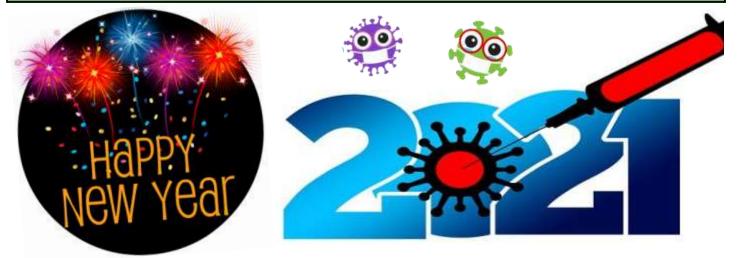
# The Forester

Volume 57 Issue 01

**Forest Park Civic Association** 

**JANUARY, 2021 ONLINE ONLY** 



The Forest Park Civic Association would like to wish every resident a Healthy, Safe, and Happy New Year 2021. Yes, Covid is still around and we will still have all the precautions that we should take but the hope is the new year will bring new advancements to eliminating this pandemic.

This is our annual online only issue so we thought we would highlight the many, many decorated homes throughout Forest Park during this recent Holiday Season. There were many impressive decorations and it made for a nice drive at night to get out of the house and still be at a safe distance. We hope everyone got a chance to enjoy time with family and friends whether it be in person, online virtually, by phone or the old-fashioned way of a letter or greeting card. We look forward to working with some new faces with FPCA this year, and are always looking for more neighbors donate some time to your Forest Park Civic Association. Join us at our first meeting of the year, Tuesday January 12th to see what FPCA has to offer your neighborhood. Happy New Year, to a new Best & Normal 2021!!

### Now is the Time

The new FPCA Board will be sworn in on Tuesday, January 12 and there is a spot for you. We will make a place for you. Just let us know. It's up to you!!

What is your passion for Columbus? What do you want to change or improve? Whatever your answer, FPCA has the structure, resources and contacts to assist in that endeavor. Board members often come up with new initiatives that make impacts which last decades.

For 50 years, FPCA has advocated for both our neighborhood and Northland. It has initiated changes to the city code and city legislation. It has also defended the neighborhood against some harmful city actions as well. It has beautified the area and worked to alleviate sore spots. For those who are willing to put their vision into action, this is the place.

I can personally tell you that the board members are friendly, happy individuals who passionately care about their community. This is a great culture of collaboration and it can be even better with you.

If you would like to join the board as an assistant area representative, please contact me (Mike) at 614-218-1788 or <u>msto0103@yahoo.com</u>.



January 2021 Forester Online Only no paper deliveries to homes

**FPCA Meeting** 

Our January meeting will more than likely be another online meeting. We will be installing our new slate of FPCA officers and Area Reps at this meeting. Please join us!

January 12, 2020 7 pm Check our website, fpcivic.org or our facebook page for instructions to connect to our Zoom meetings.

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- 11. Linda Whitmore..614-890-1065 or

- 13. VACANCY.....
- 14. VACANCY......

City Code Enforcement

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Checks should be made payable to Forest Park Civic Association and mailed to : c/o Joel Kin 5760 Firwood Place, Columbus, OH 43229

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For any other information please call Joel Kin, 614-357-1167. Advertisements can be emailed (camera ready) to:

#### forester\_ed@fpcivic.org <u>COSTS to ADVERTISE:</u> Full page AD: \$195 1/2 page AD: \$105 1/4 page AD: \$65 Business card AD: \$40

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 February, 2021 Forester are due to editor by January 21, 2021. The February 2021 Forester will be delivered to homes by the first Sunday, February 7, 2021 or ONLINE at fpcivic.org

#### **CONTRIBUTORS THIS MONTH ARE:** Rita Woeste , Dan Hartzell, George Schmidt, Mike Stone, Lisa Dove, Mary Squerra, Linda Whitmore

#### 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.



For the latest info on COVID-19 here in Ohio go to the Ohio Department of Health's website, www.coronovirius.ohio.gov or to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's website, www.cdc.gov



