



# The Forester



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## Volunteering in an Age of Quarantines

Are you tired of the pandemic? I am! ... but now is NOT the time to throw our hands up and put neighbors, loved ones, ourselves at risk. It's time to double-down determinedly on caution, in hope that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Things might never be exactly as they were, but they will eventually be better than they are -- and even better than they were.

Still, one frustration we all may have is "How can I keep involved with my community, even with social distancing, etc.?" After all, we not only want to enjoy those connections ourselves, we want to model them for the next generations.

So how we can still serve our neighbor in these odd times. After all, all the religious traditions emphasize the value of serving -- and secular wisdom likewise agrees.

What are some things I could do even while observing safety guidelines? A couple of random things that have jumped into my awareness lately include:

- On my sanity walks around the city, I've seen the markers on storm drains that remind us to keep bad stuff out of our waterways -- the **Storm Drain Marker Program** <https://www.columbus.gov/utilities/customers/Storm-Drain-Marker-Program/>
- We've also been planting native plants in our yard. There is even a program from Franklin County Soil and Water District where folks can get deals on plants, and rain barrels <https://www.franklinswcd.org/community-backyards-program>.
- Of course, there's always blowing the snow off your elderly neighbor's sidewalk, and waving from a safe social distance. The person in the wheelchair, and your walking neighbors will love you!
- Or you could safely help pack or distribute the Forester. People are doing the former at home now, and the later is a socially distanced breath of fresh air.
- And there are *many* other *FPCA things* one can do <https://www.fpcivic.org/join/pay-with-paypal/online-volunteer-form/>
- And if there is anything else you can imagine, please share you ideas with us!

We'll get through this time, ... **together!**  
Your president, Scott Prigan.



We appreciate all of our neighbors who have gone above and beyond this snowy winter season. Thanks to those neighbors with snow blowers & shovels who not only take care of their drive-ways and sidewalks but have taken care of homes on their entire block. Keeping the side-

walks clear may not always seem necessary to the homeowner who just gets in their car and drives away each day. Clear sidewalks keep people safe from injuries who walk our neighborhood like the person going to Karl Rd to catch a bus, postal workers, other delivery people and your neighbor who needs to do the daily dog walk. Neighbors are a good resource to help you if you can't shovel the snow.

FYI, with all of this snowy weather, some of you may have received the February issue later in the month. Please understand we advised our volunteer delivery folks to only deliver when weather permits them to walk safely in their neighborhood. By the time you receive this March issue, we hope the weather has warmed up and we will be done with ice and snow for the year. Remember, help your neighbors when you can and keep sidewalks clear.



## FPCA Meeting

**FPCA meetings will be online til further notice. Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month with the exception of December. Please join us!**

**March 9, 2021**  
**7 pm**

Check our website, [fpcivic.org](https://www.fpcivic.org) or our facebook page for instructions to connect to our Zoom meetings.

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Pg.11 -meet two more volunteers on our FPCA team

Pg. 8 -February Meeting minutes  
Pg. 4 -Garden notes



**Think Spring, it will get here**

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Articles for the April, 2021 Forester are due  
to editor by March 19, 2021. The March  
2021 Forester will be delivered to homes by  
the first Sunday, April 4, 2021 or ONLINE at  
fpcivic.org

## Watch Out for Identity Theft

by Ken Gilbert

Recently, I got a letter from the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS) telling me that my unemployment application was being challenged. But I have a job and never filed an application. In the following days, I received many more letters from ODJFS. What happened? Like many Ohioans, including the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, I was the victim of identity theft. Someone filed for unemployment in my name. Many Ohioans have had the same thing happen over the past year and did not find out about it until they received an IRS 1099 form for their unemployment "earnings" in 2020. Some, like me, found out when they started getting letters from the state. Some found out when their legitimate claims were refused because someone had already filed. What to do?? As our Columbus Police Liaison, Scott Clinger, always tells us: "Report, report, report." If you have been hit by this, the first place to start is by calling the ODJFS Ohio Unemployment Benefits Identity Theft Hotline at 833-658-0394 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Then visit the Identity Theft page of the Ohio Attorney General's office at <https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/IdentityTheft>.

