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Forest Park Civic Association

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National Night Out is Back!! Tuesday, August 3rd

This is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

We'd like to encourage the community of Forest Park to participate in this wonderful event on the evening of Tuesday, August 3rd. Have a driveway cookout, a bonfire, a cornhole tournament, play some live music in your front yard or feel free to come up with your own creative event! Most importantly, don't forget to invite your neighbors over for some fun and community-building.

Members of the Columbus Police Department will be cruising through the neighborhood as well and stopping by to meet our wonderful residents and build relationships in our community.

Please take part in this fabulous event and promote unity and safety in our neighborhood!



A Message for Our Nepal/ Bhutan Community

हामी तपाईंहरूलाई Forest Park मा स्वागत गर्न चाहन्छौं।

हामी तपाईंहरूको छिमेकी हुन पाउँदा निकै खुसी छौं।

Forest Park को समुदाय संगठन तपाईंहरूको सहयोगको लागि हाजिर छ।

हामी आशा गर्छौं तपाईंहरू हामीलाई सहयोग गर्नु हुन्छ यो ठाउँ अझै राम्रो बनाउन को लागि।

FPCA ले Columbus City संग हाम्रो बासिन्दाहरूको प्रतिनिधित्व गर्छ।

हाम्रो समुदाय सुरक्षित र बलियो बनाउन को लागि हामी Police र सरकारी अधिकारि संग मिलेर गर्छौं।

हाम्रो समुदाय सुरक्षित बनाउन को लागि हामीले Private Security राखेका छौं।

हामि समुदायीक बगैचा, मासिक पत्रिका, समुदायीक कार्यक्रमहरू गर्छौं, र तेसै गरी समुदायीक समस्याहरू सुल्झाउँछौं।

FCPAमा काम गर्नेहरू सबै स्वयंसेवक हुन्। यदि तपाईंहरू पनि योगदान दिन चाहनुहुन्छ भने तपाईंहरूलाई स्वागत छ।

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भविष्यमा हाम्रो खबर समाचार नेपाली भासामा Facebook Pageमा लेख्ने इच्छा छ।

यदि तपाईंहरू नेपाली भासामा खबर समाचार अनुवाद गर्न इच्छुक हुनुहुन्छ भने,

Mike लाई यो नम्बरमा सम्पर्क गर्नु होला: 614-218-1788

यो समाचार तपाईंको साथी र छिमेकिलाई पुर्याउनु होला, धन्यवाद!



No meeting, but
**FPCA joins
Northland
Community Council
for a Cookout**
August 10, 2021 - 6 pm
**Northland Swim Club,
5006 Almont Drive**
Read details, page 2

Join us
161 Task Force
Clean up Days
Saturday,
August 14
9 am



**Meet behind Jiffy Lube
at Sharon Woods Center**

For more information or to
RSVP contact Dave Cooper

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Forest Park Social Activities Committee

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14. VACANCY.....

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Columbus, OH 43229

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Articles for the September, 2021 Forester
are due to editor by August 17, 2021. The
September 2021 Forester will be delivered
to homes close to the first Sunday,
September 5th, or view it ONLINE
at fpcivic.org

The annual Northland Community Council (NCC) Cookout will take place on Tuesday, August 10th at the Northland Swim Club located at [5006 Almont Drive](#). This replaces the August FPCA meeting, as this NCC event will be taking place during FPCA's normal meeting time due to National Night Out being on the first Tuesday in August, which is the usual NCC meeting night. We will start gathering at 6pm and there will be a very brief NCC meeting at 7pm. NCC will provide burgers, all beef hotdogs, and drinks. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. This cookout is open to all residents of Northland so please invite your friends and families to join in.



Submitted by, Ken Gilbert, NCC Representative



FPCA meetings are back in person at Epworth United Methodist Church. Below Lou Bernard, President Scott Prigan and VP Ryan Finke run the meeting. Next Ryan monitors questions/camera for online viewers while security rep Daryl Van Mercetta gives his report. Join us September 14th for our next meeting. FPCA is a group that is here for your neighborhood.



