

# The Forester



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

DECEMBER, 2020



My fellow residents, this will be the last article I write in my capacity as President of our civic association. It has been a real privilege for me to serve and although I will no longer be serving in an official capacity with the civic association any longer, I will continue to remain involved as much as I am able. It was my hope that I would be able to use this year to have more events as a civic association and meet more people and strengthen and expand our capacity as an organization; which in turn would strengthen our community; however, this pandemic really put a dent in that plan.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for re-engaging with the civic association. Your level of engagement is at the highest level I have witnessed in the last few years and I must encourage you all to continue to stay engaged and to continue to explore ways you can contribute to the noble efforts of your civic association. As we all know, more hands make the load much lighter to bear.

With the heavy news addressed, I would like to look to the future! It goes without saying that this has been a difficult year for so many and with the holidays around the corner, I'd like to encourage you all to really focus on all the wonderful people and relationships you have in your lives and truly cherish them. How much have we taken it for granted that we can always visit with one another? In a time where we can't get together as wantonly as we would like, we must take the time to strengthen all the bonds we cherish during this holiday season.

Now to a few housekeeping notes—issues that continue to come up that we must address:

Please refrain from burning piles of leaves or other yard and miscellaneous waste in your front or back yard. Note that open burns are NOT permitted within city limits. Be a neighbor and advise anyone doing this not to do so. Persistent repeat offenders can get reported by calling in to code enforcement a 614-645-3111.

There has been an increase of semi-tractor cabs being parked around neighborhood streets. Commercial vehicles are not permitted to park in residential districts. This is a Police issue and when reported, an officer will come out to issue a ticket. As always, I encourage a friendly, neighborly approach first before calling the police on your fellow residents.

Another issue rearing it head again is bulk trash e.g. mattresses, furniture etc. being dumped on the curb. Please do not simply sit bulk trash out and expect it to be picked up...it won't; and then it becomes an eyesore. You must call 614-645-3111 to schedule a pickup date. Once you have that date, set the trash out the day before.

Please note that Supplemental Security does not have any legal powers to arrest, detain, or cite any resident. If you witness a crime in progress, **please call the police not** supplemental security.



## **FPCA Meeting**

Our December Meeting is an informal virtual meeting of friends & neighbors cheering the holidays and wishing 2020 goodbye!

December 8, 2020 7 pm

Check our website, **fpcivic.org or our facebook page** for instructions to connect to our Zoom gathering

Lastly, I wish you all the very best of what the holiday season has to offer, continue to seek opportunities to support the efforts of the civic association, and most importantly, be a good neighbor!





### FOREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION OFFICERS & REPRESENTATIVES

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# City Code Enforcement

FORESTER BILLING ADDRESS:

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#### **AREA REPRESENTATIVES FORESTER DEADLINE**

#### **Forest Park West**

- 1. Rhonda White ....614-805-4850 or Ernie Mack......614-436-6241 or Mike Stone......614-218-1788
- 2. Bob Hinebaugh......614-885-0691
- 3. Ryan Finke.....614-
- 4. Marie Frankenfield .419-512-3892
- 5. Laurie Burkland.....614-301-5026 Linda Ridenour

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- 6. Cindy Fenstermaker614-323-3173
- 7. Rick Bennett......614-774-7963
- 8 Madeline Hatch .....614-499-6655
- Frances Link ......614-657-9510 9. Jane Dean ......614-468-1940
- Patricia Davis .....614-371-0567
- 10. Hilda Johnson......614-515-7711
- 11. Linda Whitmore..614-890-1065 or
- Dave Paul......614-325-8217 12. Rita Price......614-776-4316
- 13. **VACANCY.....**
- 14. VACANCY......

are due to editor by December 22, 2020. The January 2020 Forester will be ONLINE only at fpcivic.org

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Road Library, Donatos Pizza, YMCA, Gabby's Bar & Dairy Queen. Articles for the January, 2021 Forester

Foresters are available at the Karl

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

Rita Woeste, Dan Hartzell, George Schmidt, Mike Stone, Felix Quachey Lou Bernard, Lisa Dove, Mary Sguerra, Emily Oliver

## Boy Scout pack collecting old USA flags for retirement ceremony

Boy Scouts of America Pack 613 (Simon Kenton Council) is collecting old and worn flags as a service to the community.



Please leave a message for Derek at 614-754-0571.

We will contact you to arrange pick-up.

Flag Retirement is the term used to define the proper, dignified way of destroying United States flags that are no longer fit to serve the nation.