Finally, it is wise to take advantage of the free credit report available once a year to all Americans from each of the three credit reporting bureaus: Equifax, Experian, and Trans Union. Often issues will first appear here. The situation is very serious and has been made worse by the pandemic. Over 800,000 unemployment claims have been flagged by the state for fraud this year, potentially costing millions of dollars and overwhelming the system. Forewarned is forearmed. Don't throw these letters out if you get one. Report it. Keep your documents safe and shred those with any personal information.



Forest Park Civic Association  
will sponsor advertising for  
community garage sales on  
**Saturday May 15th.**

Look for the form in the April  
issue of the Forester. We  
wanted to give you advanced  
notice so you can start sorting  
those items for your spring  
garage sale.



Forest Park Civic Association  
January, 2021 Financial Summary

Income	Actual		Budget		Budget vs. Actual	
	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
Membership	\$75.00	\$14,250.00	\$50.00	\$14,025.00	\$25.00	\$225.00
Supplement Security	\$5.00	\$2,270.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00	\$5.00	\$520.00
Interest	\$0.42	\$3.74	\$0.25	\$2.95	\$0.17	\$0.79
Forester	\$1,430.00	\$6,984.50	\$900.00	\$8,631.55	\$530.00	(\$1,667.05)
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	(\$240.00)
Additional Donations/Misc.	\$500.00	\$2,213.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$500.00	\$963.00
Business Membership	\$75.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$75.00	\$50.00
Beautification	\$0.00	\$812.50	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$262.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,085.42</b>	<b>\$26,863.74</b>	<b>\$950.25</b>	<b>\$26,749.50</b>	<b>\$1,135.17</b>	<b>\$114.24</b>
<b>Expense</b>						
Membership	\$4.37	\$2,556.62	\$10.00	\$2,810.00	(\$5.63)	(\$253.38)
Supplement Security	\$800.00	\$7,243.75	\$500.00	\$7,375.00	\$300.00	(\$131.25)
Forester	\$985.00	\$8,213.80	\$1,000.00	\$11,375.00	(\$15.00)	(\$3,161.20)
Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$23.99	\$23.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23.99	\$23.99
Northland Community Council	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$0.00	(\$310.00)
Treasurer Expenses	\$0.00	\$42.51	\$10.00	\$80.00	(\$10.00)	(\$37.49)
Island Maintenance	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$0.00	\$810.00	\$0.00	(\$390.00)
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)
Beautification Awards	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$275.00	(\$100.00)	(\$225.00)
Outreach Day	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	(\$125.00)
4th of July Parade	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	(\$200.00)
Welcome Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	(\$300.00)
Social Activities	\$0.00	\$185.94	\$0.00	\$795.00	\$0.00	(\$609.06)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,813.36</b>	<b>\$19,211.61</b>	<b>\$1,620.00</b>	<b>\$25,030.00</b>	<b>\$193.36</b>	<b>(\$5,818.39)</b>
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>\$272.06</b>	<b>\$7,652.13</b>	<b>(\$669.75)</b>	<b>\$1,719.50</b>	<b>\$941.81</b>	<b>\$5,932.63</b>
<b>Month End Bank Balances</b>						
	PayPal	Checking	Savings			
	\$269.12	\$5,603.78	\$24,558.51			

January  
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Submitted by  
Cheryl Lutman

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## The Forest Park Gardener - March

By the time you are reading this, the month of cold, snowy February is behind us, and we are beginning to look forward to the coming of Spring. As February started with the Ground Hog (an impertinent Pennsylvanian rodent) telling us that we had to suffer 6 more weeks of winter, March also has it's unique phenologic idioms.

Readers of Alice and Wonderland will know the phrase "Mad as a March Hare" which refers to anyone who behaves in a happy, excitable and unpredictable manner. I wonder if they know that the phrase actually refers to the way rabbits behave during their spring breeding season. Not very flattering. But, after 2020's Covid lockdown, and we being stuck in side for January and February, who could blame us for being a little crazy! Oh, to be outside, in the warmer air, looking for life in the garden and any reassuring signs that our tulips and daffodils are ready to push through and that our hydrangeas are showing signs of life. It's reassuring to know that the cycle of the seasons is starting again.