	Forest Park Civic Association									
	Treasurer's Report	2020		2020			Budget		Budget	YTD Difference
		N	lovember		YTD		November		YTD	Actual vs Budget
Revenue	Membership	\$	175.00	\$	14,025.00	\$	50.00	\$	13,925.00	0.72%
	Business Membership	÷		\$	275.00	\$	-	\$	300.00	-8.33%
	Supplement Security	\$	5.00	\$	2,240.00	\$	-	\$	1,750.00	28.00%
	Interest	\$	0.40	\$	2,90	\$	0.30	\$	2.40	20.83%
	Forester	\$	790.00	\$	5,239.50	\$	1,000.00	\$	7,731.55	-32.23%
	Additional Donations	\$	35.00	\$	1,688.00	\$	-	\$	1,250.00	35.04%
	Garage Sale/Wecome Advertising			\$	-	\$	-	\$	240.00	-100.00%
	Beautification	-		\$	797.50	\$	-	\$	550.00	45.00%
	Total	\$	1,005.40	\$	24,267.90	\$	1,050.30	\$	25,748.95	-5.75%
	Membership	Ś	4.26	Ś	2,548,44	Ś	10.00	Ś	2,790.00	-8.66%
Expense	Supplement Security	5	375.00	2	4,818.75	2	750.00	ş	5,625.00	-14.33%
November	Forester	2	1,112.20	2	7,228.80	ş	1,300.00	-	10,125.00	-14.557
	Liability Insurance	ŝ	475.00	5	475.00	ŝ	475.00	ŝ	475.00	-28.60%
	Miscellaneous	2	475.00	ş	475.00	7	475.00	ş	475.00	0.00%
2020	Northland Community Council	-		S		ş		S	310.00	-100.00%
<b>Treasurer's</b> Report. Submitted by Dan Hartzell	Treasurer Expenses	-		\$	42.51	ŝ		ŝ	60.00	-29.15%
	Island Maintenance	\$	60.00	ŝ	390.00	5	60.00	5	780.00	-50.00%
	Garage Sale	- 2	00.00	Ś	330.00	\$	00.00	S	100.00	-100.00%
	Beautification Awards	-		ŝ		Ś	-	ŝ	175.00	-100.00%
	Outreach Day	-		Ś		5	-	5	125.00	-100.00%
	4th of July Parade	-		Ś	-	\$	-	S	200.00	-100.00%
	Welcome Committee			Ś		\$		Ś	300.00	-100.00%
	Social Activities	-		Ś	185.94	Ś	-	ŝ	645.00	-71.17%
	Total	\$	2,026.46	\$	15,689.44	5	2,595.00	-	21,710.00	-27.73%
	Net Income/Loss	\$	(1,021.06)	\$	8,578.46	\$	(1,544.70)	\$	4,038.95	112.39%
	Account Balances at end of month	\$	31,937.74							

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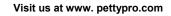
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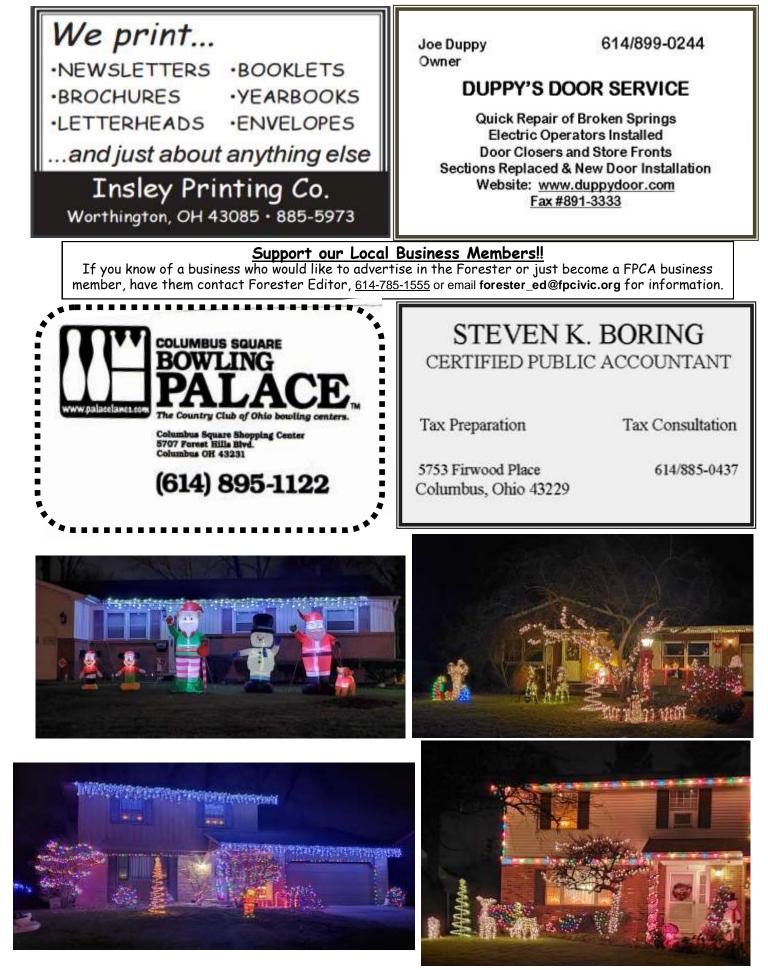
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# Security

