



The Forester



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Forest Park Civic Association

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LIVE! In person, from Forest Park. It's Tuesday Night!

The pandemic really isn't over ... (Let's hope and pray that all the unvaccinated people around the world don't give the virus a chance to mutate and return the whole world to February 2020. Let's hope, pray, and advocate for rapid international sharing of vaccines to stop the carnage still happening in some places! ... And our youngest neighbors, as well as some people with medical conditions, are still unprotected!

Yet still I am really "psyched" about the opportunity that we will soon have to have our second Tuesday meeting in July **LIVE!** ... Can you remember when we last were able to meet in the hospitable environs of our local neighborhood Epworth United Methodist Church? ALLLL RIIIGHT!!! Finally!!! Hallelujah!!

Of course, as we celebrate the opportunity (for some of us) to meet again in person, we need to remain aware that there are some people who have not been able to gain the protection of vaccination -- as well as some who have chosen not to avail themselves. It is important that **ALL PERSONS NOT FULLY VACCINATED**, whether by necessity, opportunity, or choice; either **DO NOT ATTEND** our live meeting, **OR BE PROPERLY MASKED**. You are *on your honor* to take precautions to protect all members of our community. (Those vaccinated may choose to attend masked or unmasked, as they see fit.)

As we reopen the possibility of meeting in person, please note that we will be investigating ways for people unable to attend F.P.C.A. meetings to continue to attend virtually. It may not be exactly as we have done the last year plus, but we will seek a way to keep this participation option open in the future. Stay tuned!

Speaking of our next meeting ... Have you ever participated in a "card shower," where friends and families honor some person's special occasion? In honor of our special occasion, it might be an occasion to give our Treasurer, Cheryl, an exciting bundle of membership and volunteer forms! If you still have the mailing on your dining room table, consider this opportunity. Of course, it might be easier to just complete everything online, at [Join FPCA](https://www.fpcivic.org/join/) (<https://www.fpcivic.org/join/>). ... It's your choice!

See you soon! It'll be great to be **LIVE! from Forest Park!**
It's so good to be sharing a place we can all call HOME.

Your president, Scott Prigan.

FPCA Meeting

July 13, 2021 - 7 pm
Epworth United Methodist Church
5100 Karl Road

FPCA meetings are working on doing a combo in person and online meeting
Check website/Facebook for updates
contact Lou Bernard, FPCA secretary, loubernard.3@gmail.com

Northland 4th of July Parade



Northland Community Council has regretfully canceled the 4th of July Parade activities along Karl Rd for the 2021 year due to the pandemic

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Renew or Join Forest Park Civic Association
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Forest Park Social Activities Committee

Vacant..... contact Mike Stone to Volunteer

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Articles for the August, 2021 Forester are due to editor by July 16, 2021. The August 2021 Forester will be delivered to homes close to the first Sunday, August 1st, or view it ONLINE at fpcivic.org

Recruiting the Next Generation of Volunteers

Hello all,

In this article, I'm going to outline an improved plan for harnessing our neighborhood's most precious resource: resident volunteers. With the easing of virus-related restrictions and the growing passion for Forest Park, this is a perfect time for a reset.

Current Difficulty With Managing Our Volunteer Pool

FPCA has a PDF "Volunteer List" that is updated after every membership cycle. Residents who have returned their membership form and have checked their volunteer boxes are added. The same is true for those who are registered electronically. Previously, we have offered a large number of volunteer categories and this has been an unexpected problem. Volunteers who have checked too few of these boxes limit the chances of being contacted. We also have a large number of people who have not provided email contact information.

Improvements

To streamline this process, we have eliminated the number of volunteer categories. We are also moving to a greater electronic presence for everyone's benefit. Beginning with this membership cycle, we will update all contacts and design a new volunteer email list, along with a "Sign up Genius." When we encounter a need, we will send it out to the entire volunteer pool for (hopefully) quick and easy responses. In addition, we will also make announcements through our Facebook and Next Door pages.

So again, please update your volunteer status by:

Returning your membership form and checking the form indicating your willingness to volunteer or

Registering online at <https://www.fpcivic.org/> and fill out the online volunteer form that is under "Join FPCA."

Lastly, please don't wait for a contact Let us know what you can do to help the neighborhood and we will collaborate with great joy!!