How about the "Ides of March"? Julius Caesar certainly should have paid attention to that, but what exactly is the Ides of March? The Ides actually refers to the first full moon of the year, according to the Caesarean calendar. I guess the warning meant – "Watch out, someone is coming for you, and they won't need a flashlight!"

And we all know the most common phrase "March goes in like a Lion, it goes out like a Lamb". March is really a transitional month. It straddles the end of Winter and the beginning of Spring. One day it is snowing, the next day you can wear short sleeves. Let's hope it gets its "roaring" out at the beginning of the month and then just quietly whimpers on to April.

March is a good time to get your mower serviced and ready to go. It's also a good time to purchase some balanced fertilizer (12-12-12), and spread it freely on your plants and shrubs, taking advantage of the melting snow and spring rains. My husband's grandfather, a farmer in Southern Ohio, taught me that trick, and it's never let me down. Your perennials will reward you with amazing blooms!

This month you can also start gathering your materials for starting you indoor vegetable seeds. BUT you will want them to be started 6 weeks prior to the last frost. That date in Ohio is May, 15<sup>th</sup>. So count back 6 weeks, and you can start your seeds on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hang in there... we've almost made it.



# Supplemental Security News



Hello Forest Park! These are turbulent times full of turmoil, but things are taking a turn. Police have arrested the suspects responsible for the shooting on Hazelwood that resulted in the death of a teen and are tracking down groups of teens suspected of the recent car thefts and supermarket robberies. Now, more than ever, it is important to be vigilant, remain aware of your surroundings, and report each crime to the police immediately.

If you missed our last Forest Park Civic Association meeting, you missed some important information from Officer Clinger. He said that instances of people having their cars stolen or having valuables stolen from your unlocked cars increase

during this time of year due to folks leaving their cars unattended while it heats up. Also, and you may have seen the news reports or articles on the community Facebook page, car thefts seem to have drastically increased in the recent months. You may or may not have heard of the woman who left her car momentarily to drop off her child on Tamarack Circle and had her car stolen with her baby in the back seat. Fortunately, the baby was found, unharmed but the story could have ended tragically. Please do not leave your car running unattended at any time. Also, Officer Clinger recently appeared in a video, which you can view by searching for his post made on February 8, 2021 on the Forest Park Community Facebook page or the Columbus Division of Police Facebook page, in which he warns against leaving your car unlocked while pumping gas because people are opening the passenger door to steal purses, wallets, etc. while the owner remains unaware.

During our meeting, we also discussed the recent issues on Cherrywood Court. If you are not aware, someone is spreading nails, screws, and other construction debris down the road resulting in damaged tires. The people living in the area, and the police, are still looking for information about the perpetrator to press criminal charges. If you have any information, please contact the Columbus Police Department at 614-645-4545.



Don't forget, included in your \$25 per year paid Forest Park Civic Association membership is Supplemental Security patrols if you are out of town or away from your home for a period of time. Simply fill out the form online at [fpcivic.org](http://fpcivic.org) or send the form below to Daryl Van Mercetta at 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, Ohio 43229 or via email at [dvanmercetta@gmail.com](mailto:dvanmercetta@gmail.com). You can also call him at 513-479-2416. If you have an emergency, please call 911 or if there is another non-emergency criminal matter, please contact the police at the non-emergency number 614-645-4545 (press \* (star) in order to avoid the automated system). You should submit code violations issues, including abandoned vehicles or yard maintenance issues, directly to 311.

