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Beautiful Yards Full of Color



Rusetskiy home, 1378 Boxwood Dr

Lots of Gorgeous yards, Lots of nominations but winners were found for the FPCA 2021 Beautification contest. We surprised the winners recently at their homes and awarded them with a certificate and gift cards to Oakland Park Nursery so they can keep up the great work. The judges loved meeting these winners and hearing about their gardening journey. We received more than 25 nominations and we recognize all of those homes on page 8 of this Forester. Join us next year with your beautiful yards. Read more on garden tips on page 8. We look forward to more beautiful landscapes in 2022



Chhetri home, 1728 Penworth Dr



Fenneken home, 5800 Sandalwood Blvd



Vogley home, 5179 Paw Paw Rd

FPCA Meeting

October 12, 2021

7 pm

Epworth United Methodist

5100 Karl Rd

Or

online at Facebook live

Columbus Trick or Treat



**As of now, scheduled
for:**

**Thursday
October 28, 2021
6-8 pm**

www.morpc.org/event/central-ohio-trick-or-treat/

Still time to join FPCA Membership

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Details, pg 7**

**Get some exercise, meet your
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Articles for the November, 2021 Forester are due to editor by October 21, 2021. The November 2021 Forester will be delivered to homes close to the first Sunday, November 7th, or view it ONLINE at www.fpcivic.org

If you can help with delivering the Foester in your neighborhood, contact David Laughlin, Laughlindm@gmail.com

Thanks Nanci, LOOKING for Forester delivery volunteers

Nanci Hysell's last month delivering will be October's edition. She leaves a big hole to fill with her 91 papers and 4 streets she has delivered to every month. She has done a great job and will be greatly missed. Thank you for all your help Nanci.

If you live on the Northtowne Blvd, Northtowne Ct, or Honeytree Loop or Court please consider delivering the Forester. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors and get a little exercise.

STREETS NEEDING DELIVERY ADDRESSES NUMER OF HOUSES

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NORTHTOWNE BLVD	4960-5202	34
NORTHTOWNE COURT	2018-2067	13
HONEYTREE CT	2089-2139	13
HONEYTREE LOOP E	5168-5238	12
HONEYTREE LOOP N	2046-2082	07
HONEYTREE LOOP W	5204-5247	11
TAMARACK CT. S	1814-1885	19
LYLE RD	4901-4991	16
JUDWIDK DR	1841-1872	08
DANDRIDGE DR	1837-1872	09
COGHILL DR	1800-1868	12

WEST SIDE

KARL RD	5631-5717	11
KARL RD	5215-5595	41

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Contact David Laughlin at laughlindm@gmail.com or text David at 614-678-2950, thanks for helping out your neighborhood.

Forest Park Civic Association
August, 2021 Financial Summary

Income	Actual		Budget		Budget vs. Actual	
	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
Membership	\$875.00	\$11,025.00	\$700.00	\$13,050.00	\$175.00	(\$2,025.00)
Supplement Security	\$145.00	\$1,838.00	\$200.00	\$1,550.00	(\$55.00)	\$288.00
Interest	\$0.42	\$2.06	\$0.30	\$1.50	\$0.12	\$0.56
Forester	\$495.00	\$3,970.83	\$750.00	\$3,750.00	(\$255.00)	\$220.83
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Additional Donations/Misc.	\$55.00	\$1,849.00	\$200.00	\$1,250.00	(\$145.00)	\$599.00
Business Membership	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29.17	\$145.83	(\$29.17)	(\$145.83)
Beautification	\$5.00	\$580.83	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$5.00	\$30.83
Total	\$1,575.42	\$19,460.72	\$1,879.47	\$20,417.33	(\$304.05)	(\$956.61)
Expense						
Membership	\$4.36	\$1,628.19	\$45.00	\$2,760.00	(\$40.64)	(\$1,131.81)
Supplement Security	\$0.00	\$2,750.00	\$541.67	\$2,708.33	(\$541.67)	\$41.67
Forester	\$0.00	\$6,750.19	\$1,166.67	\$5,833.33	(\$1,166.67)	\$916.86
Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Neighborhood Signage	\$0.00	\$528.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$528.63
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northland Community Council	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$0.00	(\$200.00)
Treasurer Expenses	\$0.00	\$46.49	\$8.33	\$41.67	(\$8.33)	\$4.82
Island Maintenance	\$180.00	\$450.00	\$70.00	\$350.00	\$110.00	\$100.00
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$62.42	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$12.42
Beautification Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$497.51	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$197.51
Social Activities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$645.00	\$0.00	(\$645.00)
Total	\$184.36	\$12,823.43	\$1,831.67	\$13,323.33	(\$1,647.31)	(\$499.90)
Net Income/Loss	\$1,391.06	\$6,637.29	\$47.80	\$7,094.00	\$1,343.26	(\$456.71)
Month End Bank Balances						
	<u>PayPal</u>	<u>Checking</u>	<u>Savings</u>			
	\$1,254.44	\$11,511.05	\$24,561.37			

AUGUST
2021
Treasurer's
Report.
Submitted by
Cheryl Lutman

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Edward Vanasdale
Forest Park, NCC Development Rep.