# Membership NOW We're There!!

On behalf of FPCA, I cannot thank you enough for becoming a member in this year's 2020-2021 membership cycle. In one of the most difficult years that we have ever experienced, you came through!

Each year we mail a personal letter and membership form within a spring Forester, then try to follow up personally throughout the summer. It was impossible to do the latter, as going door to door would not have been prudent. And despite that, you came through for us anyway. We hit the targeted amount that we will need so we won't operate at a loss. This is critical for FPCA's future and thereby the neighborhood as a whole!!

None of this could have been accomplished without the in -house work of those volunteers who assembled membership forms this past spring. Thanks again to Rita Woeste, Lou Bernard, Christy and Cassie Davis, Rick Bennett, Mary Squerra, Linda Ridenour, Linda Whitmore, and Pam Weaver.

Again, THANK YOU for being someone who supported the neighborhood!!

Forest Bark Cluic Association

Revenue

Expense

October 2020 **Treasurer's** Report.

Submitted by Dan Hartzell

Treasurer's Report	2020 October			2020		Budget		Budget	YTD Difference
			YTD			October	YTD		Actual vs Budget
Membership	\$	275.00	\$	13,850.00	\$	225.00	\$	13,875.00	-0.18%
Business Membership	47		\$	275.00	\$	-	\$	300.00	-8.33%
Supplement Security	\$	145.00	\$	2,235.00	\$	- 5	\$	1,750.00	27.71%
Interest	5	0.42	5	2.50	\$	0.30	\$	2.10	19.05%
Forester	5	1,055.00	5	4,449.50	5	1,000.00	\$	6,731.55	-33.90%
Additional Donations	5	85.00	\$	1,653.00	\$	==	\$	1,250.00	32.24%
Garage Sale/Wecome Advertising	- 13	- 33	\$	27.0	\$		\$	240.00	-100.00%
Beautification	\$	55.00	\$	797.50	\$		\$	550.00	45.00%
Total	\$	1,615.42	\$	23,262.50	\$	1,225.30	5	24,698.65	-5.81%
Membership	s	9.50	Ś	2,544.18	s	10.00	5	2,780.00	-8.48%
Supplement Security	5	475.00	5	4,443.75	5	500.00	Ś	4,875.00	-8.85%
Forester	5	977.00	Ś	6,116.60	\$	1,300.00	Ś	8.825.00	-30.69%
Liability Insurance			5	-	5	-	Ś	-	
Miscellaneous			\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Northland Community Council		- 6	\$	100	\$	- 3	\$	310.00	-100.00%
Treasurer Expenses			5	42.51	5	10.00	Ś	60.00	-29.15%
Island Maintenance	5	30.00	\$	330.00	\$	60.00	\$	720.00	-54.17%
Garage Sale			\$		\$	-	\$	100.00	-100.00%
Beautification Awards		1	\$		\$		\$	175.00	-100.00%
Outreach Day	- 1	- 1	5	G#5	\$	e= 8	\$	125.00	-100.00%
4th of July Parade		- 7	5	-	\$		\$	200.00	-100.00%
Welcome Committee		- 1	\$	-	\$	133	\$	300.00	-100.00%
Social Activities	- (	- 55	\$	185.94	\$	-	\$	645.00	-71.17%
Total	\$	1,491.50	\$	13,662.98	\$	1,880.00	5	19,115.00	-28.52%
Net Income/Loss	\$	123.92	\$	9,599.52	\$	(654.70)	5	5,583.65	71.92%
Account Balances at end of month	\$	34,145.80				- 8		- 3	

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If you know of a business who would like to advertise in the Forester or just become a FPCA business member, have them contact Forester Editor, <u>614-785-1555</u> or email **forester\_ed@fpcivic.org** for information.



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Daryl Van Mercetta 2131 Honeytree Court 513-479-2416

> Or Email at:

dvanmercetta@gmail.com

#### Forest Park Civic Association Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2020

#### President's Report Felix Quachey -

#### fquachey@AmFam.com

- 7:01 meeting called to order. Pledge of Allegiance was said.
- The Hazelwood property is boarded up. The court case is currently in progress. The court date has not been set yet. For now the house is vacant.
- Felix Q. will not be seeking another term as President of FPCA. We are looking for volunteers to run for his position
- Dan H. is stepping down from being treasurer of FPCA after many years. We are looking for a volunteer to step up, and Dan will be helping you to walk you through the process! Thank you so much Dan!!

#### Vice President's Report Scott Prigan -

#### scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com

501(c)(3) status update: We have not rec'd any info from the feds. IRS is a bit slow! When we receive any info, we will pass it along to you.