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. Or fill out the request on our website, [www.fpcivic.org](http://www.fpcivic.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Vacation Dates: Depart \_\_\_\_\_ Return \_\_\_\_\_ Please notify \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Who has key? \_\_\_\_\_



Lights on timer? \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Radio or TV continuously on timer? \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Will older children be in and out? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, make and model of car \_\_\_\_\_

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**Daryl Van Mercetta**  
**2131 Honeytree Court**  
**513-479-2416**  
Or  
Email at:  
**[dvanmercetta@gmail.com](mailto:dvanmercetta@gmail.com)**

**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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**March 5, 19  
&  
April 2, 16, 30**



**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

## **BULK TRASH**

Some large items cannot be thrown away because they are too big to fit in your trash container. Residents should contact the City's 311 Customer Service Center to schedule bulk items by calling 311 or 614-645-3111, or online at: [www.311.columbus.gov](http://www.311.columbus.gov)

**NO BULK ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED UNLESS THE RESIDENT [SCHEDULES COLLECTION ONLINE](#)**

## **Need to see a doctor, but don't have health insurance?**

Contributed by Nancy Liu

Helping Hands Health and Wellness Center is a free medical clinic in the Northland area that serves uninsured and underinsured adults whose income is at or below 400% of the federal poverty guidelines. Our mission is to be the caring hands of Jesus to provide medical care, health education, counseling, and social services to those with needs. All of our services are free of charge with the exception of TB skin testing, for which we accept an \$8 donation. Our services are provided by volunteer doctors, nurses, pharmacists, students, and other wonderful community members.

The Free Care Program is our main program. Every Thursday from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM, we offer free physician care and free social services care to adults 18 and older. This program is walk-in only; we do not have scheduled appointments. Our services are offered on a first come, first served basis. We accept patients until we reach our capacity, so it is recommended that patients arrive when doors first open. There is no cost to be seen during the Free Care Program.

On Tuesdays from 10 AM to 12:30 PM, we offer reduced-price TB skin tests. Every first and third Tuesday of the month, from 10 AM to 12:30 PM, we also offer free physical exams for school or work. TB skin tests are available by walk in only, but physical exams are available by walk in or by appointment. TB skin tests are read the immediately following Thursday between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM. We do not serve individuals under the age of 18.

Every first and third Monday of the month, from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM, we offer free female cancer checks as a part of the Women's Health Program. Patients can receive a women's health exam, which includes a paper smear, pelvic exam, and clinical breast exam. Women's health exams are available by walk in or by appointment. Call 614-262-5094 to schedule an appointment.

Other services such as acupuncture and vision screening are also available by volunteer availability.

We are always looking to involve the community more in our mission and engage new partners. We would love to give you a tour of the clinic and chat about our goals as a nonprofit organization. If you are interested in becoming involved, please don't hesitate to call or email us.

We are located at Epworth United Methodist Church on Karl Road. To find the entrance of the clinic, follow the signs that say Helping Hands Health and Wellness Center. The front door is located right next to a colorful mural.

### **Address:**

5100 Karl Road  
Columbus, OH 43229

**Questions? Want to schedule an appointment?  
Please call 614-262-5094.**

**Office:** 614-262-5094

**Email:** [info@helpinghandsfreeclinic.org](mailto:info@helpinghandsfreeclinic.org)

**Website:** [www.helpinghandsfreeclinic.org](http://www.helpinghandsfreeclinic.org)

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Potholes will again start appearing on our city streets with the change in weather and all of the snow this year. Use [www.311.columbus.gov](http://www.311.columbus.gov) or call (614)645-3111 to notify the city of Columbus of a pothole on your street so that it can get repaired and save folks from car damage.



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## Nothing Ever Happens in Forest Park

by Mike Stone

The above title is certainly not a statement, but a play on words from a children's book titled "Nothing Ever Happens on 90th Street." In the story, a schoolgirl is assigned to write a fictional story. To get around her writer's block, she begins to let her imagination run by asking "what if?" Pretty soon, she is writing about all the spectacular things that are taking place right in her block.

On every street in our neighborhood, lots of things happen. The vast majority of them are good happenings. Some, of course, are not.

So taking a page from this book, let's imagine "what if." For this article, I'll keep it to just one idea. "What if" our neighborhood became more proactive about the appearance of our neighborhood?

"What if" we always had at least one concerned neighbor, who with care and respect, would check on another neighbor that might have a noticeable code violation that is impacting others? Perhaps that concerned neighbor might learn that the other neighbor is struggling physically or economically and they cannot handle the problem. Perhaps that concerned neighbor might be able to help resolve it and create a lasting bond among neighbors. Another possibility is that the concerned neighbor educates the other about code requirements, or services that can be used to help with the matter.

