your next trip. Here's to a bit of adventure!!



From Mike Stone, FPCA Volunteer Coordinator

Forest Park Civic Association					
Treasurer's Report	2020	2020	Budget	Budget	YTD Difference
	August	YTD	August	YTD	Actual vs Budget
Revenue					
Membership	\$ 900.00	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 13,050.00	-1.92%
Business Membership		\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	-33.33%
Supplement Security	\$ 55.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,550.00	32.26%
Interest	\$ 0.41	\$ 1.68	\$ 0.30	\$ 1.50	12.00%
Forester	\$ 830.00	\$ 2,704.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,731.55	-42.84%
Additional Donations	\$ 90.00	\$ 1,538.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,250.00	23.04%
Garage Sale/Wecome Advertising		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120.00	-100.00%
Beautification/4th July	\$ 5.00	\$ 732.50	\$ -	\$ 550.00	33.18%
Total	\$ 1,880.41	\$ 20,026.68	\$ 2,100.30	\$ 21,553.05	-7.08%
Expense					
Membership	\$ 13.79	\$ 2,517.22	\$ 45.00	\$ 2,760.00	-8.80%
Supplement Security	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,875.00	-13.55%
Forester	\$ 935.90	\$ 4,203.70	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 6,225.00	-32.47%
Liability Insurance		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Miscellaneous		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Northland Community Council		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 310.00	-100.00%
Treasurer Expenses		\$ 42.51	\$ 10.00	\$ 40.00	6.27%
Island Maintenance	\$ 30.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 570.00	-52.63%
Garage Sale		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	-100.00%
Beautification Awards		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Outreach Day		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125.00	-100.00%
4th of July Parade		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	-100.00%
Welcome Committee		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	-100.00%
Social Activities		\$ 185.94	\$ -	\$ 645.00	-71.17%
Total	\$ 2,079.69	\$ 10,569.37	\$ 2,445.00	\$ 15,100.00	-30.00%
Net Income/Loss	\$ (199.28)	\$ 9,457.31	\$ (344.70)	\$ 6,453.05	46.56%
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Report.

Submitted by
Dan Hartzell

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Hello Forest Park! We've been seeing a lot of folks asking about suspicious noises heard or activity seen around the neighborhood on Facebook lately. It's understandable to express concerns given the recent increased frequency of gunshots and shootings in the neighborhood and Facebook is a great way for us to connect, especially in a time where social distancing is vital, and we want to pass along a few tips. When providing information to your neighbors, remember to include where you saw or heard the activity take place. A street name or even West v. East would be helpful for people to know where the incident occurred so they can provide additional information or avoid the area. Also, please advise if you've already reported the incident to the police. We cannot stress how important it is to report any and all activity to the police (911 or 614-645-4545). The police analyze reports for each district and use them to determine how to allocate police resources – either people or money – in different areas. It's also difficult for our police liaison to work with the other departments to fix issues in our area if he isn't aware of what's going on. Finally, remember, we are all neighbors and should treat each other with the same respect on social media that we would when passing each other on the sidewalk.



Don't forget, included with your paid Forest Park Civic Association Membership (only \$25.00 per year for the entire household!) is supplemental security coverage when you are away from your home. If you are planning

a vacation, return the enclosed vacation request form to Daryl Van Mercetta at 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, OH 43229 or dvanmercetta@gmail.com; call Daryl at 513-479-2416; or submit the vacation request form online at fpcivic.org. If you wish to report a non-emergency crime, please call the Columbus Police Department at 614-645-4545 and if you want to report a code violation, please contact 311.

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

Katie and Daryl

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 _____

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Never leave your dryer on when
leaving your house!

Membership-- We're Not There Yet!!!

At the time of this publication, we are still somewhere around 40 memberships short of our targeted goal for what we need. If you still have not yet returned your membership, please go to the FPCA web page (at fpcvivic.org) and join using paypal. If you wish, mail your \$25 membership to: P.O. Box 29160, Columbus, Ohio, 43229-0160. It will take a couple of moments and you can get it off your "to do" list. Or, please call me (Mike) at 614-218-1788 to arrange a pickup.