#### Secretary's Report Lou Bernard -

#### loubernard3@gmail.com

- Attendance will be taken via Participant's List.
- Officers and Committee Chairs in Attendance: FQ, SP, DH, LB, RW, MS, DVM, MS, and SL.
- Officers and Committee Chairs Absent: EV, AR, PW, and ER
- Area Representatives in attendance: 11, 12
- Area Representatives Absent: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,13, 14
- Minutes from last month have been approved. If there are any corrections to the minutes, please submit any corrections to Lou.
- 18 people showed up for this month's Zoom meeting.

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

- \$275 in membership dues! We are +3 memberships from this time last year!
- We are ahead of budget this year, due to not publishing The Forester for 3 months.
- The budget was accepted and passed. See budget in this month's Forester.

## Public Relations Officer's Report Mary Squerra - Mary.Squerra@HERrealtors.com

- Not a whole lot going on. There have been a few complaints. Nothing too significant, though.
- It was suggested that since there is a Forest Park "Buy and Sell" page on Facebook,maybe use this as a resource to advertise for future Yard Sales. Mary will look into it.

### Forester Editor's Report Rita Woeste -

#### forester ed@fpcivic.org

- All articles are due this Friday for the Dec. Forester
- We have 1 new business ad coming, and a possible

other one on the way.

- The January issue is always published online. Articles for January The Forester need to be sent to Rita by the end of November.
- Mike Stone will be putting in a list of officers into The Forester and write an article about looking for the open positions.
- Thanks to all people who are writing articles.

#### Supplemental Security Officer's Report

Daryl Van Mercetta - <u>dvanmercetta@gmail.com</u> Katie Van Mercetta - kvanmercetta@gmail.com

- Not many of anything to report. They have been making patrols, a few vacation requests.
- Please don't burn your leaves. There have been numerous reports about people in FP that are burning their leaves. This is against city code!

#### **Business Representative's Report**

Sheridan Landin - <a href="mailto:sheridanlandon@yahoo.com">sheridanlandon@yahoo.com</a>
Alan Ray - <a href="mailto:aray.bergahorn@gmail.com">aray.bergahorn@gmail.com</a>
Absent

- Sheridan went around to about 6 more businesses, and continues to return to other businesses with whom he has already made contact. He is making good contacts with the local business owners. Hoping the business memberships pick up. If you have a local business and would like to advertise in The Forester, please contact Sheridan or Alan.
- He is concerned that the new business members are not listed in the Forester. We need to have an updated list from the Treasurer to The Forester Editor to get their names in the edition.

## Welcome Committee Chair's Report Ellin Ray - eclaire1226@gmail.com Absent

We will be putting Welcome Folders together for all new homeowners since the Covid-19 shutdown began in March. We will be asking for volunteers to deliver the folders. There will be no face to face contact, the plan is to drop them off inside the front door. Look for the Welcome folders in December, it will take a little time to get them all ready.

# Volunteer Coordinator's Report Mike Stone - msto0103@yahoo.com

- Mike is looking for info about a contact in the Nepali/ Butanese community. Dave Paul shared info from NCC.
- Welcome to Ryan Finke, the new Area 3 representative!
   Thanks for stepping up!
- Have not rec'd any request for the senior mask and flashlight distribution program. Mike has rec'd requests for more masks from seniors in the area.
- In Dec., Mike will be holding a meeting looking for people to fill the new vacancy of President and Treasurer (Dan has been in the position for 11 years!)
- We are looking to find people who can be the contact person to neighbors who speak other languages. If you are willing to be a contact/write/translate articles, please contact Mike.

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#### Social Activities Chair's Report Pam Weaver -

pweaver1208@gmail.com Absent

No report.

#### NCC Representative's Report Scott Prigan -

#### scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com

- There is no Dec. NCC meeting.
- There has been an increase in business start ups in the Northland area.
- There will be a social worker attending police runs that need a mental health expert. See an article at: <a href="https://radio.wosu.org/post/when-mental-health-crises-arise-columbus-police-brings-social-workers-along#stream/0">https://radio.wosu.org/post/when-mental-health-crises-arise-columbus-police-brings-social-workers-along#stream/0</a>
- Elevate Northland is close to finding a place to establish an office in the area.