"What if" every Forest Park resident registered on Columbus 311.org. This is the city's request system to request their activity. Anything from potholes, public graffiti, city maintenance issues or code violations can be entered into the city's to-do list. "What if" there were a serious unresolved code violation and everyone on the street separately reported the issue? "What if" the residents notified their area rep and FPCA used its contacts to press the issue with the city even further? How much higher a priority would it be for the city to resolve the issue?

"What if" each resident would be this active rather than hoping that others would handle it instead?

Forest Park is a great place because of its unique character of homes that are as diverse in appearance as the people who inhabit them. We should all be accountable for maintaining the community environment for all who live here. So please build good relationships with your neighbors and respectfully talk with them about concerns. Know your area rep and seek their support for unresolved issues. Most importantly, get your account on columbus311 and never stop reporting unresolved issues.

## Help Wanted-- Forester Newspaper

The world has stopped a lot of things over the past year. That is what makes the continued Forester Delivery even more impressive!! To keep it going, we need help.

**\*\* We need more volunteer deliverers.** That means once a month, you will walk an assigned section of streets to deliver Foresters. It's a great way to meet some neighbors as get some exercise.

**\*\*We need more Forester support people.** Such tasks include preparing newspapers for delivery, and driving assembled Foresters to the deliverers' homes.

**\*\*Backup support for our Distribution Coordinator.** We are blessed by the work that David Laughlin is doing to oversee the coordination of the Forester Delivery. But even some months, Superman needs a break too!! So we are looking for backup coordinators who could fill in during those rare months when he might be out of town. There is plenty of time and support to prepare one to be an occasional substitute.

For any of these positions you can email Mike at [msto0103@yahoo.com](mailto:msto0103@yahoo.com) or call at (614) 218-1788. Thanks!!

## Forest Park Civic Association Meeting

February 9, 2021 - Online Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting @ 7:02 PM by Scott Prigan

**Guest Speaker:** Scott Clinger (FPCA Liaison Officer)

1. There was an Amber Alert that had a positive ending today.
2. Cherrywood Court Issue (Someone is regularly dumping nails and other debris at the entrance of the court). Officer Clinger believes this is targeting someone in the court. There is very little evidence. We need the neighbors in that area to work together to gather evidence/pictures. He is letting people in the precinct office know what is going on. They will do frequent checks and go by to patrol the area.
3. Concerns were brought up about the shooting on Hazelwood. The police have issued a warrant for the suspects arrest. The CPD doesn't want to release any more information due to a potential court case.
4. There have been a rash of stolen cars and purses out of cars at gas stations, WHILE PEOPLE ARE PUMPING THEIR GAS. Take the keys out of your ignition and if you are alone in the car, lock the doors or secure valuables. The criminals are using this time that we are distracted to their advantage.
5. Contact information: Scott: 614-645-1418, [sclinger@columbuspolice.org](mailto:sclinger@columbuspolice.org)

### OFFICER REPORTS

**President's Report** Scott Prigan [scottprigan+fpc@gmail.com](mailto:scottprigan+fpc@gmail.com)

1. Very important that we reboot The Block Watch Meetings. We are looking for a volunteer to lead the meeting.
2. Still looking for a VP. Please we need a volunteer. As a VP, you are also the primary delegate to the NCC.

**Vice President's Report** *Position is Vacant*

If you are interested please contact Mike Stone.

**Secretary's Report** Lou Bernard [loubernard3@gmail.com](mailto:loubernard3@gmail.com)

1. Attendance will be taken via Zoom Participation List (28 people attending).  
Officers Present: SP, LB, CL, MS, RW, DVM, KVM, SL, AR, ER, MS, EV, DP (100% attendance)  
Area Reps in Attendance: 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12  
Area Reps Absent: 1, 3, 6, 8, 13, 14
2. Review new guidelines for meetings-shortened reporting time.
3. Minutes from last month were reviewed and accepted. They are posted on the website as well as in the *Forester*.