**Forest Park Civic Association
June, 2021 Financial Summary**

Income	Actual		Budget		Budget vs. Actual	
	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
Membership	\$7,675.00	\$7,850.00	\$2,250.00	\$9,875.00	\$5,425.00	(\$2,025.00)
Supplement Security	\$1,380.83	\$1,380.83	\$450.00	\$1,050.00	\$930.83	\$330.83
Interest	\$0.40	\$1.22	\$0.30	\$0.90	\$0.10	\$0.32
Forester	\$778.33	\$2,193.33	\$750.00	\$2,250.00	\$28.33	(\$56.67)
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Additional Donations/Misc.	\$1,899.00	\$1,899.00	\$300.00	\$850.00	\$1,599.00	\$1,049.00
Business Membership	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29.17	\$87.50	(\$29.17)	(\$87.50)
Beautification	\$430.83	\$430.83	\$150.00	\$350.00	\$280.83	\$80.83
Total	\$12,164.40	\$13,950.22	\$3,929.47	\$14,583.40	\$8,234.93	(\$633.18)
Expense						
Membership	\$1,614.29	\$1,621.50	\$75.00	\$2,645.00	\$1,539.29	(\$1,023.50)
Supplement Security	\$500.00	\$1,125.00	\$541.67	\$1,625.00	(\$41.67)	(\$500.00)
Forester	\$996.00	\$4,393.19	\$1,166.67	\$3,500.00	(\$170.67)	\$893.19
Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(1) New Neighborhood Signage	\$528.63	\$528.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$528.63	\$528.63
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northland Community Council	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$110.00	(\$200.00)
Treasurer Expenses	\$46.49	\$46.49	\$8.33	\$25.00	\$38.16	\$21.49
Island Maintenance	\$90.00	\$180.00	\$70.00	\$210.00	\$20.00	(\$30.00)
Garage Sale	\$62.42	\$62.42	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$62.42	\$12.42
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	\$497.51	\$497.51	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$497.51	\$197.51
Social Activies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$145.00	\$345.00	(\$145.00)	(\$345.00)
Total	\$4,445.34	\$8,564.74	\$2,006.67	\$9,010.00	\$2,438.67	(\$445.26)
Net Income/Loss	\$7,719.06	\$5,385.48	\$1,922.80	\$5,573.40	\$5,796.26	(\$187.92)
Month End Bank Balances	PayPal	Checking	Savings			
	\$695.13	\$10,773.05	\$24,560.53			

(1) Although this is a non-budgeted item, it was decided to dip into our cash reserves for this expense.

JUNE
2021
Treasurer's
Report.

Submitted by
Cheryl Lutman

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Supplemental Security News



Hello Forest Park! We had our first post-pandemic in-person civic association meeting and it was great to see everyone in person! If we missed you, we hope to see you at the next one.

Ken Gilbert, our NCC representative, provided some information on the new **Safe Streets Program** run by the Columbus Division of Police. Their mission is to increase uniformed police presence in the hopes of deterring criminal activity. If you're interested in more information about the program, contact **North Side Safe Streets** at northsidesafestreets@columbuspolice.org or 614-645-3660. As recently announced, we have a new police liaison,

Dan Yandrich, and he can be reached at dyandrich@columbuspolice.org. We look forward to meeting Officer Yandrich, but in the meantime, the message remains the same: report, report, report. Reporting criminal activity is easy, simply:

- call the Telephone Reporting Unit at 614-645-4717
- call the non-emergency police at 614-645-4545
- "file an offense report" on the Columbus Police Mobile app
- use the police's website at <https://www.columbus.gov/police/>.

Don't forget, if you're a paid Forest Park Civic Association member, supplemental security is an added perk of your \$25.00 annual membership. If you submit your vacation request to Daryl Van Mercetta, he will notify our security company, who will then conduct patrols by your home while you travel. Your personal information, travel dates, etc. remains confidential. To submit your request, 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 and he will notify the security patrol, who will then report any suspicious or unexpected activity while you're away. Please be mindful that security requests should be placed a week or two prior to your planned travel dates and the security officer will only monitor your property; he will not collect packages/mail; take back your trashcans; or close your gate. Now is a great time to make friends with your neighbors, who can help with those tasks.



