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**Forest Park Civic Association** 

Volume 57 Issue 04

### <u>Nothing Ever Happens in Forest Park</u> Part 2

To continue my theme from last month's article, the above title is 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 spectacular things that are taking place right in her block.

So "What IF" our neighborhood were to become 20% more vigilant in our neighborhood's security? In general, our neighborhood is relatively safe when you consider the huge population and the fact that we are within a large urban city. But what if we were to fight this problem with 20% more effort?

For starters, what if we increased participation in our neighborhood block watch by 20%? The Blockwatch is an organization that should be independent, and work together with FPCA. However, we are unable to find leadership for Blockwatch so the FPCA board is also maintaining it as well as possible. What if we were to have new residents take this block watch leadership so there were people who were 100% concentrated on growing on just this organization? How would this make our neighborhood more vigilant?

Also, what if our membership were to increase 20%? How would that help neighborhood security? Well, approximately half of the FPCA budget is allocated for private security patrols. You have likely seen the U.S Protection Services car driving around the neighborhood, and you would see it another 20% longer in the neighborhood. Would professional criminals, who research their targeted areas, make this our neighborhood a priority compared to

the many others in Columbus? I think not if we could increase our 20% membership and 20% effort.

What if our FPCA members used their supplemental security vacation checks more often? This is probably the best, and least known benefit of being an FPCA member. When a member is preparing for vacation, she can call our Supplemental Security officer (contact information in the Forester) to arrange a home check when the resident is absent. The securing officer will walk around the house, check the locks and make sure everything looks as it ought.

Our former FPCA Blockwatch member, John Biteman, often said that the key to a more secure neighborhood is simply being a more difficult target for bad people. If we were to increase our concentration in ways of safety as mentioned above, just think of the amazing results!! Help Forest Park become an

even safer place to live. Give us your part of the 20%.

Mike Stone, Forest Park Outreach



**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!

## April 13, 2021 7 pm

Check our website, **fpcivic.org or our facebook page** for instructions to connect to our Zoom meetings or contact Lou Bernard, FPCA secretary

Pg. 2 –meet our new FPCA-VP and another Area Rep in Forest Park
Pg. 4 - Help the 161 Task Force each month to pick up litter
Pg.10 – need help with planting flowers or a summer garden, contact Lisa Dove

> Community Garage Sale Saturday, May 15th, see page 8







APRIL, 2021

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Forest Park Social Activities Committee Vacant..... contact Mike Stone to Volunteer WEBSITE

Scott Prigan ......614-523-2420

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#### Forest Park West

- 1. Ernie Mack......614-436-6241 or Katrina Kerns......614-420-4267
- 2. Bob Hinebaugh......614-885-0691 Jason Bash.....614-949-8649
- Bonnie Freeman....614-356-0816
- 3. Vacancy .....
- 4. Marie Frankenfield .419-512-3892
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- 6. Cindy Fenstermaker614-323-3173
- 7. Stewart Harger ...... 740-817-1265
- 8 Frances Link ......614-657-9510
- 9. Jane Dean .....614-468-1940
- 10. Hilda Johnson......614-515-7711 Heath Zuniga......330-417-0307
- Dennis Gullick.....919-394-9082
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- 12. Rita Price......614-776-4316
- Francine Dillard....614-882-2717 13. VACANCY......
- 14. VACANCY......

#### City Code Enforcement CALL 311

CONTRIBUTORS THIS MONTH ARE:

Rita Woeste, Cheryl Lutman, Ryan Finke, Mike Stone, Lisa Dove, Lou Bernard, Katrina Kerns, Scott Prigan

#### FORESTER Advertisements

For information please call Joel Kin, 614-357-1167. Advertisements can be emailed (camera

ready) to: jbkin@hotmail.com & forester\_ed@fpcivic.org

COSTS to ADVERTISE: Full page AD: \$195 1/2 page AD: \$105 1/4 page AD:\$65 Business card AD: \$40 If you encounter problems with an