At our September FPCA meeting, Officer Yandrich introduced himself and filled us in on current issues in our area. (Look at FPCA minutes under Supplemental Security) He encouraged folks to reach out to him (info below) and to always fill out the 311 reports because they are forwarded to him as needed.

Officer Daniel Yandrich, #2206
Forest Park's new Community Liaison
18th Precinct
614-645-1418
dyandrich@columbuspolice.org

Hello Forest Park!

It's hard to believe that another summer is over but it's already time for Halloween. As days grow shorter and the night comes earlier, now is a great time to make sure that your porch light timers are reset and bulbs changed. Deterrence is the simplest factor in preventing crime in our neighborhood and the more well-lit the area is, the less likely people are to tamper with cars and homes. In addition to keeping your home well-lit, please remember to remove all valuables from your car and keep your car doors locked whenever your car isn't attended. The police continue to report people stealing purses and other valuables from vehicles while refueling at gas stations in our area. If you have a newer car, your car doors may automatically unlock when you put the car into park so remember to relock your doors before exiting the vehicle.

Supplemental Security News



You may have noticed that the City is redoing several sidewalks in our neighborhood to allow easier handicap access at the corners. This update should be a great improvement for pedestrians but in the meantime, take special care around these construction areas as folks may need to enter the street to bypass the unusable part of the sidewalk. It's also a great reminder to us to make sure that we don't block sidewalks when parking in one's driveway.

If you haven't joined the Forest Park Civic Association yet, it's not too late! The cost to join is \$25.00 for the year and it covers everyone in your household. Included in your membership is Supplemental Security, which adds patrols for our area and extra coverage for your home when you travel. If you're a member of the Forest Park Civic Association and find yourself in need of Supplemental Security, simply fill out the enclosed vacation request form and return it to Daryl Van Mercetta at dvanmercetta@gmail.com or 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, OH 43229. You can also find the form online at fpcivic.org. Any supplemental security requests are confidential and the security company will contact the police and the contact person indicated on the form if there is an issue while you're away. Please note, while the security company will report any concerns, they will not collect your mail, bring back your trashcans, or hide your packages. No fret, Forest Park is filled with many friendly neighbors who are likely more than happy to help.

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

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Forest Park Civic Association Meeting

14 September 2021 - Epworth United Methodist Church
Meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting @ 7:05 PM by Ryan Finke

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report Scott Prigan scottprigan+fpc@gmail.com
(Absent)

1. Welcome to Elizabeth Kengeter-Bash, our new Social Activities chair. As she is an Art educator, we are excited to have a creative person assume this role at this challenging time.
2. We still need a successor to (not replacement for) Mike Stone as Volunteer Coordinator. If you are interested, Mike can help you launch. Scott and Ryan can provide support.

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

1. Working on creating some promotional pieces that further explain the value of the civic association.
2. The Forest Park Neighborhood Facebook Page and Nextdoor website are great places to connect with your neighbors. Please consider joining and continuing to interact with your neighbors there. There are some great conversations happening there. We will try to share some important information from social media in the printed *Foresters* to get it in front of more eyes, especially those not online.
3. Looking for anyone who wants to be more a part of their community, who has an idea they want to see come to life, who sees a problem that needs fixed, please let me know! I'd love to meet you and see how I can help you succeed and make a difference.

Secretary's Report Lou Bernard loubernard3@gmail.com

1. Attendance was taken from those in attendance and those on Facebook Live.
Officers Present: LB, RF, CL, RW, AR, ER, EV
Area Reps in Attendance: 3, 7, 9, 11
Area Reps Absent: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14
2. Minutes from last month were reviewed and accepted. They are posted on the website as well as in the *Forester*.