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

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Vacation Dates: Depart _____ Return _____ Please notify _____

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Location of devices _____

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Mail to:
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Creating a Certified Wildlife Habitat Garden

“Anyone, anywhere can restore wildlife habitat right in their own yards and communities,” said National Wildlife Federation naturalist David Mizejewski. “Whether you garden in a suburban yard, an urban area or a rural plot of land, you can make a difference for local wildlife. Creating a Certified Wildlife Habitat garden is fun, easy and makes a real difference for neighborhood wildlife. It’s the perfect grassroots way to think globally and act locally and help birds, butterflies, bees and other wildlife,” he added.

My wife Julie and I just completed the certification process at our house on Ironwood Dr. where we have lived for 18 years. It was always something we were committed to, but we just never followed through with the certification process. This spring we made the commitment, it wasn’t hard since we have been following many of the practices for many years. For example, we feed birds from fall to spring, we have a bird bath and rain barrel, we have bird houses, trees and shrubbery for the birds to nest in, we compost, and have been replacing many non-native plants (especially the invasive ones) with many Ohio natives. As many of you know, working in and improving your yard/garden is a continual process that can be fun and a lot of work, but why not let everyone know that you support your local wildlife while you are at it!

Below are the certification requirements and some benefits of the program (from the National Wildlife Federation website).

Certification Requirements

Certified Wildlife Habitat® applicants are asked to confirm they’ve provided the required number of elements for each of the following:

- Food
- Water
- Cover
- Places to Raise Young
- Sustainable Practices: capturing rainwater from your roof , removing non-native plants and animals, using organic fertilizers, etc.

Benefits to Certification

When you certify you will become a member of the National Wildlife Federation’s Garden for Wildlife™ community and receive the following benefits:

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- Exclusive option to purchase attractive garden signs designating your garden as a Certified Wildlife Habitat® with the National Wildlife Federation
- And much more!

For more information on NWF’s Garden for Wildlife movement and how to qualify to have a garden space recognized as a Certified Wildlife Habitat, visit <https://www.nwf.org/garden> or call 1-800-822-9919.

Lou Bernard



FOREST PARK Fall COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE Saturday, September 18, 2021

Post Pandemic Cleaning time is here! Your junk can be someone’s treasure. Have fun and make a little money by joining the Forest Park Civic Association Garage Sale which will be held on September 18, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Advertisement will appear in the local newspaper. Maps and listings of addresses of participants will be handed out to prospective buyers at the East and West Island entrances to Forest Park on Karl Rd from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on the day of the sale.

The Association charges a minimal fee of \$5.00 per household to advertise in the paper & flyer in this gigantic community sale. You receive quite a bargain when one considers the advertisement drawing card to all the Northland communities, fun with your neighbors, and some extra cash in your pocket. The fee helps defray the cost of the advertising.

Please complete the form on page 6 and mail with your check of \$5.00 made payable to F.P.C.A. by Wednesday September 15th to Mary Sguerra, 5395 Pine Bluff Rd. Columbus, OH 43229

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President's Report Scott Prigan scottprigan+fpc@gmail.com
7:03 Meeting called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Our meeting this month was LIVE and in person at the Epworth United Methodist Church on Karl Rd.! with live streaming on the Facebook Group! Welcome back to everyone- our first in person meeting since March 2020! We will be following COVID protocol. All speakers will come forward to give report so they will be on camera for the folks at home.
2. Attendance was taken by roll call by the secretary. We are still waiting for confirmation on our 501c3 status.

Vice President's Report Ryan Finke ryan.finke@gmail.com

1. We are now live streaming our monthly meetings on FPCA Facebook page. If you attend online, you are welcome to participate by leaving comments or using Facebook Messenger to send us a note. I will voice all written notes during the meeting.
2. I'm working on a few projects: communications ideas to help get new neighbors connected with the FPCA, small design updates to the Forester newsletter, adding relevant Forest Park social media conversations to the Forester content, and helping communicate the value of the FPCA to neighbors. I am looking to make a difference, so if anyone has a project idea, please let me know. I'm happy to help.