#### **NCC Development Representative's Report**

Ed Vanasdale - evanasdale@insight.rr.com Absent

Presented by Dave Paul

- 2 cases at the committee, but neither are in the immediate area.
- 8 cases on Dec. agenda. 3 important to the FP area. 1) The Sheetz plan for the old Walgreens facility on 161 is moving ahead as planned; 2) Nat'l Church Residence is creating a new place on Cleveland Ave.; 3) the self-storage place that replaced the old Giant Eagle is applying to get a new sign to replace the very tall GE sign.
- The guy who is occupying the old car wash in Tamarack Cr. is still doing business. He has not rec'd proper zoning. There is a code enforcement complaint out. Dave will push for action on this.

#### Website Administrator' Report Scott Prigan -

scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com

New pics in the gallery, please go to the site and check them out!

#### Old Business Felix Quachey - fquachey@AmFam.com

• Forest Park Signs: is there a report for cost estimate? We have started work on looking into getting them redone. We have started getting estimates for the signs. We have had a local person in the neighborhood who is in the sign business made contact with the team. We will continue to keep you informed.

#### New Business Felix Quachey - fquachey@AmFam.com

Dec. meeting is usually a get together in the Pres. home. This is not going to happen. Therefore, we will have a Dec. meeting. 8:27 meeting adjourned.

0.27 meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Lou Bernard, Secretary

## 8 Ways to Outwit Porch Pirates

#### Be careful with items you order online

- 1. Install Security Cameras
- 2. Get to Know Delivery People
- 3. Use an Amazon Locker
- 4. Upgrade Your Mailbox
- 5. Network with Neighbors
- 6. Add a Smart Doorbell
- 7. Use Amazon Key
- 8. Pick Up Packages in Person



This time of year many folks will

This time of year many folks will have deliveries to the their home. Check out this article online that goes into detail on how to make sure your packages are not stolen. Be safe and have a Happy Holiday Season.

https://www.safewise.com/ blog/security-moves-keepamazon-prime-packages-safe/

# 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:

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December 11, 26
&
January 8, 23



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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at: www.311.columbus.gov

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## **Encourage One Another**

Peggy and I walk the neighborhood. This fall has been particularly pretty. On some streets it is kind of like, somewhat like, walking in a forest of color.

As we walked around Torchwood Loop in September, we noticed that it was impossible to stay on the sidewalk and pass some of the trees. Branches had grown out over the walkway. Branches grown anew out of the ground spreading toward the yards.

I checked with 311 if I could go and trim them. It is still the rule that the City must trim the trees in the right-of-way. I put in a request for Torchwood Loop. This week we found ourselves walking on Torchwood Loop. Wait! Something is different. We can walk down the sidewalk. A bucket load of kudos to the City of Columbus. The trees were expertly trimmed. Everyone of them.

In addition to writing this for the Forester I wrote a complimentary thankyou to the City. I do not know about you, but when I received praise, it gave me encouragement. When my neighbor tells me that my yard looks good, I am encouraged. When a neighbor greets me with a "happy hello," I am encouraged. When I see someone doing the right thing, I am encouraged. Love begats love. Kindness begats kindness. We encourage one another.

It is a great gift to be able to make suggestions sound encouraging rather than condescending. Encouragement in my humble opinion should be for the benefit of the other and not what I want them to do for me. Encouragement is best if it comes from the heart. Encouragement comes easiest when we look for the good that we want to encourage in others.

Often a suggestion sounds like a complaint or a manipulation. I found that people can even be offended if you offer to help them. My physical therapist offered to help me off the table. I thought, "that wise little acre thinks I am old." She was just trying to help. There was no problem with her phrasing or tone. It was me and my sensitivity. I need to learn to take encouragement for what it is, someone giving me support. It is as important to take encouragement as is to give it.

I hope that as you read this you are encouraged to make that 311 call when you see trees on your street that need trimmed. Or for that matter if you need any City service.

Let us all continue giving encouragement to the shop keeper, table server, mail carrier, nurse, refuge collector, Mother, Father, kids, whoever. Being sure to show our appreciation to them is an easy great start on the mission to encourage one another.

Once again thank you, to the City of Columbus, Forestry folks for a job well done.

Thank you, to the Forest Park Board and all the volunteers who are carrying the torch to ensure our walks through the neighborhood are like walking through a forest.

Let us all encourage one another.

George Schmidt



Keep the memories forever! Christmas, Valentine's Day Birthdays, Anniversaries, Newborn, Graduations, Spring, Summer, Fall memories, Just because memories and more!!

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Learning may look very different this year, but Woodward Park Middle School students have been working hard in their distance learning classrooms!