#### FORESTER BILLING ADDRESS:

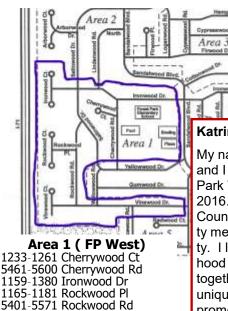
Checks should be made payable to Forest Park Civic Association and mailed to : FPCA c/o Joel Kin 5760 Firwood Place Columbus, OH 43229

#### advertiser, please notify Joel Kin.

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

Articles for the May, 2021 Forester are due to editor by April 15, 2021. The May 2021 Forester will be delivered to homes close to the first Sunday, May 2, 2021 or ONLINE at fpcivic.org

# **Meet folks from FPCA**



5469-5631 Satinwood Dr

5379-5426 Vinewood Ct

1161-1385 Vinewood Dr.



Katrina Kerns, Area 1 backup rep

My name is Katrina Kerns and my family and I have been home owners in Forest Park West, and FPCA members since 2016. I am the CEO of North Community Counseling Centers, the oldest community mental health agency in Franklin County. I love the diversity of our neighborhood and want to work to bring neighbors together and celebrate the talents and uniqueness of each person. I also want to promote safety and comradery in our neighborhood, because having good neighbors improves your quality of life!



My name is Ryan Finke and I became the vice president of FPCA in March 2021. I live in Forest Park West with my wife, Liz, and four children. My neighborhood involvement began in 2016 by delivering the monthly Forester to my neighbors. I am looking forward to helping my neighbors in new ways this year! I work at International Friendships, a faithbased nonprofit that welcomes international college students to America.

FPCA welcomes Ryan as our new Vice President. Ryan was our Area #3 rep so we are looking to fill that position. Thanks Ryan for stepping up to help the neighborhood. Г

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Forest Park Civic Assocation February, 2021 Financial Sumami	v					
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Membership	\$100.00	\$14,350.00	\$25.00	\$14,050.00	\$75.00	\$300.00
Supplement Security	\$0.00	\$2,270.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$520.00
Interest	\$0.38	\$4.12	\$0.25	\$3.20	\$0.13	\$0.92
Forester	\$1,110.00	\$7,384.50	\$900.00	\$9,531.55	\$210.00	(\$2,147.05
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	(\$240.00
Additional Donations/Misc.	\$0.00	\$2,213.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$963.00
Business Membership	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Beautification	\$0.00	\$812.50	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$262.50
Total	\$1,210.38	\$27,384.12	\$925.25	\$27,674.75	\$285.13	(\$290.63
Expense						
Membership	\$1.03	\$2,557.65	\$10.00	\$2,820.00	(\$8,97)	(\$262.35
Supplement Security	\$375.00	\$7,193.75	\$500.00	\$7,875.00	(\$125.00)	(\$681,25
Forester	\$53.86	\$7,037.66	\$1,325.00	\$12,700.00	(\$1,271.14)	(\$5,662.34
Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$23.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$90.00	(\$10.00)	(\$47.49
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	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$0.00	(\$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 Activies	\$0.00	\$185.94	\$0.00	\$795.00	\$0.00	(\$609.06
Total	\$429.89	\$17,986.50	\$1,845.00	\$26,875.00	(\$1,415.11)	(\$8,888.50
Net Income/Loss	\$780.49	\$9,397.62	(\$919.75)	\$799.75	\$1,700.24	\$8,597.87
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## OIL CHANGE & Lube SPECIAL

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Scott Petty

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## SCOTT'S COMPLETE CAR CARE