This is a great era in our neighborhood!! Continue to be good to one another and help when you can!! Thanks!! Mike Stone

Forest Park Civic Association
May, 2021 Financial Summary

Income	Actual		Budget		Budget vs. Actual	
	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
Membership	\$75.00	\$175.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,625.00	(\$7,425.00)	(\$7,450.00)
Supplement Security	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	(\$600.00)	(\$600.00)
Interest	\$0.42	\$0.82	\$0.30	\$0.60	\$0.12	\$0.22
Forester	\$965.00	\$1,415.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00	\$215.00	(\$85.00)
Garage Sale	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Additional Donations/Misc.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$550.00	(\$500.00)	(\$550.00)
Business Membership	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29.17	\$58.33	(\$29.17)	(\$58.33)
Beautification	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)	(\$200.00)
Total	\$1,235.42	\$1,785.82	\$9,699.47	\$10,653.93	(\$8,464.05)	(\$8,868.11)
Expense						
Membership	\$3.09	\$7.21	\$40.00	\$2,570.00	(\$36.91)	(\$2,562.79)
Supplement Security	\$375.00	\$625.00	\$541.67	\$1,083.33	(\$166.67)	(\$458.33)
Forester	\$2,062.09	\$3,397.19	\$1,166.67	\$2,333.33	\$895.42	\$1,063.86
Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northland Community Council	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$310.00	(\$310.00)	(\$310.00)
Treasurer Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$16.67	(\$8.33)	(\$16.67)
Island Maintenance	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$70.00	\$140.00	\$20.00	(\$50.00)
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)	(\$50.00)
Beautification Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Outreach Day	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4th of July Parade	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Welcome Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	(\$300.00)	(\$300.00)
Social Activities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)	(\$200.00)
Total	\$2,530.18	\$4,119.40	\$2,686.67	\$7,003.33	(\$156.49)	(\$2,883.93)
Net Income/Loss	(\$1,294.76)	(\$2,333.58)	\$7,012.80	\$3,650.60	(\$8,307.56)	(\$5,984.18)
Month End Bank Balances	PayPal	Checking	Savings			
	\$532.79	\$3,216.73	\$24,560.13			

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2021
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Report.
Submitted by
Cheryl Lutman

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Hello Forest Park!

As you may have heard, our Columbus Police Department Liaison, Officer Scott Clinger, is retiring. We appreciate all he has done for Forest Park and will miss seeing him at our monthly meetings. We wish him the best! Our new Police Liaison is Officer Dan Yandrich. We look forward to meeting him at a future meeting.

Want to stay up to date on the crime status of the area? Sign up for Citizen app. It will provide the most up-to-date crime occurrences in the area by using gps to locate issues near you. If you don't want to download the app to your phone, you can also visit the area crime map at www.communitycrimemap.com.

If you haven't signed up for your annual Forest Park Civic Association membership yet, it's not too late. Included in your membership is supplemental security, which includes patrols by your home when you travel out of town. Simply fill out the Supplemental Security form and return it to Daryl Van Mercetta at dvanmercetta@gmail.com, provide the information to him over the phone at 513-479-2416, or submit the form online at www.fpcivic.org to let him know that you are requesting supplemental security and he will notify the security patrol, who will then report any suspicious or unexpected activity while you're away.

As always, if you see something, say something and stay safe, everyone!
Enjoy Summer, Daryl and Katie Van Mercetta

Supplemental Security News



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 _____ Phone _____

Vacation Dates: Depart _____ Return _____ Please notify _____

Alternate person Address _____ Phone _____

Who has key? _____

Lights on timer? _____ Location of lights _____

Radio or TV continuously on timer? _____
Location of devices _____

Will older children be in and out? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, make and model of their car _____



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513-479-2416
Or
Email at:
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**National NIGHT
OUT is Tuesday
August 3rd.**

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police & neighbors together under positive circumstances. Invite the neighbors and meet them out in your front yard with food, refreshments, games or just a meet and greet to get to know one another. [Www.natw.org](http://www.natw.org)

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:

July 10,23
&
August 6, 20



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

Summer Holiday Safety from Nation Safety Council

(<https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/summer/fireworks>)

If You Choose to Use Fireworks

If consumer fireworks are legal to buy where you live and you choose to use them, be sure to follow the following safety tips:

- Never allow young children to handle fireworks
- Older children should use them only under close adult supervision
- Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol
- Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear
- Never hold lighted fireworks in your hands
- Never light them indoors
- Only use them away from people, houses and flammable material
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person
- Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting
- Never ignite devices in a container
- Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks
- Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire
- Never use illegal fireworks



Sparklers Can be Dangerous



Every year, young children can be found along parade routes and at festivals with sparklers in hand, but sparklers are a lot more dangerous than most people think.

Sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees – hot enough to melt some metals. Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing, and children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet. According to the [National Fire Protection Association](http://www.nfpa.org), sparklers alone account for more than 25% of emergency room visits for fireworks injuries. [For children under 5 years of age, sparklers accounted for nearly half of the total estimated injuries.](#)

Consider using [safer alternatives](#), such as glow sticks, confetti poppers or colored streamers.

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

NO BULK ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED UNLESS THE RESIDENT SCHEDULES COLLECTION ONLINE



community garage sale is on the calendar for Saturday September 18.

Check the August & September Foresters to register to have your address put on a community sheet that folks can hear of your garage sale.



Keep the date open Saturday September 18, 2021

Start cleaning out those bedrooms, basements, garages, and kitchens. Our FPCA fall

Join us 161 Task Force Clean up Days

July 10 & August 14 9 am



Meet behind Jiffy Lube at Sharon Woods Center

For more information or to RSVP contact Dave Cooper

dave@inkwellcolumbus.com

Forest Park– 2020 Business Memberships

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Epworth United Methodist

5100 Karl Road
614-885-8015

Karl Road Christian Church

5400 Karl Road
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jallen8352@wowway.com
614-899-6085

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5554 Karl Rd
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614-457-6650



The Forest Park Gardener

Enjoying the fireworks of July!

I believe that all the rain we received at the beginning of June, and the heat wave in the middle of the month have given our summer flowering plants what they need to put on a fantastic show. Summer blooms from the Daisys, Daylilies, Bee Balm, and Cone Flowers are getting ready to take front and center in the garden. Also, is anyone noticing how amazing the roses are this year?



What is the best way to keep the show going? Well, to quote the Red Queen from *Alice in Wonderland*... "OFF with their Heads"!

The whole purpose of the beautiful blooms is for pollination, seed production, and pro-creation. Plant sex, plain and simple. Once a plant accomplishes this feat, it will be happy to reserve its strength and not put forth any extra effort. Its energy is redirected toward growth and not flowers.

However, the gardener has some great tricks to keep the plant producing blooms.

Deadheading – cutting or pinching off the spent blossoms. By doing so, the plant will send up new blossoms. Regular deadheading will also cause the plant to become bushier, which will give you even more blooms. Hint: Keeping your mums pinched to an inch until July 4th will help ensure more beautiful mums in the fall.

Fertilizing – I know we feel like we just did this, but early July is a great time to fertilize one more time before the summer gets hot. If you bought the granular fertilizer, spread it around now, timing it with incoming rain events. Everyone enjoys a 4th of July picnic. Your plants need some extra food right now too! *Be careful if you are using a water base fertilizer that you don't spray it on the plants before the heat of the day.* It could encourage scorched leaves and even mildew (eww!). Do that in the early morning.

Weeding – Not my favorite part either, but weeds (which are plants who aggressively grow where they are not invited) can overtake your annuals and crowd them out of sun and water. Now is when we begin to see crabgrass, spurge, thistle, and oxalis (clover) really come on strong. While you are pinching off blooms, pluck the weeds as well.

Garden Dangers: Be careful that you do not run into these three amigos!

If the leaves are 3 – leave it be (poison ivy).

Vines with purple flowers, berries (Nightshade) – poisonous especially for dogs.

Poison Hemlock: looks like Queen Anne's Lace, be careful and be informed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAdz7r7jM0U>

Lawn Care: Someone asked me about cutting grass going into July. Set your mower on a higher setting and try to take off no more than 1/3 of the grass. Leaving your grass a little higher this month saves stress on the grass, keeps moisture levels at the roots higher, and discourages weeds, since the bare ground is not in the sun.. Also – longer grass will encourage fireflies in your yard. If you water, make sure it is a deep water (1"), to keep strong roots.

Most important – don't forget to take care of yourself and wear your sun screen and mosquito repellent. Check for ticks, and stay hydrated. Enjoy the summer and the fireworks.

Lisa Dove –
ForestParkGardener@gmail.com

Forest Park Beautification Contest

We are looking for folks to nominate yards in Forest Park East and West that have a beautiful landscaped front yard with plants and flowers. Throughout July and August we need neighbors to tell us of homes they feel worthy of our Beautification award! Send addresses for our judges to review to: ForestParkGardener@gmail.com and in later this summer we will award those homes. Thank you!!