Treasurer's Report Cheryl Lutman cllutman17@gmail.com

1. We have a few checks that were written in August but did not clear until September. I have moved those expenses to September.
2. I changed how people can pay through PayPal, and folks who are paying that way are adding the PayPal fees to their membership. This means we do not pay the transaction fee. It's a small savings, but a savings nonetheless. We are also getting people adding funds for the other items - Security, Forester, Beautification, so that's great!
3. We are currently ahead on an annual basis on many of our expenses, however some of that may be due to checks that have not yet cleared. I'm working with the bank to get checks that are requested in a particular month sent out. There's currently an odd delay in the timing which concerns me and I've been talking with the bank about it. More to come.
4. Given that we are coming up on 6 months of this fiscal year budget, I am gaining clarity on how things will shape up for the rest of the year, which is helpful as I continue to wrap my head around how all this works. Membership mailings are definitely slowing down (June = 308/August = 34), so I intend to spend time reviewing the budget and making sure we are on track for the rest of the year.
5. Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted.

Public Relations Report Mary Sguerra
Mary.Sguerra@HERrealtors.com (Absent)

1. The FPCA Community Garage Sale will be held this weekend. We do have volunteers to pass out the flyers at the Sandalwood &

Karl Road entrances in FP.

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

1. Discussed the timeline for this month's *Forester*. October articles due Sept. 17th. November articles due October 21st.
2. There are 7 volunteers who stuff the 3000+ *Foresters*! Thank you.
3. Still looking for volunteers to help deliver *Foresters* even if you can only deliver a dozen homes. Every bit helps.

Supplemental Security Report Daryl Van Mercetta dvanmercetta@gmail.com, Katie Van Mercetta kvanmercetta@gmail.com
(Absent) Officer Dan Yandrich (CPD Liaison Officer)
dyandrich@columbuspolice.org 614.645.1418

Officer Yandrich's Report:

1. Officer Yandrich introduced himself. This was his first FPCA meeting.
2. The new chief is allowing facial hair (goatee and beards are now allowed). Tattoos will now be permitted below the sleeve. There will also be a change to the uniform. Dark shirts will replace the white shirts. Hats are now optional, and a ball cap will soon be made available.
3. The Speedway at Maple Canyon & 161 is being slammed with car thefts. Keep your valuables locked up. DON'T leave your car running.
4. Catalytic converter theft is still high. Mostly from cars on the street. Park in your driveway if you can.
5. There is a person (male, black, 50 yrs. old) walking around FPWest asking for money to help out his family. He has stolen a person's wallet when they have offered to help.
6. Homeless problem was discussed at length. Look for an article in this month's *Forester*.

Business Representative Sheridan Landin - sheridanlandin@yahoo.com (Absent) Alan Ray - aray.bergahorn@gmail.com

1. Stewart has been canvassing the area around Rose's store on Karl. He has gained 3 new business memberships.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welcome Committee Chair Ellin Ray - eclair1226@gmail.com

1. Ellin has Welcome Folders for each area ready to be picked up! Area Reps **need to attend the monthly meeting to pick up the folders for delivery.**

Volunteer Coordinator Mike Stone msto0103@yahoo.com

1. New Social Activities Coordinator. The Social Activities Chair has been filled by Elizabeth Kengeter-Bash. Liz is an Art instructor by trade and is likely to bring a tremendous dose of passion to FPCA.
2. Membership as of 9/06. We have 361 paper memberships IN HAND, which means the memberships from PayPal are not included. We need to consolidate this in the short future. It is amazing how many people have donated numbers in the 50's and hundreds. We had one person donate \$1,000. Let's all get the word out and make one final push.
3. New Volunteers. There has been a list created and distributed among the officers and committee chairs of those who listed that they want to volunteer on their returned Data Sheets. It does not include many who are actively volunteering.
4. Mike's expectation is to roll off from the FPCA in this formal role at the end of October. If there are people interested in filling this role, please let him know so that he can get you up to speed.

Social Activities Report Elizabeth Kengeter-Bash No Report.

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.....FPCA meeting minutes continued from page 6

NCC Representative Ken Gilbert kgilbert78@att.net (Absent)

1. Attended the September 7th meeting of the Northland Community Council.
2. It was noted that the old Rodeway Inn near the Continent has reopened. It did pass its license inspection for a partial re-opening (a number of units are under renovation). The city is keeping an eye on it.
3. The new Karl Road Library branch opened on September 9th.
4. The NABA golf outing is September 23.
5. City council is back to open, in person meetings as of September
6. A roundtable discussion was had featuring Merideth Metcalf of National Church Residences about their Senior Select Program.
7. The NCC is looking for a new Secretary (immediately) and a new Treasurer (for 2022).
8. The Fourth of July parade is back, and we have co-chairs for the event.
9. The Northland Unity Festival will be this weekend (September 18) at the YMCA off Karl Road from 2-6 pm. Sponsored by Elevate Northland.
10. There was a discussion of the development issues along Ulry Rd, and the NCC repeated their statement of a couple of years ago regarding high density development in that corridor and the plan already agreed to by the city.