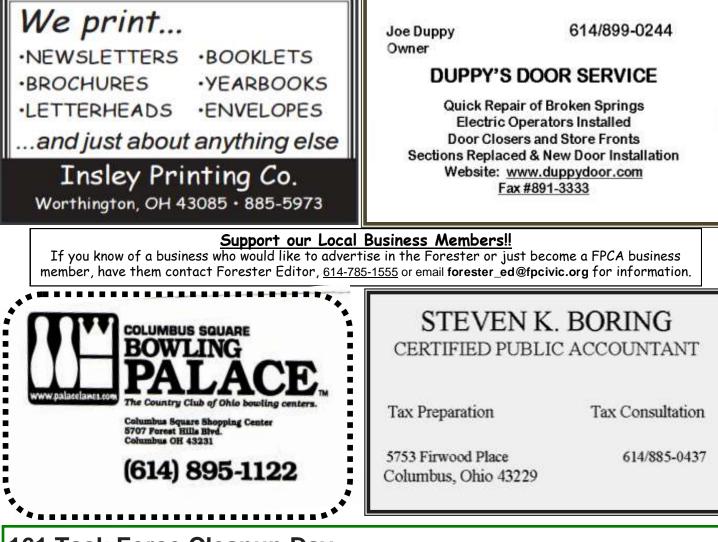
2661 E. Dublin-Granville Road — Just East of Cleveland Ave.

890-8787

Mon-Fri 8-5:30 ~ Sat. 8-12:00







## 161 Task Force Cleanup Day

On 161 East Dublin Granville Road Meet at: Sharon Woods Center, behind Jiffy Lube, 1800 E Dublin Granville Rd

### Clean Up Schedule for 2021 Saturday Mornings meet at 9:00 April 10 ~ May 8 ~ June 12 ~ July 10 ~ Aug. 14 ~ Sept. 11

Help us remove trash and debris from the shoulders and culverts of SR-161 to improve its appearance and show our neighborhood pride! Bags, gloves, safety vests and pick-up tools will be provided. Please wear brightly colored clothing and sturdy, waterproof footwear for safety!

Please invite your neighbors and friends to join us!

We have fun and get it done! Join Us

For more information or to RSVP contact Dave Cooper dave@inkwellcolumbus.com

**THANKS** to all of the Volunteers who helped pick up trash on March 20th. There was A LOT of trash from over the winter.







**Supplemental** Hello Forest Park! Folks seem to be interested in restarting our BlockWatch program here in the Forest Park area. Before the Pandemic started we had our meetings an hour prior to the regular FPCA meeting.

We are looking for someone to help plan and schedule the Blockwatch program. We can put you in contact with folks who have done it before but other commitments prevent them from continuing that service. Contact Daryl Van Mercetta if you can help us keep up to date on safety for our neighborhood.



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 or send the form below to Daryl Van Mercetta at 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, Ohio 43229 or via email at <u>dvanmercetta@gmail.com</u>. 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 Crime Prevention is a

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! Daryl and Katie Van Mercetta



### 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

Name	Address		Ph	one
Vacation Dates: Depart	Return		Please notify_	
Alternate person Address		_Phone		_
Who has key?	_			
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Radio or TV continuously on tim				2131 Honeytree Court 513-479-2416 Or
Will older children be in and out	? Yes No			Email at:
If yes, make and model of their	car			

## **Attention BUSINESS OWNERS in/near Forest Park.**

Quality of life is much greater when so many services are within easy access to our homes. A small contribution of a Business membership to the Forest Park Civic Association makes a big impact on the community's ability to maintain and improve that high quality of life. Annual membership is \$75.00. Benefits of your membership include:

- Recognition on a list of business members included with the monthly association newsletter, The Forester.
- Attractive membership display piece for your business.
- Direct marketing options through FPCA's New Neighbor Welcome Folders.
- A five percent (5%) discount on advertising in the Forest Park Directory.

Contact the FPCA Business Volunteers to set up a Business membership,

Sheridan Landon, sheridanlandon@yahoo.com or Alan Ray, aray.bergahorn@gmail.com



## Forest Park Civic Association Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021 - Online Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting @ 7:01 PM by Scott Prigan

#### OFFICER REPORTS

**President's Report** Scott Prigan <u>scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com</u>

Scott welcomed all to the meeting.

- Block Watch needs a new leader. Ken Gilbert and Ed Vanasdale are willing to help out. Contact Ed @ <u>evanasdale@insight.rr.com</u> if you are interested.
- Ryan Finke is requesting to be nominated as Vice President. Mike Stone gave the nomination speech. Ryan introduced himself. Ryan was unanimously voted into office.