Forest Park Civic Association Meeting Minutes Tuesday June 8, 2021

President's Report Scott Prigan scottprigan+fpc@gmail.com
7:03 Called to Order. Pledge of Allegiance was said.
Thanks to all who helped put together Membership mailing. (esp. M. Stone!) The returns are starting to pour in!

Thanks to Scott Clinger for many years of service as CPD liaison. Scott is retiring after many years of service to the CPD and the FPCA. Officer Clinger reviewed many of the accomplishments of collaborative work with the FPCA. Officer Dan Dandridge is Officer Clinger's replacement.

Thanks to Area Reps for hanging tight through COVID. With vaccinations, etc. we may soon be going "live." We will be looking to go live in July. Stay tuned to the website and Facebook page for updates and information!

Vice President's Report Ryan Finke ryan.finke@gmail.com
No report

Secretary's Report Lou Bernard loubernard3@gmail.com
Attendance will be taken via Zoom Participation List.
Officers/Committee Chairs Present: SP, RF, LB, CL, MS, RW, DVM, SL, AR, ER, DP, EV, KG
Officers/Committee Chairs Absent: MS (Social Activities Chair remains vacant)
Area Reps in Attendance: 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12
Area Reps Absent: 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14 (Areas 13 and 14 remain vacant)

Minutes from May's meeting were voted on and accepted into the record.

Treasurer's Report Cheryl Lutman cllutman17@gmail.com
(See the budget spreadsheet in this month's *Forester*)
1. The biggest variances are due primarily to the mailing not going out until the end of the month, and so memberships are just now rolling in - a lot of them! In years past, the mailing has gone out earlier, so memberships were received earlier. On Saturday, she collected close to 100 envelopes, and has lots of PayPal notifications. She'll be working through these quickly! Otherwise, things seem to be in line.

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

We had a great garage this spring. It was the largest neighborhood garage sale on record. Conversation is beginning to plan the fall 2021 Garage Sale: Sept. 18th. This is the same date as the Elevate Northland's Unity Festival at the YMCA. This may help bring in more people to the garage sale.

Forester Editor's Report Rita Woeste forester_ed@fpcivic.org

1. June 17th is the deadline for July 2021 *Forester* articles.
2. Northland HS and DeSales HS are not participating in delivery of the *Forester*. We are still looking for volunteers to deliver. If you are looking to volunteer somewhere in the organization, this is a great opportunity to "get your feet wet."
David Laughlin (laughlindm@gmail.com) is in charge of organizing the delivery schedule. Look for a post on the Nextdoor App and/or Facebook page for volunteer opportunities..

Supplemental Security Report Daryl Van Mercetta dvanmercetta@gmail.com, Katie Van Mercetta kvanmercetta@gmail.com
Scott Clinger (CPD Liaison Officer) [SCLing-](mailto:SCLing-er@columbuspolice.org)

er@columbuspolice.org

1. Lengthy security check for a neighbor in a rehab facility. Security will continue to keep an eye on things, for the resident. They are reporting that things seem to be quiet, for the most part

Business Representative Sheridan Landin - sheridanlandon@yahoo.com Alan Ray - aray.bergahorn@gmail.com

1. Sheridan has been hitting the pavement looking for new business members. If you are a business owner in the FP area, contact Sheridan or Alan to get information on becoming a business member--some advertising is included!
Forest Park received a \$250.00 check from The Nyce Company for the general fund. Thank you!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welcome Committee Chair Ellin Ray - eclair1226@gmail.com

Contacted area reps that did not pick up folders. Folders for areas 1, 2, 6, 8, and 13 still need to be picked up.

Volunteer Coordinator Mike Stone msto0103@yahoo.com
Absent

We Did It!! Got the mailing off successfully. Thank you to the many wonderful people that made that possible. Mike is very excited to hear that we have over 100 returns in 4 days!!

Mike announced that he is going to have to step down from his duties as Volunteer/ Membership Coordinator. He would like to make a full transition of this by the end of August. If anyone on the board would be interested in filling this role, please let either him or Scott know and they can talk further with you.

Social Activities Report *Position is Vacant*

If you are interested please contact Mike Stone or Scott Prigan.