Supplemental Hello Forest Park! Happy New Year! 2020 was quite the unprecedented year but with it brought a greater sense of community. There have been several posts on social media of folks sharing extra food, lending a helping hand, and warning each other of potentially dangerous situations. Neighbors are looking out for neighbors, becoming friends and strengthening friendships. While reporting crime in the area to people living in the area is great, we'd be remiss not to provide a few reminders. If you are a victim of or a witness to a crime in the neighborhood, please contact the Columbus Police Department at 614-645-4545 (for non-emergencies) or 911 (for emergencies). If

you have questions or would like to report a code violation (long grass, abandoned vehicles, bulk trash, etc.), please contact 311. If you would like to find out more information about the Forest Park Civic Association or are wondering how you can get involved, contact your area rep or another member of the Forest Park Civic Board found inside the directory included with every issue of the Forester.

We'd also like to remind you to keep your car doors locked at all times and to avoid keeping valuables in your car. We've seen several reports of cars being stolen at gas stations in the area but, while it's infuriating, the only actions we can control are our own. Please remember that it only takes a moment of distraction for something bad to happen and the harder we make it for criminals, the less likely they're going to want to try to target our area.



Remember, included with your paid Forest Park Civic Association membership is free supplemental security whenever you are out of town. Simply fill out the form below and send it to Daryl Van Mercetta at dvanmercetta@gmail.com or 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, OH 43229. You can also fill out the form online at fpcivic.org or call Daryl at 513-479-2416.

We are truly grateful to have you has neighbors and are grateful to be a part of this community. As always, if you see something, say something and stay safe everyone!

#### 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	2131 H	Mail to: I Van Mercetta Ioneytree Court
Lights on timer? Loca	tion	51	3- <b>479-2416</b>
Radio or TV continuously on tim	ner? Location	dvanme	Email at: r <b>cetta@gmail.com</b>
Will older children be in and out	? Yes No		
If yes, make and model of car _			

#### Another Great Original Resident of Forest Park Betty Griffeth May 24, 1929-December 10, 2020

Betty was the force behind the founding of the Forest Park Civic Association. She was the "John Adams" of our formation. One could say without Betty's drive to create a welcoming, family supportive neighborhood we would not have a lot of what we have.

The Griffeths, Betty and Dick, married for 61 years, were what we called one of "the first homesteaders." They were the first residents on the second street, Hazelwood, built in Forest Park. It was part of the first parade of homes. As the community filled in, mostly with young families with lots of kids, Betty started to work. "We wanted it to be a comfortable place to raise your children." "We wanted to protect our investments." "We wanted to live up to the name, "Forest Park."

No one in the group had ever started a civic association before. Betty went over to Worthington to one of their meetings. She came back with a copy of their constitution and by-laws. That was the model. Betty told how she and the group of 8 went to meet with the Metzger brothers, our developers. She asked for their help to organize. She recalled the attorney warning the Metzgers, "don't do it. They will pester you into doing things you do not want to do." "They helped and we pestered," Betty shared with a grin.