**BECOME
A MEMBER**

For those who are planning, or have already joined, we passionately thank you. Your support really inspires and motivates the active FPCA volunteers. THANKS!

Love Your Neighbor as **YOURSELF**

Wise words to live by if our goal is to have a better neighborhood. This is my goal. Notice the "all caps" for YOURSELF. The reason? I often think of myself in all caps as compared to the rest of you. In other words, I often fail to see my neighbor as equal to me and therefore often fall short of loving them as much as I love myself.

You make mistakes. I do things my way.

You do not do things by code. I do things my way.

You are annoying. I am ANNOYING. Note the "all caps."

My neighbors annoy me sometimes. I bet I am not the only one who can say this. The question we ask ourselves is, "what do we do when our neighbor annoys us?" Get mad? Get even? Annoy back? Have a civil conversation? Bring it up a Forest Park meeting? Call code? Call police? I imagine it depends a lot on the severity of the annoyance.

I ask myself if it should really annoy me? Would it annoy the average person? Is it against civic norms or code of the law?

Then if I am being a loving-neighbor I think about what I do to annoy other neighbors. I am pest. Telling people to not park over the sidewalk. Do not park on grass. Reminding them that broken cutters can ruin the foundation. Do you need me to cut your grass? Very subtle. I know I come across as a know it all and one who points out the errors of your ways.

So, I will ironically do it one more time. We will have a better community if we stop to think how we might annoy others before we tell them how they annoy us.

I do have love my neighbor as a goal, however. It is my intention to serve my neighbors. It helps to have good intentions. It leads to more good things being done than when you have no good intentions.

How can we be loving neighbors? If we have a beef gently communicate it. Let us look for ways to help. People in my neighborhood do a lot of loving their neighbors. I see them visiting, sharing tools, taking each other's trash cans out to beat the truck, putting cans back, working together, edging the grass for several houses, snow blowing several walks, etc.

It makes for a better life for all.

George Schmidt, Forest Park Neighbor



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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:

**October 2, 16, 30
&
November 14, 28**



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

Here's what goes in the blue cart:

Aluminum and steel cans - and lids. Flattened cardboard and pizza boxes (free of food and grease). Plastic bottles/jugs. Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, computer paper, cereal and other dry food boxes and phone books. Glass bottles and jars. Cartons and juice boxes

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Forest Park Civic Association Meeting Minutes Sept 8, 2020 - Online Zoom Meeting

(21 people on Zoom call. Thanks to all who attended.)

Meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting @ 7:00 PM by Scott Prigan

Roll Call: Taken by Lou Bernard - loubernard3@gmail.com

Attendance: Officers and Committee Chairs in Attendance: SP, DH, LB, RW, DVM, KVM, MS, EV, SL, AR, MS, ER

Officers and Committee Chairs Absent: FQ, PW

Area Representatives in attendance: 3, 11

Area Representatives Absent: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Felix Quachey - fquachey@AmFam.com - Absent

1. Felix was on vacation, so Vice President Scott Prigan ran the meeting.

Vice President's Report: Scott Prigan - scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com

1. Still working on the 501(c)(3). This should be submitted to the fed'l gov't very soon. We then have to wait for them to approve it.

Secretary's Report: Lou Bernard - loubernard3@gmail.com

1. Minutes from last month's meeting are approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Hartzell - danbob1@email.com

1. Dan went through line items on the budget, check it out in *The Forester* to see last month and the year to date. We are under budget again. Feel free to review this in this issue. We are still under budget, but this is mostly due to not having to publish the *Forester* a few times earlier in the year.

2. FPCA is down 17 memberships year to date, 60 for the year. If you haven't submitted your membership payment, please help us out. It's EASY, got the website and you can use PayPal.

3. The report and budget was accepted and passed.

Public Relations Officer's Report: Mary Sguerra - mary.sguerra@herrealtors.com

1. There is a neighbor on Pine Knoll who is reporting that a person on their street has a military vehicle that is parked in the driveway. The person comes to start it up and it is very loud. They wanted to know what can be done about this. Mary is going to check it out, but unfortunately there is not much that can be done, because it is on the owner's property. MARY suggested calling 311 to the caller.