<u>Vice President's Report</u> Ryan Finke <u>ryan.finke@gmail.com</u> We would like to welcome Ryan to his new position. Congratulations!

#### Secretary's Report Lou Bernard loubernard3@gmail.com

 Attendance will be taken via Zoom Participation List.
 Officers Present: SP, RF, LB, CL, MS, RW, DVM, SL, AR, ER, MS, EV, KG (100% attendance) (Social Activities Chair remains vacant) Area Reps in Attendance: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 Area Reps Absent: 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 (Areas 3, 13, and 14 remain vacant )

#### Treasurer's Report Cheryl Lutman cllutman17@gmail.com

Emailed February financials to all. Check the budget in this month's *Forester*. Working on gathering the list of business memberships by going back through the past year's records, this should be done by next week.

#### Public Relations Report Mary Sguerra Mary.Sguerra@HERrealtors.com

We are going to be having the Annual FPCA Garage Sale on May 15th. The form will be in the April and May *Forester*, if you would like to advertise.

#### Forester Editor's Report Rita Woeste forester ed@fpcivic.org

Articles are due March 18th. Rita would like bios of area reps. and board members. Articles for the April issue are due on April 14th, due to tax day, the printer needs them a little earlier.

Rita needs to have an upgrade for the MS Office program she is using. \$70/mo. - this will be paid from the *Forester* budget.

#### Supplemental Security Report Daryl Van Mercetta dvanmercetta@gmail.com,

Katie Van Mercetta <u>kvanmercetta@gmail.com</u>,

Scott Clinger (CPD Liaison Officer) Sclinger@columbuspolice.org

Cherrywood Court--We are starting to get video and pics of the culprit. Police are making patrols to check things out.

Call 911 for shots being fired.

Panhandlers are around. Drive carefully around them. Remember they continue to be in the area because they are making money. Officer Clinger believes if people stopped giving them money, they would leave.

Unemployment fraud scams are on the rise, contact the Attorney General, and check with your credit companies.

People have been stealing catalytic converters in the area. Just be aware.

#### Business Representative Sheridan Landin - sheridanlandon@yahoo.com Alan Ray -

aray.bergahorn@gmail.com

They have not been out to check on businesses. Hoping the nice weather will allow them to get out and talk to the area businesses.

If there are any businesses who would like to join please contact Sheridan.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welcome Committee Chair Ellin Ray - eclaire1226@gmail.com

Still have bags of Welcome Folders for 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13 Ellin needs more folders. Treas. is looking into finding where the last ones were purchased so she can order more.