We have two car garages so everyone can get in and out of their car in comfort and to make Forest Park look like a neighborhood and not a parking lot. We have less density on many of our streets which means larger yards. The first traffic light at Karl and Morse was a result of petitioning the city. We have a bowling alley at Forest Park Plaza due to this founding group.

Working with the Metzger Brothers Forest Park was designed to be a self-contained neighborhood with grocers, pharmacies, swimming pools, park area, salons, restaurants, hardware stores, etc. in the East, Tamarack Circle and the West, The Plaza. This became a model for hundreds of communities throughout the US.

She was instrumental for the variety of social activities. There was a holiday ball every year with dressing to the nines, great meals, and dancing with nearly 200 people. There was not only a Fourth of July parade, but a Christmas parade. Each street competed in float building contests. The Fourth of July parade ended at Forest Park Plaza with a large cook out. "We talked the Metzgers into putting on a fireworks display." Betty beamed. "We didn't want a little effort. The Metzgers did not disappoint."



It would take pages to pay full tribute to all Betty and her crew did. The location of the schools, the apartment restrictions, beautification efforts, the islands on Sandalwood, the YMCA, the layout of the streets, security, The Forester, building the baseball field at Woodward Park, starting a little league, etc. were all done under these founders guiding hands.

Betty joyously told us about the first days and the building. She had stories about kids ice skating down what is now Karl Road. The many petition drives and visits to city council could fill a file cabinet.

I first met Betty when we were putting together the FPCA 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. At 83 Betty was as a sharp as ever remembering every name and amazing with the details. Betty was always working to make Forest Park a better place to live.

Thank you, Betty Griffeth and all those who worked with her. George Schmidt







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#### Forest Park- 2020 Business Memberships

#### <u>Churches</u>

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

Columbus Window & Siding Doug Bond 614-453-5332

Jonathan Allen Landscape jallen8352@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

#### Shopping, Services

Circle Mart 1876 Tamarack Circle (614) 885-3514

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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Please call for a consultation! Looking forward to hearing from you!

#### Welcome Cheryl Lutman

We want to thank Cheryl Lutman for volunteering to become the next Treasurer of the Forest Park Civic Association. Ms. Lutman is a Certified Financial Planner who works for Wealthstone Advisors.

She will replace Dan Hartzell, who is stepping down after a decade of service. Hartzell is credited with modernizing the civic association's financial state both in terms of its record-keeping and its improved balance sheet. The board would like to thank Dan and give him a friendly "abstention" (inside joke) as he heads toward FPCA retirement.













# 10% NEIGHBORHOOD DISCOUNT for Forest Park Homeowners



#### The Forest Park Gardener

I have a dear friend who just recently has gotten into gardening.

Like the rest of us, she was wondering what she could do over the winter, to have something growing that can offer a little bloom and cheer in the heavy winter months of January/February. I gave her an Amaryllis bulb.



Many of us experienced gardeners have brought in our tropical plants, and have them under grow lights, in the basement (like my lemon tree), or taking up all the sun in our South Windows. An Amaryllis, can bloom anywhere. Once the bulb gets going, you can put it anywhere. I think of it as the "Jiffy Pop" of indoor gardening.

If you are interested, Home Depot, and the nursery stores will have the bulbs on sale, some of which may have already started to grow. Planting the bulb is easy, you put it in a pot, covering it with soil leaving about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the bulb above the soil line. Keep the soil moist, and provide, bright, but indirect light. Remember – MOIST – not wet. Too much water equals ROT. You can put a couple of ice cubes near the bulb and just let them melt.

If you have kids, you can make this a great science project. Daily measurement of the stalk, how many days till bloom, etc. Amaryllis (Hippeastrum) are native to South America, and come in so many varieties and colors. They bloom in about 8 weeks, just about when you are ready to ditch your Poinsettias. Once the flowers fade, you can cut the flower stem above the bulb. You can continue to water (remember moist not wet) the bulbs, and in the spring, after May 15<sup>th</sup>, you can put them in your garden outside (partial shade – protect from really hot sun).