Secretary's Report Lou Bernard loubernard3@gmail.com

1. Spelling correction to last month's minutes in the Forester: our liaison officer's name is Dan Yandrich. Attendance will be taken via Zoom Participation List. Officers/Committee Chairs Present: SP, RF, LB, CL, MS, DVM, KVM, SL, MS, EV, KG Officers/Committee Chairs Absent: RW, AR, ER, DP, FQ (Social Activities Chair remains vacant)
Area Reps in Attendance: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11
Area Reps Absent: 3, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14 (Areas 13 and 14 remain vacant)
Minutes from June'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*)
Here are the financials for June. The large expenses include:
\$528.63 towards the new signage for the neighborhood. This is a non-budget item, but we will pay from our cash reserves.
\$1,570 for our bulk mail permit and to put money in our account for the membership mailing
\$497.51 for new folders for the Welcome Committee

We are still down on memberships from last year, but hopefully as we continue to do outreach, more people will join. PayPal memberships continue to come in as well as ones in the mail - just not as many as early June.

Public Relations Report

Mary Sguerra Mary.Sguerra@HERrealtors.com

1. It is relatively quiet. Not many people are reporting disturbances.
2. Sept. 18 is the date for the Fall Community Garage Sale. Start gathering your stuff now. New signs were put up on the islands about the 4th of July and tonight's meeting.

Forester Editor's Report

Rita Woeste forester_ed@fpcivic.org Absent

1. Rita was out of town and didn't make tonight's meeting.

Articles for the August issue of the Forester due by this coming **FRIDAY, July 16th**. Foresters will be stuffed the following Friday, July 23rd and out to delivery folks to do the following week. Will include in August Forester: Garage Sale on 9/18. If anyone has any info about Night Out activities, send it to me for the August issue.

Someone take pics of the first IN PERSON meeting in a long time and will put those pictures in the Forester.

Supplemental Security Report

Daryl Van Mercetta dvanmercetta@gmail.com,
Katie Van Mercetta kvanmercetta@gmail.com Dan Yandrich (CPD Liaison Officer) dyandrich@columbuspolice.org

1. There were lots of calls about the amount of fireworks through the months of June and July.
2. We are getting many residence/vacation checks.
3. Will be reaching out to Officer Yandrich this month. He sent out an email on July 6th about June Homicide States. That was forwarded to all members by Secretary Lou B. A question was asked about the confidentiality of the vacation checks by the supplemental security company. The FPCA receives the notification for the request and forwards it to the Supplemental Security Coordinator, who then forwards it to the security company. Those are the only people who know if you are leaving of vacation.

Business Representative

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

1. If you are a business owner (or know a business owner) in the FP or Northland area contact Sheridan or Alan to become a business member.
Not much news to report.

Welcome Committee Chair

Ellin Ray - eclair1226@gmail.com Absent
New folders from VistaPrint have been ordered, and they should arrive any day now. They have a QR code on the front that links to the Forest Park Civic Association website. As soon as they get here, she will be able to start assembling folders for our new neighbors (from the beginning of the year) and will bring them to next month's meeting.

Volunteer Coordinator

Mike Stone msto0103@yahoo.com Absent

1. We are still looking for help with deliveries.
2. We are also looking for a person to take over the Social Activities Coordinator - you do have a budget!!
3. We have 310+ memberships so far, and many people are donating more than the \$25 because they know how valuable the FPCA is to the neighborhood.

A constant comment that Mike gets is "What is in it for me?"

Vacation checks by supplemental security
The Forester newsletter
NCC contribution
Neighborhood patrolling by supplemental security
Island beautification
Community events: garage sale, picnics, etc.

5. Mike is leaving his position as Volunteer Coordinator by the end of Aug. or beginning of Sept. He is looking for someone to take his place and is very willing to work with you to make sure the transition is as smooth as possible. A SUPER big THANK YOU to all those who volunteered to make the membership drive a success!