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Forest Park- 2020	FPCA meeting minutes continued from pg 6			
Business Memberships	<u>Volunteer Coordinator</u> Mike Stone <u>msto0103@yahoo.com</u> VP role has now been filled.			
<u>Churches</u>	We have secured a few more people for <i>Forester</i> delivery. Thank you.			
Epworth United Methodist	We need an Area 3, 12, and 13 Reps. We also need a Social Activity Rep. We are still looking to make connections into the Nepali/Butanese community. Ryan Finke			
5100 Karl Road 614-885-8015	may have a contact. 2021 Membership Drive Discussion. The membership drive is coming up. Last year			
	everything was put together in the houses of members, and then distributed. What is the vision for this May-June? Door-to-door? There was an in-depth discussion, it was decided to			
Karl Road Christian Church 5400 Karl Road	be scheduled to go out in June 2021, and distributed.			
614-888-3444	Social Activities Report Position is Vacant If you are interested please contact Mike Stone msto0103@yahoo.com			
Home, Services	NCC Representative Ken Gilbert kgilbert78@att.net			
Mary Sguerra	Ken Gilbert has been appointed as the new representative to the Northland Community Council.			
HER Realtors 614-818-7636	The Karl Rd. Library is open, and also has many online resources. Graffiti on the Morse Rd. has been directed to police. If you see graffiti,			
Columbus Window & Siding	please report it (614) 645-4545. The city attorney is keeping an eye on the local hotels in the area to make sure			
Doug Bond	they are adhering to code.			
614-453-5332	NCC Development Representative Ed Vanasdale evanasdale@insight.rr.com Dave Paul			
Jonathan Allen Landscape jallen8352@wowway.com	dwpaul@fpcivic.org 6 cases were heard, but nothing really affecting FP at this time.			
614-899-6085	Website Administrator Scott Prigan scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com			
Schoedinger North Chapel	www.fpcivic.org is the site. Check it out for updates.			
5554 Karl Rd 614- 224-6105	<u>Old Business</u> Scott Prigan <u>scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com</u> Sign Committee: 3 businesses are being contacted for bids about the sign. The 5 signs that			
<u>Restaurants</u>	are still standing will be replaced first. Phase II will involve possible replacing the other 5 where the posts and signs have been removed. All is contingent upon the replacement costs.			
Donatos Pizza	<u>New Business</u> Scott Prigan <u>scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com</u>			
1891 Tamarack Circle www.Donatos.com	Bonnie Freeman: Block Watch - needs to get re-established and maybe needs their own Zoom account. Discussion took place. If we can get someone to take over the Block Watch,			
l Gabby's	we will work with them to get a Zoom account if they need one. Any volunteers to head up the Block Watch?			
1887 Tamarack Circle (614) 433-0583	Katrina Kerns is a new back up Area 1 Rep.			
	Thoughts of having an outdoor meeting? Discussion was had. Look for an announcement as the weather continues to get better.			
Shopping, Services	In the pool area in FP West-construction is going on !!! Yay!!			
Circle Mart 1876 Tamarack Circle	Mr. Frankenfield had the idea that area reps and board members need ID badges especially when going door-to-door. The executive board will look into purchasing laminated badges			
(614) 885-3514	for everyone. Thanks for the great idea!!			
Northside Family Dental 5770 Karl Rd. Ste. 100	8:26 adjourned			
614-846-8340	Submitted by Lou Bernard, FPCA Secretary			
Kreiger Ford	Do not put Plastic Bags in your			
1800 Morse Road 614-783-3673	blue recycling container, they can cause problems with the			
HADLER Companies	equipment at the recycle processing facility. Plastic bags and wrap can wrap			
2000 W. Henderson Road 614-457-6650	around machinery. Local Grocery stores like Kroger, Meijer and Giant Eagle have			
	bins to collect Plastic Bags.			

## Finding Help and Helping: 911, 311, and other things

What can I do when I need help, need to find help for someone else, or just want to help?

## 911

911 is the sledgehammer of help. We can call 911 when someone is in real danger, and we need to summon police, fire, emergency squad. We don't call 911 when the cat has climbed into the tree and can't get down, but we will surely call it if the neighbor cleaning his gutters has fallen off the roof and can't call help.

## 645-4545 \*

645-4545 is the "lite" version of calling 911, the CPD non-emergency number. We can call this when there is a less serious situation that needs police attention, such as to report suspicious activity, the truck cabs parked illegally, the fireworks at 2 a.m. on the 5th of July, or concern that the panhandler at 161 is wandering into the roadway. There are also many other places to call at CPD for specific concerns – see <u>columbus>public safety>division of police>contact us [https://www.columbus.gov/police-contactlist/]</u> Sometimes it is good to report things this way just to document the need for services. As CPD Liaison Officer Scott Clinger repeatedly reminds us: "Report. Report." (If you want to wonder about the "\*" in the heading, please join us at our meetings.)

The Fire Department, not wanting to be left out, has some resources for getting help. Check out the <u>Columbus Division of Fire</u> [<u>https://www.columbus.gov/public-safety/fire/]</u> pages for more. There are programs for fire prevention and safety training, learning how to become a firefighter, and even a program for free smoke detectors.

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#### 311 (phone) ... or <u>311</u> [https://311.columbus.gov/] (web)

311 is the Swiss Army Knife of help in Columbus. When in doubt, 311 it. Contact the 311 Customer Service Center. You can:

- call during business hours: 311 on some old landlines, or 614-645-3111 on many mobile devices
- Visit the online <u>311 Customer Service Center</u> any time to submit a service request.
- us the My Columbus mobile application Send email at <u>311@columbus.gov</u>.