In the fall, when the leaves begin to turn yellow, cut them off about 2 inches above the bulb, and remove it from the soil (just like begonia and canna bulbs). Put them in a paper bag in a cool environment (basement or crawl space) for 8 weeks. Try to shoot for 45°.

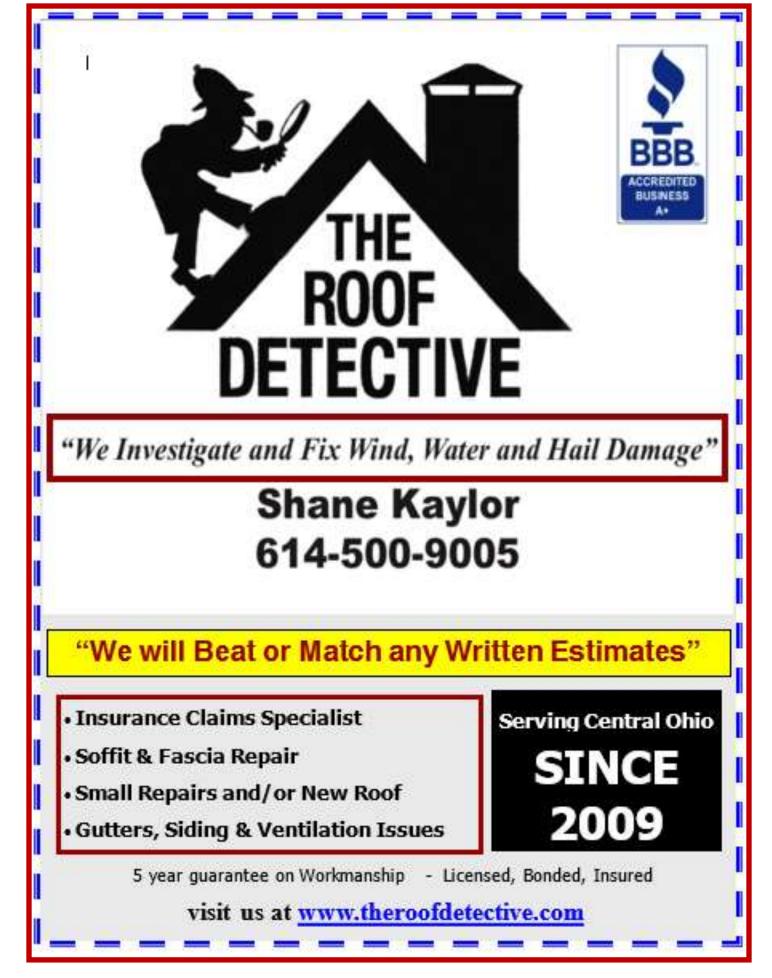
If you pull them out of the ground in late October, you are ready to plant them again in December!

One thing – if you decide to keep them in a refrigerator, don't store them next to apples. Apples give off ethylene gas, which will sterilize the bulbs. Some plants just don't get along with others!

I hope you try one, if you haven't done so. They do not give off heavy scent, so people with allergies tend to tolerate these, over paper whites or other really fragrant bulbs.

If you need a break from the winter weather, please visit our Franklin Park Conservatory. You can be careful and socially distance, while enjoying the living environment. Lisa Dove

forestparkgardener@gmail.com



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#### HUGS-hope to see you SOON

There's something in a simple hug That always warms the heart, It welcomes us back home And makes it easier to part.

A hug's a way to share the joy And sad times we go through, Or just a way for friends to say They like you 'cause you're you.

Hugs are meant for anyone For whom we really care, From your grandma to your neighbor, Or a cuddly teddy bear.



A hug is an amazing thing -It's just the perfect way To show the love we're feeling But can't find the words to say.

It's funny how a little hug Makes everyone feel good; In every place and language, It's always understood.

And hugs don't need equipment, Special batteries or parts -Just open up your arms And open up your hearts.