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Social Activities Coordinator *Position is Vacant*

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

NCC Representative Ken Gilbert kgilbert78@att.net

1. Ken thanked Scott for honoring him with this new position. He represents all of us at the Northland Community Council. If you have any concerns, please contact him.

Safe Streets Program by the CPD: *"The Safe Streets program coordinated a collaborative program working with other City departments, including Code Enforcement, the Solid Waste Inspector, the City Attorney's office, members of the Environmental Court, and community leaders to address quality of life issues at a street level for residents of the Linden, Hilltop and South Side communities."* North Side Safe Streets northsidesafestreets@columbuspolice.org 614.645.3660

Our new CPD liaison officer is Dan Yandrich (CPD Liaison Officer) dyandrich@columbuspolice.org

1. The Karl Rd. Library is slated to open the week of Sept. 1st
2. NABA Golf Outing will be Sept 15th. If you want to play or sponsor us, Trevor Secord (tsecord@ymcacolumbus.org) is the chair.
3. Many bicycle and pedestrian accidents in the Northland area. Please everyone be careful.
4. National Night Out is the 1st Tues. in Aug.
5. The NCC Picnic will replace our FPCA August 10th meeting. @ Northland Swim Club 6pm, bring a side dish or dessert to share. Meat and buns will be provided.
6. The Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio was voted in to become the newest member of the NCC. Last week was the successful 161 Clean-up day. Thanks to all who participated.

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

2 Cases were heard: 1) the Moo Moo Car Wash planned to open on N. Hamilton Rd. had issues with parking. It was resolved. 2) The new Sheetz is slated to open by the end of 2021. It will be located at 975 E. Dublin-Granville Rd. They wanted a variance for a larger temporary sign for their grand opening, and to allow it to be displayed for a longer period of time. Both cases were approved.

Website Administrator Scott Prigan scottprigan+fpc@gmail.com

Please check it out! Lots of good info. Calendar feed, etc.

Old Business Scott Prigan scottprigan+fpc@gmail.com

1. Sign Committee Update: the proposal was voted on and the money was approved at last month's meeting. The sign company will be notified to start production. 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.

New Business Scott Prigan scottprigan+fpc@gmail.com

No FPCA meeting in August → NCC Picnic will replace the August 10th meeting. It will be held at the Northland Swim Club (5006 Almont Dr, Columbus, OH 43229) - 6pm, bring a side dish or dessert to share. Meat and buns will be provided.

Who We Are and What We Do

This article is a repost from June. Recently, there have been some residents inquiring where the \$25 membership fees are applied. Hopefully this will help. Also, we appreciate the residents who have already joined for this year, not to mention the generosity of those who have contributed additional donations.

If you are still new to the neighborhood, we want to personally welcome you to Forest Park. You are home, and we are glad to be your neighbors!! The Forest Park Civic Association (FPCA) is here to support you. We hope that you will join us as we make this an even better place to live!!

FPCA represents our neighborhood to the City of Columbus. We work with police and city officials to make it stronger. We also hire a private security company to patrol our neighborhood for extra protection. We maintain the gardens off of Sandalwood and work to help neighbors to resolve problems. FPCA is made up of volunteer neighbors and we would like to invite you to join us. Below is a more detailed list of many (not all) functions FPCA does.



- Has leadership with the Northland Community Council to represent Forest Park needs Funds and manages supplemental security patrols (only Columbus neighborhood to do this)
- Operates a Senior Support organization to help our seniors continue their independence
- Advocates for our neighborhood to state and local elected officials
- Maintains the neighborhood block watch program
- Has constant contact with Columbus Police about individual cases or other issues
- Works with code enforcement to pursue known cases
- Advocates for key city legislation that has enhanced the community
- Funds the beautiful island landscape off Sandalwood
- Enters a parade float in the 4th of July Parade (hopefully resuming in 2022)
- Organizes Bikes and Trikes Event
- Organizes two garage sale events
- Organizes get togethers (hopefully will resume soon)
- Sponsors numerous social events such as the YMCA cookout
- Maintains a website, two Facebook pages, and a news distribution list for community
- Creates and Distributes this newspaper you are now reading

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:

August 6, 20

&

September 3, 17



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

Garage sale notice is on Page 6.