**Treasurer's Report** Cheryl Lutman [cllutman17@gmail.com](mailto:cllutman17@gmail.com)

1. Expenses are below budget and that seems primarily related to COVID, much due to the difficulty to do events and activities at this time.
2. She is pleased to see our income and memberships still coming in, despite all the COVID uncertainty. She may need to make slight adjustments to the income numbers as she had a couple of questions on items. They won't affect the amounts - just where they belong on the report.
3. She will prepare a 2021 - 2022 budget and circulate prior to the March meeting. If anyone has any input on their specific line item(s), please let Cheryl know. (See the budget in the *Forester*.)
4. Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted.

**Public Relations Report** Mary Sguerra

[Mary.Sguerra@HERealtors.com](mailto:Mary.Sguerra@HERealtors.com)

1. Discussions on the options for the possible Spring Community

Garage Sale - (May 15th). It was put to a vote -- It will be held this year!

2. Zoom links to the meetings are sent out through the email list we have collected when people become members. If you need a link, get in touch with Mary or Lou Bernard (Secretary).

**Forester Editor's Report** Rita Woeste [forester\\_ed@fpcivic.org](mailto:forester_ed@fpcivic.org)

1. Some of the Feb. *Foresters* will be a little late in getting to you. With all of the ice and snow it is making it dangerous to deliver. One of our delivery people fell on the ice. Please be careful. Get better fast, George!
2. Articles due Thursday, February 18th -- PLEASE.
3. Thanks to Dennis and Stewart for their "Area Rep" bios. We need lots of new articles! Area reps. send your bios to Rita for upcoming "Meet Your Rep" articles.

**Supplemental Security Report** Daryl Van Mercetta [dvanmercetta@gmail.com](mailto:dvanmercetta@gmail.com), Katie Van Mercetta [kvanmercetta@gmail.com](mailto:kvanmercetta@gmail.com)

1. Daryl has been getting lots of people calling him and asking him to "step-in" to confront neighbors about their poor behavior or code violations. Remember, this is NOT Daryl's job. He is the liaison between the supplemental security company and the FPCA. He does not drive the security car or work for the company. He does not get involved in disputes in the neighborhood. You can call him to arrange for the security company to do a check on your property if you are on vacation. If you see something that does not look right, you need to call the Columbus Police Department.
2. Officer Clinger gave the information that Daryl had in his report.
3. He will continue to work with the residents of Cherrywood Ct. and Officer Clinger.

**Business Representative** Sheridan Landin - [sheridanlandin@yahoo.com](mailto:sheridanlandin@yahoo.com)

1. Horizon School has renewed its business membership.
2. C. Lutman will be going back through records to find business records for memberships for the past year. A. Ray will be working to create that list, but it has not been created yet.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Welcome Committee Chair** Ellin Ray -

[eclair1226@gmail.com](mailto:eclair1226@gmail.com)

1. Ellin has Welcome Folders for each area ready to pick up. Please send her a text message to 614-506-3386 to arrange a time to get them. Thanks!

**Volunteer Coordinator** Mike Stone [msto0103@yahoo.com](mailto:msto0103@yahoo.com)

1. We are still looking for a vice president and social committee chairperson.
2. Information about a Block Watch Coordinator will be created by Mike's committee and given out.
3. We are also looking for a back up coordinator for the *Forester* delivery. They would help with coordinating the delivery each month. This is not the head coordinator, just a back-up.
4. Mike apologized to anyone who tried to get on his Membership Zoom meeting. He had the wrong time, new Zoom meeting and time - Feb. 24th @ 7pm. Email will be sent out. Topics: media support, social media support, and brainstorm for summer membership drive.

**Social Activities Report** *Position is Vacant*

If you are interested please contact Mike Stone.

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**NCC Representative** Scott Prigan [scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com](mailto:scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com) Ken Gilbert gave a report.

1. Discussed new policy at CPD as to how they will be handling non-violent crimes.
2. Library is moving along--moving in at the end of May. Going to be opening in the Fall.