NCC Development Representative Ed Vanasdale evanasdale@insight.rr.com Dave Paul dwpaul@fpcivic.org (Absent)
3 cases were heard:

- 1) A car wash on Morse Rd. (in the old Miller Ale House) is refusing to put in a sidewalk from Morse Rd. to their property. NCC said - No.
- 2) Old Beechcroft Pool was sold again. Will be more apartments. NCC said-yes.
- 3) 6050 Cleveland Ave and Bella Vista Ave- corner lots apts. Looking for a set back right-away.- NCC said -yes.

Website Administrator Scott Prigan scottpri-gan+fPCA@gmail.com (Absent)

1. FPCIVIC.ORG is our website. Make sure to sign up for updates.

Old Business

1. Sign Committee update. Signs have been purchased and paid for. The committee hopes to get the signs up around the entrances of Forest Park before the next meeting.

New Business/Announcements/Ideas

1. Lisa Dove (The Forest Park Gardener) thanked all who were involved in the nominations and selections of the Beautification Awards. It was an amazing experience, and she is looking to expand and improve upon it in the future.
2. 9 volt batteries were passed out at the end of the meeting. They were left over from a fire department program to put batteries in smoke detectors.
3. If you are a FP committee chair or officer who has receipts for reimbursement, bring them to the next meeting and Cheryl can reimburse you.
4. Future FPCA meetings will be held in person at the Epworth United Methodist Church as long as they remain open. Masks and social distancing are required. Stay safe everyone. See you next month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM submitted by Lou Bernard

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Convenient ways of paying include:

- 1) Paying through paypal. You can go to our website at fpcivic.org.
- 2) You can mail the membership (enclosed in this paper) to
Forest Park Civic Association
P.O. Box 29160
Columbus, OH 43229-0160
- 3) You can call me (Mike) at 614 218-1788 to arrange a pickup.

Thank you again for your past and continued support of FPCA.



Forest Park Gardener – October 2021

First of all... Congratulations to all of our nominees and winners for the Forest Park Beatification Awards. We had an abundance of nominations this year, and we appreciate everyone's participation. Well Done!

Our Award winners for 2021 are:

Forest Park East:

5179 Paw Paw Rd (Vogley)
1728 Penworth Dr. (Chhetri)

Forest Park West:

1378 Boxwood Dr. (Rusetskiy)
5800 Sandalwood Blvd (Fenneken)



I find it hard to be writing about what the garden needs in the fall, as it is 85°F today, in mid-September! However, I promise you, by the time you read this, it will be getting chillier, and hopefully, a little wetter.

The good news is your "deadheading days" are done! It's time to begin to pull out our faithful annuals that are done for the season. Trim down your perennials, to a manageable size. You are free to wait until a frost or freeze if you want, but I tend to start transitioning my garden in early October (taking advantage of the lawn waste recycling schedule).

A word about Hydrangeas: put your pruners down. The Big leaf (*Macrophylla*) and Oak Leaf (*Quercifolia*) varieties bloom on old wood. If you prune it now – you are cutting off next year's flowers. The Panicle (*Paniculata*) varieties and the Smooth (*Arborescens*) varieties can be pruned in the late winter early spring, because they bloom on new wood. Here is a good website I found that might help ... <https://www.provenwinners.com/learn/care/how-prune-your-hydrangea>

If you have purchased bulbs, late September, early October is a great time to get them in the ground. Make sure you don't plant them in soggy soil, and for best effect, they should be planted in a cluster. Pay attention to the depth requirements, and remember to put the bulb in the right direction. The points go up! I learned that the hard way.

Check your perennials and shrubs that you planted this year. Give them a slight tug, to see that they are well rooted. If not, add some soil and mulch around them, and water well. You want to make sure that they have a good hold before the first hard freeze. Over the winter, we want to avoid the freeze/thaw heave that can happen, which will put the plants at risk.

October is also a time to make sure you are watering your evergreens. If you want to give them a bit of fertilizer, now is the time. You want to make sure that they are well hydrated before the ground freezes.

Enjoy the transition of summer to fall and watch for the changing of the leaves, and the migrations of the birds.

BTW: It seems from the feedback that I've received from residents is that the (1) informal garden group, and (2) the backyard open house or crawl seem to be possible ideas for next year. More on that next month.

Lisa Dove – forestparkgardener@gmail.com

Nominees for Forest Park Beautification Awards:

We had many neighbors keeping their eyes open and recognizing homes who created some amazing front yard looks. All homes were viewed by various folks for judging and the winners are shown on page 1 of this Forester. Listed here are all of the other home that were nominated for the Beautification Award. Much time and effort went into these yards to make them so eye-catching. Thanks to all of the following homes!!