The Forest Park Gardener – August

The month of August represents the time of year where the garden begins to put forth its final effort, before it begins its preparation for the colder seasons. Now is when your pollinators should be blooming and showing their best color.



Your tomatoes and vegetables that started producing some homegrown goodness in mid-July should be really be at the top of their game now. Farm markets will be filling up with local produce, especially Ohio corn! If you have not gone out to Lynd's Farm Market (Pataskala) or to Yutzy's Farm Market (Plain City), you should plan a visit.

If you are like me, and enjoy canning or freezing some of the summer bounty for the fall, now is the time to check your supplies, your jars/lids, and – and your storage space. I have informed my family that I have a frozen turkey that we need to cook, so that I can free up a critical freezer shelf! If you are either bringing in your own produce, or supporting your local growers, August is the month to enjoy good local produce.

If you are an herb gardener, and want to dry some of your garden herbs, like your parsley and basil, now is the time to cut it and dry it. Cut the herb early in the morning, and either let it dry hanging in small bunches in a cool, area. Your garage or basement would work. I am not that patient. I dry my herbs by placing them on a baking sheet in a 200°F pre-heated oven. I put them in there for about 30 minutes, and then turn off the oven and walk away. In about 2 hrs, they are dry. Let them cool, and then crumble them up. Store in airtight containers. I do know that some people like to freeze parsley in ice cubes to add to recipes in the fall. Either way, fresh herbs are so good.....

Maintenance in the garden continues! Pull weeds when you see them, and keep your plants watered during the dry periods. August is a high activity month for bees and pollinators, so keep your plants performing with deadheading (see July's newsletter). Adding mulch to bare spots will help with keeping weeds down.

I've had a problem with my Daisies and Coreopsis getting really leggy and flopping over. I have used a small garden stake and some green twine to tie them up so that they are supported, and not encroaching on other plants. I do *not* fertilize my plants in August. It is just too hot and dry. I will lightly fertilize perennials later in the fall, when it is cooler.

Lisa Dove
forestparkgardener@gmail.com



Announcements:

Forest Park Beautification Award Nominations
Thank you for the nominations so far! Keep them coming!

Send in your Nominations for the Forest Park Beautification Award. You and your neighbors have been working hard! Please let us know who should be considered, and do not feel shy about nominating yourself! Nominations should be sent to:
forestparkgardener@gmail.com



GARAGE SALE ENTRY Advertising FORM - \$5.00, for September 18th FPCA Flyer

Name _____ Address _____

Email: _____

Featured Items:

SPACE IS LIMITED, SO LIST THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEMS

Mail to Mary Sguerra, 5395 Pine Bluff Rd. Columbus, OH 43229 Make checks out to F.P.C.A.

Forest Park– 2020 Business Memberships

Churches

Epworth United Methodist

5100 Karl Road
614-885-8015

Karl Road Christian Church

5400 Karl Road
614-888-3444

Home, Services

Mary Sguerra

HER Realtors
614-818-7636

Columbus Window & Siding

Doug Bond
614-453-5332

Jonathan Allen Landscape

jallen8352@wowway.com
614-899-6085

Schoedinger North Chapel

5554 Karl Rd
614- 224-6105

Restaurants

Donatos Pizza

1891 Tamarack Circle
www.Donatos.com

Gabby's

1887 Tamarack Circle
(614) 433-0583

Shopping, Services

Circle Mart

1876 Tamarack Circle
(614) 885-3514

Northside Family Dental

5770 Karl Rd. Ste. 100
614-846-8340

Kreiger Ford

1800 Morse Road
614-783-3673



HADLER Companies

2000 W. Henderson Road
614-457-6650

At Last, the Last Month to Relax

August: the Dog Days, Miller Time, Time to Relax ... or at least finish the summer projects, and THEN maybe sort of relax.