**NCC Development Representative** Ed Vanasdale [evanasdale@insight.rr.com](mailto:evanasdale@insight.rr.com) Dave Paul [dwtpaul@fpcivic.org](mailto:dwtpaul@fpcivic.org)

1. 2 graphics/sign applications and 2 rezoning applications:  
The Space Shop, old Giant Eagle, sign needs a new permit to use the sign. It was approved.  
The former Huntington Center @ Morse Rd & Cleveland Ave. is being purchased by Toyota for dealership.  
5555 Sinclair Rd. - old Al Rosa Villa. Redeveloped as affordable multi family housing. Now looking to rezone it. It was supported.  
National Church Residence looking to develop corner of Cleveland Ave. and Bretton Woods Dr. Redeveloped into 62 units multifamily affordable housing.
2. Former Sequoia Pool on Cherrywood. Still owned by the United Muslim Society. They are approved to operate at a church. It appears they are currently adding to the facility for a prayer area.
3. If you have any questions feel free to contact Dave.

**Website Administrator** Scott Prigan [scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com](mailto:scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com)

1. FPCIVIC.ORG is our website. Make sure to sign up for updates.
2. When you become a member, your email address is added to the Listserv - it is this list that gets emailed out the Zoom links.

**Old Business** Scott Prigan [scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com](mailto:scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com)

1. Dave Paul to share what he learned about the old swimming pool site behind the Sequoia Bowling Alley. (See above report)
  2. No movement on signage issue.
    - a. 5 signs still left: Teakwood at Aqua / Maple Canyon at Sumac / Northtown at Kilbourne / Minerva Park Pl. / Satinwood and Pegwood - 5 missing signs and/or posts.
    - b. The sign committee will have a meeting after the FPCA meeting tonight.
- No movement on 501(c)(3) issue. The IRS is moving very slow due to the shut down.

**New Business** Scott Prigan [scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com](mailto:scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com)  
Graffiti on Morse Rd. Railroad Bridge by Sinclair Rd.- it has been reported to the city.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

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Meal w/2 Meatballs - \$10.00

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Meal w/NO Meatball - \$8.00

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# Meet folks from FPCA

My name is Lou Bernard and I have been the secretary of the FPCA since Aug. 2017. We have lived in Forest Park since Sept. 2003. I have been married to Julie for 27 years, we have 2 daughters, Rowan and Fatima, and a cat named Obi-Wan. I have been a teacher in Columbus City Schools for 33 years; one of the things I teach in my Social Studies class is to get involved in your community. Being secretary allows me to “put my money where my mouth is.” I enjoy meeting fellow neighbors and working to make Forest Park and Columbus a better place for everyone to live.



My name is Jane Dean. My husband and I moved to Forest Park East in 2005. I have wonderful neighbors and enjoy the diversity of the area. I am a retired nurse and grandmother of 8. If you need to contact me call the posted number (614)468-1940 and leave a message. I will get back to you.



### Area 9 – 217 Residents

5411-5518 Aspen Rd  
2103-2105 Brookfield Rd  
1816-1985 Cedar Willow Dr  
5458-5522 Cedarbush Rd  
5472-5571 Durrell Rd  
5360-5536 Maple Canyon Ave  
1977-2073 Sumac Dr  
5452-5482 Sumac Loop E  
2097-2166 Sumac Loop N  
2095-2165 Sumac Loop S



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1412 Cottonwood Dr 2-Sty/4BR 249,900

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Homes sold since 1/20/21

5449 Tamarack Blvd. Split/3BR 179,900 175,000

1673 Riverbitch Dr. Ranch/3BR 189,900 197,000

1166 Rockwood Pl. Split/3BT 193,000 193,000

1517 Hazelwood Pl. Ranch/3BR 194,900 210,000

1961 Fleetwood Dr. Split/3BR 219,900 204,000

5679 Sandalwood Bl. Split/4BR 220,000 217,000

5226 Arrowood Ct. Bilvl/3BR 229,900 236,000

**2136 Sumac Lp S 2-Sty/4BR 236,900 241,000**

5345 Poplarwood Rd. 2-Sty/4BR 274,900 273,000

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 2/19/21. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer.



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