<u>Columbus' website describes</u> the 311 City Services Call Center as "The Call Center is the single point of contact for requesting all non-emergency City services and is available to residents, City businesses, and visitors."

The city has a whole bunch of other neat things going on. One of my favorites is the <u>Columbus PUP program</u> [<u>https://www.columbus.gov/pup/</u>]. While most folks around here are conscientious about cleaning up after their pooch, there is even a program to help people who need help to get started on doing this. Someone can Take the PUP Pledge Today and Get Free Pet Goodies! PUP stands for PICK UP POOP. All dog owners can "dooo" the right thing and scoop poop when walking & in your own backyard. Our goal is clean water & PUPing is our law.

Keep in touch, and share other good ideas. It's so good to be sharing a place we can all call HOME.

Your president, Scott Prigan.

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## **The Forest Park Gardener – April Newsletter**

I'm looking out my window on this Saint Patrick's day, and am very happy to see so much GREEN!

When you receive the newsletter, we should be well on our way to longer daylight, and warmer temperatures.

The end of March, beginning of April is when gardeners get moving. I am a big supporter of school fundraisers, and look forward to ordering plants and hanging baskets.

So much opportunity...how do you know what to pick!

Here are some terms and facts to help you get started:

Columbus has a *Planting Hardiness Zone* of *5b or 6a*. You see this number on tags when you are purchasing shrubs/plants at the garden store. It is a measurement of "Cold Hardiness" that a plant can tolerate. The higher the number, the less cold it can handle. So, if you pick up a Hibiscus with a hardiness of 7 or 8, you either need to move to Georgia, or bring it in during the fall/winter. If you want more information on this – send me an email and I'll send you a link....

**Annuals:** Flowering plants and vegetables that grow and bloom in one season. These are our bright bloomers, that can be planted after our frost date (May 15<sup>th</sup>) and will bloom until our first killing frost (normally mid- October) Some prefer colder weather and some need the heat of summer.

Cold weather annuals: Panseys and Primrose are the first to come out in the garden store. Hardy little plants that can give us some color and can tolerate some cold temperatures, and die back in the summer. Leave them be! They will re-bloom in the fall.

Cold weather annual vegetables: Peas, Lettuce, Spinach, Cabbage – these seeds/plants can be planted the first week of April.

**Perennials:** Plants that live more than two years, and most improve with age. These are the stalwharts of the garden. Examples are: Daisey, Garden Phlox, Stawberries, Daylilies, Clematis. Perennials don't do much their first season, but after one winter, the change can be very dramatic. Normally you find these already started in containers and are a little more expensive. The plants you by in the 1 gallon containers are normally 1-2 yrs old, and already blooming. After about 4 years, you may see them decline. That's the time to divide them, and share them with your neighbors.

**Biennials:** Plants that blooms every other year. It takes 2 years for the life cycle to complete. One year you have blooms and the next just a rosette of leaves, but many of these species re-seed easily, increasing your number of plants. Examples are: Hollyhocks, Black-Eyed Susans, Delphimiums, Foxglove In April, it's time to start cleaning up the leaf litter, tilling the garden soil, and prepping your vegetable beds for planting.