2. Mary received a thank you's from T. Dove and A. Hunt, winners of one of the Beautification Awards.

The Forester Editor's Report: Rita Woeste - forester_ed@fpca.org

1. Everything went out on time for August. David McLaughlin may need more supplies (therefore more money from the Treasurer). We are still looking for volunteers to deliver, esp. FP East.

2. We have had nice articles from lots of new people. Keep them coming.

3. September due date for October articles: September 17th, delivery on the 25th!! Oct. articles are due to Rita by 10/15.

4. We are still looking for more volunteers to stuff and deliver *Foresters*. Please contact Rita if you can help.

Supplemental Security Officer's Report: Daryl and Katie Van Marcetta - dvanmercetta@gmail.com

1. There have been calls made to Daryl based on the military vehicle and other parked cars in the street. They have been reported to 311 and to the Supplemental Security. It is difficult for us to do anything. If people move the cars after the tires have been marked, there is nothing that can be done. We will look into whether it is a commercial vehicle. If it is a personal vehicle, there is not much we can do. We are sorry.

2. Daryl is asking for money to increase the number of security patrols on the weekends as we are approaching winter. It would cost an extra \$125/mo. The Board will look into whether this is feasible or not.

Committee Reports

Business Representative's Report: Sheridan Landin - sheridanlandon@yahoo.com | Alan Ray - aray.bergahorn@gmail.com

1. Sheridan has been visiting businesses along 161, dropping off *Foresters* and business member applications hoping to drum up advertisers. Keep up the good work, Sheridan!

Social Activities Committee Chair's Report: Pam Weaver - pweaver1208@gmail.com - Absent - No Report

Welcome Committee Chair's Report: Ellin Ray - eclair1226@gmail.com - No Report,

.....continued, September 2020 Zoom online FPCA meeting minutes

Volunteer Coordinator/Membership Committee Chair's Report: Mike Stone - msto0103@yahoo.com

1. Mike is going to cross check all people who have submitted memberships, and then do a door drop to people who have not signed up yet. Looking for volunteers to help. He would like to have this completed in the first week in October.
2. Thanks to all those participated in the Beautification Awards, lots of nominations! It was great to get out and meet the people who were winners! They met the winners! Everyone was so excited to win, and were very appreciative.
3. Neighbors who were at the meeting via Zoom got to introduce themselves.

Northland Community Council Dvpt. Committee Representative's Report: Ed Vanasdale - evanasdale@insight.rr.com | Dave Paul - dwpaul@fpcivic.org

1. There were questions about the storage facility in the old Giant Eagle on 161: are they storing too many vehicles on their lot? The answer is "no", those vehicles are used by the facility's customers to move their things too and from the facility. The organization as been doing a very good job complying with all of the rules that were established.
2. There was a meeting, 2 cases. 2410 Stimple Ave, has hired atty. to help out, since they were denied last month. The other cases were tabled as well. 3rd case was looking to put a Sheetz gas station in the old Walgreen's across from the old Giant Eagle. The city is planning to re-route Roche Dr., behind the auto parts store and the old Walgreen's. It doesn't seem to be a problem.
3. Library construction is progressing. A resident on FB wants to know what is happening with the old property. There are conceptual plans, but nothing specific is progressing. Contact the NCC to find out more.
4. The city is still working on the Hedgewood property. The city can't locate the owners, but they are continuing to move forward with the cases against the property.
5. Maple Canyon Nat'l Church REsidence pdproperty is underway. Groundbreaking recently.

Northland Community Council Representative's Report: Scott Prigan - scottprigan+fpc@gmail.com - No Report

Website Administrator's Report: Scott Prigan - scottprigan+fpc@gmail.com - Please check out the website and subscribe. That is where all the official info comes out first.