Author Unknown





#### Calling all Students Needing Service Hours

If you are someone interested in gaining service hours for your school or club, FPCA can help. Throughout the year we have different functions where we could use a bit of help.

Forester newspaper delivery is an excellent and easy way to gain those hours. Once a month, you can door hang newspapers within certain sections of the neighborhood. We also need help with the pre-assembly of newspapers as well.

We are looking for newspaper writers to add articles to the newspaper as well. This is a great way to get published articles and begin building a college resume in the process.

Our social activities committee often needs help with coordination for different events as well. While the current pandemic has put on hold a lot of these activities, we hope to resume work with events later this year.

If interested in being a volunteer for contact hours, you can email or call me (Mike) at 614-218-1788 or <u>msto0103@yahoo.com</u>.





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# **NEIGHBORHOOD Update!**









MARY SGUERRA CBR \$25 MILLION CLUB FOREST PARK RESIDENT 818-7636

#### **Dear Neighbors:**

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I hope everyone had a safe, healthy & happy holiday season. Despite the Pandemic/Covid 19 this past year, I still had another good year in real estate and would like to thank everyone who has done business with me and who has referred their family and friends to me. I hope you have a GREAT 2021!

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 put In Contract my new listings at 2136 Sumac Lp. S. and 2188 Trent Rd



The following homes are For Sale with HER Realtors: q,

٩. All of my listings are In Contract - Please call me if you

are thinking of selling or buying.

#### HER Realtors homes In Contract

👆 2188 Trent Rd.	Ranch/3BR	192,000
💊 2136 Sumac Lp. S	5. 2-Sty/4BR	236,900

#### All Homes SO

Homes sold since 11/11/	20
4901 Lyle Rd.	Split/3BR
5706 Cypres wood Rd	2-Sty/4BR
1650 Penworth Dr	Ranch/3BR
5185 Tamarack Blvd	Ranch/3BR
1275 Pegwood Ct.	Ranch/3BR
2113 Maplewood Dr	Ranch/3BR
5344 Hedgewood Rd	Ranch/3BR
1236 Lindenwood Rd N	2-Sty/4BR
5699 Lindenwood Rd	Ranch/3BR
5458 Cedarbush	2-Sty/3BR
5522 Durrell Rd	Split/3BR
5765 Loganwood Rd	Split/3BR
	5706 Cypres wood Rd 1650 Penworth Dr 5185 Tamarack Blvd 1275 Pegwood Ct. 2113 Maplewood Dr 5344 Hedgewood Rd 1236 Lindenwood Rd N 5699 Lindenwood Rd 5458 Cedarbush 5522 Durrell Rd





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#### I KNOW FOREST PARK! I LIVE IN FOREST PARK! I SELL FOREST PARK!

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OLD	Asking	Sold			Asking	Sold
/20	Price:	Price:			Price	Price
Split/3BR	140,000	120,000	4904 Tamarack Blvd	Ranch/3BR	219,000	219,000
2-Sty/4BR	169,850	169,850	1481 Firwood Dr.	Split/4BR	219,900	227,500
Ranch/3BR	169,900	170,000	1365 Firwood Dr.	Split/3BR	227,000	230,000
Ranch/3BR	178,500	180,000	1732 Norma Rd.	Bilvl/4BR	229,000	240,000
Ranch/3BR	184,400	195,000	5250 Blue Ash Rd	2-Sty/5BR	230,000	232,000
Ranch/3BR	190,000	200,000	5284 Sandalwood Ct.	2-Sty/4BR	239,900	250,000
Ranch/3BR	195,000	195,000	5469 Satinwood Dr	Ranch/4BR	239,900	249,900
2-Sty/4BR	199,900	199,900	2227 Lilacwood Ave.	2-Sty/4BR	240,000	236,000
Ranch/3BR	199,900	204,460	5092 Riverbirch Dr.N	Split/3BR	245,000	245,000
2-Sty/3BR	204,900	190,000	4932 Lyle Rd.	Split/4BR	255,000	255,000
Split/3BR	204,900	204,900	5277 Blue Ash Rd	2-Sty/5BR	299,900	283,000
Split/3BR	210,000	213,000				

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 12/28/20. If your