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6th Grade

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# Building the 2020-2021 FPCA Board

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Well, we (kinda) made it through the 2020 year. In Columbus, our 2020 actually started on December 28, 2019 with the Fiesta Bowl and then things got "cheerier" after that!! At any rate, here is to a great 2021 because whatever it will be, it will have to be an improvement!!

We are putting together our slate for the 2021 FPCA board and could really use some help filling positions. The key ones are as follows...

AREA REPRESENTATIVES: These individuals serve as the prime contacts from FPCA to their part of the neighborhood. They attend monthly meetings (currently all via Zoom conference calls) to bring up any concerns or suggestions from their section of Forest Park. They welcome new residents to the neighborhood and reach out if people are having difficulty with issues where FPCA can assist. Time commitment is the monthly meeting, some summer support, and occasional visitations to fellow homeowners. Overall pretty light.

ASSISTANT AREA REPRESENTATIVES: Assistants support the representatives in the above duties. This might include filling in for a meeting when the representative cannot attend, or helping with making visits to homes in the neighborhood. It's great to have a number of people in the different areas working together to help your little corner of Forest Park.

If you have interest in joining us, we definitely have a need for you!! It is a fun experience, and something that you can fit into your personal schedule.

If you have questions or interest, please contact me (Mike Stone) at 614 218-1788 or you can email me at <a href="msto0103@yahoo.com">msto0103@yahoo.com</a>

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### The Forest Park Gardener

Well, by now, your leaves are raked, you fall-flowering shrubs have been pruned, your water barrels are drained, and all your summer planters are emptied and put away. I find it funny that I am sitting here in my shorts as I am writing this month's column! The late summer weather that we received this past few days in November, would have been great to have on Beggars' Night.

As COVID winds on, we can use this time to start thinking about our spring gardens. My "go to" for planning next years' garden is the "Old Farmer's Almanac". Not only does it give you an insight into what we can look forward to in terms of winter and spring weather, but it also has great information and websites for ordering plants, seeds, and gardening equipment.

This year's edition has some great suggestions for compact and companion planting, and gardening in small spaces. It also has what we can look forward to in terms of new fruit/vegetable and flower varieties. I grew purple green beans this year, which was fun. They turn green when cooked – which was very entertaining to watch.

Now is also a great time to stock up on some new garden gloves, pruners, or other tools that you need to replace. You can never have too many hand pruners.

Didn't get all your bulbs planted? There are some things that you can do to be able to have daffodils and tulips in the spring.

Keep them cool—but do not let them freeze. Spring Bulbs need a minimum of 8 weeks of *really* cold temperatures to perform at their best. The technical term for this is *stratification*. You can plant spring blooming bulbs up to the end of November, if the weather is temperate. You do not want to put them in soggy cold soil.

If you have unplanted bulbs, you can put them in a paper bag, wrapped in newspaper (not individually, but paper around all the bulbs) and put them in the garage or shed. Do not leave them on a cement floor! Plant them in the ground in January when we have a thaw

Put bulbs in an old plastic hanging basket, and cover with soil – put them in an outside window well. If you are worried about squirrels – a shake or two of hot pepper flakes will do the trick. Put a note on your calendar to take them out of the well in January, and plant them in the ground.

Email me with ideas for future newsletter articles: ForestParkGardener@gmail.com

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# **NEIGHBORHOOD Update!**







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#### **Dear Neighbors:**

I hope this note and gift find you well. What a year 2020 has been! While it certainly hasn't been what we had hoped, I'm proud to have witnessed so much kindness and love, and that gives me a lot of hope for the months to come.

This is an amazing time of the year. No matter how you celebrate, I hope your holiday is filled with great company, good food, meaningful traditions and cherished memories. As this year comes to a close and we begin to look ahead, I hope you'll find this magnetic calendar helpful. I always keep one on my fridge.

I also hope you'll think of me when buying or selling real estate this coming year. I specialize in this area & I'm always here to help. If you have any questions or would like a market analysis of your homes worth, please give me a call. I just closed **5181 Maplewood Ct W.** & put In Contract my NEW Lising at **2136 Sumac Lp. S.** 

## CURRENT MARKET WATCH

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

All of my listings are In Contract - Please call me if you are thinking of selling or buying.

# HER Realtors homes In Contract 2136 Sumac Lp. S. 2-Sty/4BR 236,900

5092 Riverbirch Dr.1 Split/3BR 245,000





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# A Christmas Wish for You

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Christmas is a happy time –
A time for joy and fun.
For sparkling trees and memories
Of pleasant things we've done....











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To wish nice people like you The happiest Christmas season And good times all year through

Merry Christmas Have a Wonderful New Year,



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