Old Business

1. Sympathy card for the family of the FP resident who passed away in the fire on Tamarack Blvd. Approved. *It is believed that Felix took care of this. He will be asked.*
2. FPCA sign on Maple Canyon needs replacing. *Ed V. will contact Mary S. to the extra sign she has, and he and Lou B. will replace the one on Maple Canyon.*

New Business

1. Long time member and area rep. Eric Kreig will be leaving the neighborhood and moving to a downtown apartment. Good luck on the move we will miss you. Go Blue Jackets!
2. Shout out to Bonnie F. for the great work keeping people informed on the Nextdoor App. Thanks for your activism!
3. Remember that many of the panhandlers are coming from the homeless hotel that is housing Covid positive people. Be careful if you are donating to them.

8:19 pm Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Lou Bernard, FPCA Secretary



*Mona Curtis
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Adding Value

Last month we began our “book” on neighboring with an introduction entitled “Loving the Place You Live.” Each chapter will highlight a positive neighboring practice. Chapter 1 is titled, “Adding Value.” Adding value is primarily a business concept. It refers to any perceived enhancement to a product or service that would make the product or service more desirable. As residents of Forest Park, don’t we want it to be a more desirable place to live? Wouldn’t it be nice if the entire community of Forest Park felt lucky to live here?



What if we as members of the Forest Park community began to collaborate to add value to our place? I believe there are folks already engaged in this ambitious project. Who are they and what exactly are they doing to add value to our community? Some are volunteering as tutors at the “homework help room” at the library on weekday afternoons. Others are serving in various capacities on our Forest Park Civic Association board. Many choose to purchase as much as they can from local merchants, which contributes to a thriving local neighborhood economy. I’ve even heard of someone taking it upon themselves to clean up one of the neighborhood parks. Soon after we moved into the neighborhood last year, someone rang our doorbell and welcomed us to the community. We received a packet with all kinds of helpful information about our new place.

Someone gives of their time to keep the Forest Park sign and surrounding landscape beautiful. Someone delivers *The Forester* to our door. Adding value can be as complicated as organizing a block party or as simple as greeting folks with a warm smile and a cheerful “hello” or helping a neighbor get connected to others in the neighborhood. Everyone has gifts to offer our community. You might be handy and can help out with a renovation project. You may be a gardener who could help out with a neighbor’s landscaping plans. Vince, who lives two doors down from me loves to bake and cook. We have benefited from delicious bread, smoked chicken and some sour dough starter from his kitchen. When Kevin and Maureen decided to build a shed in their back yard it became a community project with at least three of their neighbors participating. Doug was our foreman and Becky climbed up on the roof to nail down the shingles. It was like and old fashioned barn raising.

I’m sure you could think of lots of other ways to add value to our community. But it has to start with us. We have to own it. What will you do to add value to our community? Remember, it doesn’t have to be complicated. Get creative. What gifts do you have to share. Let’s collaborate together to make Forest Park a place we can all call home.

Andy Hunt, Forest Park Neighbor



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Dear Neighbors:

Fall is here and the real estate market is staying active and the interest rates are still LOW! My NEW listings at **5540 Sandalwood Blvd**, **5414 Teakwood Ct.** and **5181 Maplewood Ct. W.** have all gone **In Contract** and are getting ready to close shortly. Even with this Covid 19 time the real estate market continues to be good and I still have clients looking to make a move into our area. There continues to be a shortage of homes for sale so if you are thinking of making a move - please give me a call. I specialize in this area and I'm always here to help.

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- 5181 Maplewood Ct. v 2-Sty/4BR 189,000**
- 5540 Sandalwood Bl. Ranch/3BR 195,500**
- 5414 Teakwood Ct. Split/3BR 198,000**
- 5460 Pine Bluff Rd 2-Sty/4BR 269,900**

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

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All Homes **SOLD**

		Asking	Sold			Asking	Sold
		Price:	Price:			Price:	Price:
Homes sold since 8/19/20							
1377 Gumwood Dr.	Split/3BR	175,000	185,000	5306 Hedgewood Rd	Split/4BR	200,000	223,200
1928 Judwick Dr.	2-Sty/3BR	185,900	186,000	5425 Vinewood Ct.	Split/4BR	219,500	203,000
1466 Firwood Dr.	Ranch/4BR	188,000	190,000	2155 Sumac Lp. N.	2-Sty/4BR	259,900	266,000
5159 Sassafras Rd.	Split/3BR	194,900	200,401				

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