NCC Representative Ken Gilbert kgilbert78@att.net

A very interesting and heated NCC meeting dealing with the homeless/hotel situation in the area. Members of the NCC pointed out to the reps from the homeless organizations (YMCA and Community Shelter Board) present that we are willing to help, but do not want to bear all the responsibility. They said 2 of the 3 repurposed facilities/hotels will be closing within the next 8-12 months.

Lots of us have been having an issue with Rumpke recycling, check out the 311 website to register complaints.

NCC Development Representative Ed Vanasdale evanasdale@insight.rr.com Dave Paul dwpaul@fpcivic.org

2 cases involving our area: 1) The conversion of a commercially zoned house near Bella Villa. The applicant wants to build a 10 unit apartment. They changed design to address the concerns that NCC had with previous design. NCC was supportive of the proposal. 2) Magnuson Grand Hotel is being proposed to be turned into a low-income apartment complex. NCC was supportive of the proposal.

Website Administrator Scott Prigan scottprigan+fpc@gmail.com

Please check it out! Lots of good info.

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Meet folks from FPCA

Forest Park Representative to the Northland Community Council (NCC) is Ken Gilbert. Ken and his wife Catherine have lived in Area 3 of Forest Park West since 2002. Ken came to Columbus from the Philadelphia area in 1978 to attend Ohio State as a graduate student in Chemistry, found a local church (Dwell Community Church) and a local girl there (Catherine is an 1981 graduate of Northland High School), and never left. They enjoy elephants, the Columbus Crew, and Penn State football—and they are owned by four cats. They have served in multiple roles in the FPCA through the years. In 2021, Ken was asked by FPCA President Scott Prigan to serve as the FPCA Representative to the Northland Community Council, which is a coalition of civic associations, home-owners associations and other community groups in the Northland area. It represents over 130,000 area residents (25-square miles of the City of Columbus) and works with Columbus City Council, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, and a wide array of other city, county, state and non-profit organizations to continuously enhance the prosperity and quality of life enjoyed throughout the Northland community. NCC also organizes the annual Northland Fourth of July Parade, which we hope will resume in 2022. See my notes below on discussion from the June meeting. Nice to be here and part of the Forest Park Civic Association!!



Hello Neighbors, I'm Cindy and I'm your area # 6 representative for the Forest Park Civic Association. Most of my neighbors here in Forest Park East know me as the Realtor who leaves chocolates stuffed in their door hangers! I moved back here in 2000 and it's a wonderful area to raise a family. I grew up in the north end here in Forest Park and also in Sharon Woods and have always loved this area. We have fabulous neighbors and enjoy the lovely Woodward Park.



If you want to be a good neighbor here are my suggestions:

Keep your yard and home in good condition, pick up any litter left near your home, keep the gutter by the street free from dirt and trash so that the water can flow down to the sewers. Check on your neighbors to see if they are ok or need anything. Please remember not to block the sidewalk with your car so kids don't have to walk in the street to get past your home.

Together we can keep this the best neighborhood in Columbus!! I hope to see some of you at our next in person civic association meeting that is held the second Tuesday of the month at the Epworth Methodist Church.

A special thank you to, Officer Klinger, our neighborhood liaison to the Columbus Police Department who is retiring. We just love your updates at our meetings. You will be greatly missed!

Thanks for letting me serve you. May the Lord bless you and keep you safe!!

Cindy Fenstermaker

Homeless Shelters discussion at FPCA meeting

One recent area of interest to Forest Park residents that came before the NCC was a concern about the area shelters for the homeless that were opened on an emergency basis during COVID in 2020. About 7 years ago, the YWCA took over one of the old hotels north of 161 just west of I-71 as a swing space for women in transition during the renovations of the downtown YWCA. In 2016, the Columbus Housing Network and the Community Shelter Board requested a council variance to continue to use the hotel as a shared living facility for people in transition. In 2020, the Community Shelter Board leased two other hotels in the 161/I-71 Corridor to house the homeless on an emergency basis due to the impact of COVID. Representatives of these groups came to the June NCC meeting upon request to discuss these issues, as the community had not been notified before this happened. Members of the NCC were concerned about the increase in panhandling seen in 2020 and about this use for hotel stock in our community. It was noted by Ken that the community wants to and needs to be part of any solution, but we do not want Northland to bear the brunt of the solution. FPCA members took the lead in questioning the Community Shelter Board and YWCA representatives and expressed our concern that the community was not asked for input before these additional shelters were set up in our community. A vigorous discussion ensued. At this time, one shelter is expected to be closed in a couple of months, with the second closing in about a year. The shared living facility will remain. The NCC hopes to have these groups back in the future to discuss their ongoing plans. We invite FPCA members to share their concerns with the FPCA Board and the NCC, so that we can accurately reflect our community's concerns. This is just one example of the kinds of things that come up at an NCC meeting.