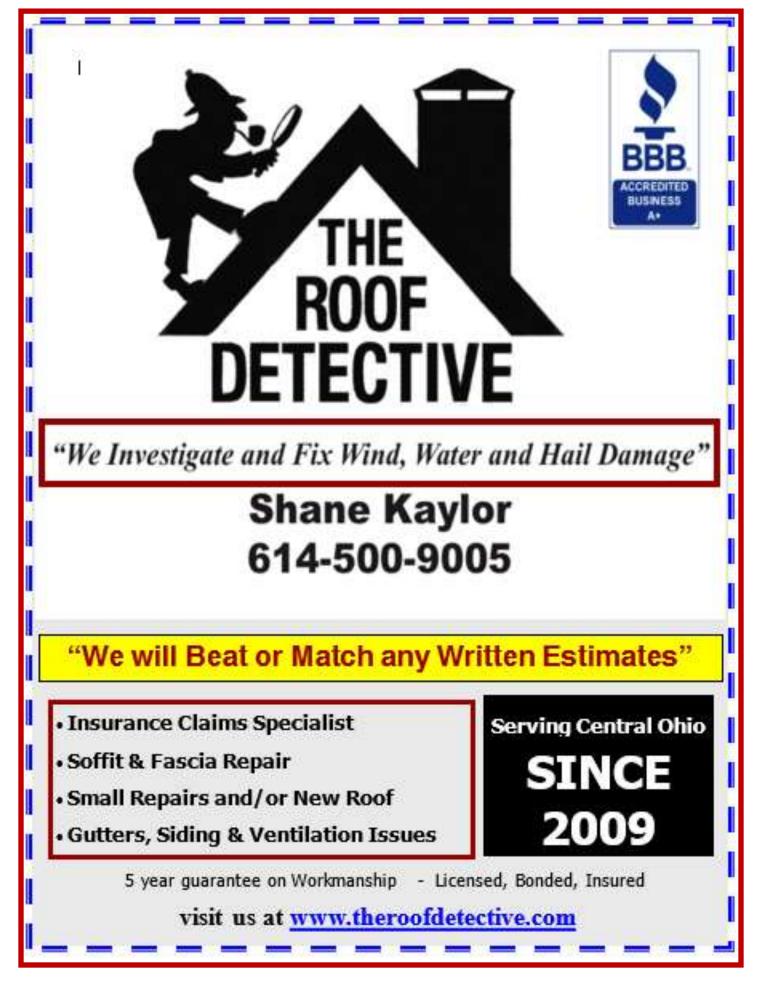
It's also the time when we begin to hear the lawn mowers, and those who like to manage their lawns apply the first lawn fertilizer and weed preventer.

My email is <u>ForestParkGardener@gmail.com</u> Please feel free to reach out with ideas, or questions. Happy to point you in the right direction.

Thanks for reading, Lisa Dove







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# **NEIGHBORHOOD Update!**



## April. 2021

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Stay safe & keep wearing your mask :)

#### Dear Neighbors:

Spring has arrived and now is a great time to get your house on the market and to start looking for another home or condominium. The real estate market is very active and you might be surprised at what your house is worth in todays market. If you have any real estate questions or concerns please feel free to give me a call.

Thank you to all who have recently reached out to me to sell their homes. I will have a few new listings coming on the market in the next month or so. If you need help in 2021 with either buying or selling a home please give me a call - Let me show you what HER and I can do for you!

#### NEW LISTING:

#### (In Contract in 5 days!)

**<u>5770 Lindenwood Rd.</u>** - Wow! 2 Story with 4 BR's, 2.5 BA's, Family Room with WBFP, Florida Room, Lower level Rec. Room & Den, deck, fenced backyard & 2 car garage. **Asking \$245,000** 

#### CURRENT MARKET WATCH

The following homes are For Sale with HER Realtors:5488 Blue Ash Rd.Split/3BR214,900



## HER Realtors homes In Contract

5490 Driftwood Rd	Ranch/3BR	209,900		
1650 Penworth Dr.	Ranch/3BR	214,900		
1412 Cottonwood Dr	2-Sty/4BR	249,900		
(C)-In Contract Contingent (E)-I/C w/Escape clause				

## All Homes SOLD

Homes sold since 2/19/2	1	Price:	Price:
5449 Tamarack Bl	Split/3BR	179,900	175,000
1754 Norma Rd.	Split/3BR	199,900	227,000
5328 Hedgewood Rd.	Ranch/3BR	214,900	221,000
1650 Penworth Dr.	Ranch/3BR	214,900	222,100

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		Asking	Sold
		Price:	Price:
5454 Redwood Rd.	Split/3BR	215,000	213,000
5521 Cherrywood Rd.	Bilvl/4BR	220,000	225,500
2199 Lilacwood Ave.	2-Sty/4BR	256,000	256,000

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Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 3/18/21. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer.

Asking Sold