I hope you can relax a bit before the kids go back to school and the days really do start to get a little shorter. If you have not yet, send in your Forest Park Civic Association membership, and then take a break! (at [Join FPCA](https://www.fpcivic.org/join/) (<https://www.fpcivic.org/join/>)

Then maybe have a cookout, check in with some neighbors at [National Night Out](#) (Aug 3), enjoy some of the Perseid meteor shower, have another cookout, go to a CREW game, visit the Dairy Queen in the circle, have another cookout, go to another CREW game, join our Northland Community Council neighbors at the Northland Swim Club, have another cookout, join the 161 Task Force cleanup, have a cookout, admire the new refreshed "Welcome to Forest Park" signs (when we get them up), have another cookout, ... whatever gives you joy!

... and suddenly the kids are going back to school! And August is over before Labor Day.

The calendar turns faster every year (or seems to), so please enjoy the month. And remember the next meeting, September 14 -- in person or streaming.

See you soon! It's so good to be sharing a place we can all call HOME.

Your president, Scott Prigan.

5785 Lindenwood Road Porch Concert Sunday, August 8th – 7:00 to 8:30pm –

Live Summer Jazz Music!

Bring your chair or blanket and hang with your Forest Park neighbors at our very first Open Front Porch Concert!

This concert will feature *The CrossBop Collective*. The group is made up of Central Ohio musicians who specialize in all genres of jazz, spanning from the late 60's to the modern sound. Dizzy, Miles, Blakey, Monk, Redman, and so much more.

We have missed live music and thought this would be fun. We still need to be respectful, and follow our health guidelines. Vaccinate or Mask. Space socially distance, etc. For more details email forestparkgardener@gmail.com, watch the Forest Park FB page and Neighborhood Apps, for an event invitation.

All are welcome! The event is free, but you are always welcome to tip the musicians....

This is a neighborhood event, so please, no alcohol....



NEIGHBORHOOD Update!



August. 2021



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

Dear Neighbors:

It's hard to believe that the children will be starting back to school soon. As summer comes to an end the real estate market continues to be very busy & prices are still going up. So if you've been thinking about selling, now is the time to do it! Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.

Let me show you what HER and I can do for you!



2 NEW LISTINGS

2107 Honeytree Ct. - 4 Level Split with 4 BR's, 2.5 BA's, Family Rm. w/WBFP, 2car garage **\$249,900**

5723 Sandalwood Bl. - Ranch w/3BR's, 3 BA's, Family Rm w/WBFP, Covered patio, 2 car gar. **\$249,900**

CURRENT MARKET WATCH

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

5329 Poplarwood Rd.	Ranch/3BR	214,900	1406 Hempwood Dr	Split/4BR	274,900
2107 Honeytree Ct.	Split/4BR	249,900			

HER Realtors homes In Contract

5174 Northcliff LpW	2-Sty/4BR	267,900
1229 Vinewood Dr.	2-Sty/4BR	269,000
5238 Arrowood Lp W	Split/3BR	259,000
5723 Sandalwood Bl	Ranch/3BR	269,900

(C)=In Contract Contingent (E)=I/C w/Escap clause

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

All Homes SOLD

Homes sold since 6/15/21		Asking Price:	Sold Price:	Asking Price:	Sold Price:
4920 Lyle Rd.	Ranch/3BR	120,000	120,000	1918 Torchwood Dr.	Ranch/3BR 229,900 255,000
5447 Maple Canyon	Ranch/3BR	199,900	225,000	1328 Ironwood Dr	Ranch/3BR 239,900 243,000
5786 Sandalwood Blvc	Ranch/3BR	200,000	237,500	1886 Torchwood Dr.	Ranch/3BR 239,900 265,000
1506 Sandalwood Pl.	Ranch/3BR	203,500	210,000	5004 Shadycrest Rd.	Ranch/3BR 249,900 261,300
5536 Hazelwood Rd.	Ranch/3BR	207,500	235,000	5223 Arrowood Ct.	2-Sty/5BR 255,000 285,000
2146 Teakwood Dr.	Ranch/3BR	227,000	227,000	1459 Firwood Dr	CapeCd/4BR 259,900 300,000
5683 Sandalwood Bl.	Split/3BR	229,900	250,000		

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 7/15/21. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer.