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Old Business Scott Prigan scottprigan+fPCA@gmail.com
Sign Committee Update: Bids were accepted. Moore Signs from Westerville was chosen to create the new signs. The committee asked for \$1057.26 for the signs. There is money in the savings account to cover this. The money was approved by the members present. The committee will continue on with the process and update the FPCA in the future.

Area Representatives who have been absent from the meetings have been individually contacted to find out where they have been. Those who have not responded are being called this week.

New Business Scott Prigan scottprigan+fPCA@gmail.com
Some neighborly requests to look into incorporating into FPCA. Discussion followed. There are ways for individuals to become associate members. The executive board will discuss/explore this. The issue is pretty complex and they will report back throughout the coming months.

Meeting was adjourned 8:40 pm.
Submitted by Lou Bernard, FPCA Secretary

Forest Park Civic Association

Household Data Sheet

 Family and Address Information

(Please PRINT and include last names)

Resident(s):

Address:

Home phone:

Email address:

Minor children's names (living with you):

Other (adult) residents' names:

At this address, do you: Own? - or - Rent? If renting, owner:

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What year did you move to Forest Park? _____
Please help us plan activities and services that benefit Forest Park residents of all ages by providing the following information about current household members. (This information is kept strictly confidential.)

<u>Age</u>	<u># of Household Members</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u># of Household Members</u>
Children (1-12)	_____	Adults (20-64)	_____
Teenagers (13-19)	_____	Senior Adults (65+).....	_____

 Membership in the FPCA

We invite you to be a voting member of the Forest Park Civic Association and support our community.
Can we count on your support for the Forest Park Civic Association this year?

- Yes, count me in!** Please enclose **\$25.00**, cash or check [# _____], by mail with this form, or **use our easy PayPal** option at the Forest Park Web site: www.fpcivic.org (Please return this form by mail to let us know of any updates.)
- Additionally**, please find enclosed \$_____ for: Supplemental Security Beautification The *Forester* Newsletter
- No, thank you.

 Your Comments (continue on separate sheet if needed)

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I hope everyone has a Fun and Safe summer. The real estate market is very active and you might be surprised at what the value of your house is in todays market. So, if you've been thinking about selling your house, now is the time to do it! Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.

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4 NEW LISTINGS

- 5447 Maple Canyon Ave.** - Ranch with 3 BR's, 2 BA's, 2 car garage & Rec. Room. **\$199,900**
- 5683 Sandalwood Bl.** - 4 Level Split w/3 BR's, 2 BA's, Family Rm. w/WBFP, 2 car gar, **\$229,900**
- 5004 Shadycrest Rd.** - Ranch w/3BR's, 2BA's, Family Rm w/WBFP, screen porch, 2 car gar. **\$249,900**
- 1229 Vinewood Dr.** - 2 story w/4BR's, 1.5 BA's, WBFP, Family Rm opens to deck, garage. **\$269,900**

CURRENT MARKET WATCH

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



- 5329 Poplarwood Rd. Ranch/3BR 214,900
- 5683 Sandalwood Bl. Split/3BR 229,900 ***

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- 5447 Maple Canyon Ranch/3BR 199,900 ***
- 5004 Shadycrest Rd. Ranch/3BR 249,900 ***
- 1229 Vinewood Dr. 2-Sty/4BR 269,000 ***

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All Homes SOLD

Homes sold since 5/13/21		Asking Price:	Sold Price:		Asking Price:	Sold Price:
1510 Firwood Dr.	Ranch/3BR	150,000	147,000	2015 Fleetwood Dr.	Ranch/3BR	234,900 270,000
1674 Sandalwood Pl	Split/3BR	178,000	201,500	2071 Teakwood Dr.	Ranch/3BR	239,900 239,900
5488 Blue Ash Rd	Split/3BR	214,900	245,000	1180 Rockwood Pl.	Ranch/4BR	239,900 252,000
1460 Ironwood Dr.	Split/3BR	215,000	215,000			

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