Forest Park West:

5541 Hazelwood Rd
5512 Hazelwood Rd
5785 Lindenwood
5558 Driftwood
1357 Vinewood
1262 Ironwood
5411 Rockwood
5511 Rockwood
5399 Willowood
1499 Cottonwood
1383 Firwood
5794 Sandalwood
5700 Sandalwood Blvd
5781 Loganwood
5337 Cypresswood
1233 Cherrywood Court
1262 Ironwood



Forest Park East:

5308 Blue Ash
5299 Blue Ash
5270 Blue Ash
5257 Blue Ash
1977 Sumac Dr
1737 Penworth
1881 Torchwood Dr
5245 Arrowwood Ct
1618 Arrowwood Loop N
1638 Arrowwood Loop N
1735 Sandalwood Pl
1798 Sumac Dr



Thank Our Business Neighbors

30 years ago, Northland Mall was still a BIG DEAL “place to go” for shopping in Columbus -- and there were many booming businesses along the Morse Road strip.

20 years ago Northland Mall was featured on the Ghost Malls website -- and a significant number of the businesses on the strip were struggling. ... But positive developments were starting to move! New people filled with new hope (many in a new country) were moving in. These folks saw good housing in a good neighborhood. They saw the empty storefronts as an opportunity. They perceived the value of the area and were eager to join us! Some came as renters first, some bought homes immediately, some established businesses. People from 4 continents recognized Forest Park and Northland as a place they could call HOME!

Today the empty storefronts on Morse Road are GONE -- essentially fully occupied, and 161 is soon to follow. Most of these are local businesses, run by local people -- not chains that cut and run if the company has a bad quarter. (Remember the Olive Garden, busy and prosperous, but still pulled out. ... and the chains eventually seek to follow the local entrepreneurs back into the neighborhood.)

I encourage you to visit these neighbors. Tell them about the Forest Park Civic Association. Invite them to JOIN F.P.C.A., both as families (if they reside in Forest Park proper), and as businesses. There are a couple of fine fellows who can help them join as well:

Business Representative, **Sheridan Landon** sheridanlandon@yahoo.com 614-515-0783

Asst. Business Rep. **Alan Ray** aray.bergahorn@gmail.com 614-506-3386

<https://www.fpcivic.org/about/contact/>

<https://www.fpcivic.org/join/>

<https://www.fpcivic.org/join/pay-with-paypal/online-business-membership-form/>

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

Your president, Scott Prigan.

A Cautionary Tale About Mailing a Letter

A few months ago, now, we opened our gas bill and noticed we had not paid our previous month's bill and owed for two months. We pulled out the check book register and sure enough we had paid the bill.

The gas company confirmed via phone that we had not. Next step, call the bank. The check with that number had been cashed. The gas company would have none of it. They did not have the money.

Back to the bank. We got into the details. The check was not made out to the gas company and the amount was not \$127.48. It was made out to and cashed by some woman (I could tell you name but will not). It was cashed for \$427.48. We went to the bank to see for ourselves. We went through our other checks that were written at the same time and found that one other had been cashed by this woman and for more than the amount we wrote.

Immediately our bank contacted the bank that cashed the check and put a mark on the thief's account. To this day we do not know if they caught her. The bank put our money back in our account.

What did we do that was do careless to allow this person to get at our checks? We walked up to post office on Maple Canyon and deposited the two envelopes into the mailboxes out in front of the post office. Seemed safe at the time. How?

Seems that thieves take a vacuum that covers the intake to the mailbox and holds it open as it sucks out all the letters. They take them home. Take out all checks. Rub chemical that melts the ink off the name and amount. Add a name that matches a bogus account. Change the amount. Cash the checks. They count on at least a month going by before anyone notices an unpaid invoice.

Now we carry our mail into the building for deposit. That is until they find a way to steal it there.

By George Schmidt



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:

**October 1, 15, 29
&
November 12, 27**



Yard Waste & Blue Can Recycling happens on Friday or Saturday, every other week.

Here's what goes in the blue cart:

Aluminum and steel cans - and lids. Flattened cardboard and pizza boxes (free of food and grease). Plastic bottles/jugs. Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, computer paper, cereal and other dry food boxes and phone books. Glass bottles and jars. Cartons and juice boxes

BULK TRASH

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

www.311.columbus.gov

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

Library is OPEN!!!

Many City of Columbus officials, Library folks, and Northland Business Reps were on hand for the Ribbon cutting ceremony



The new Karl Road branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library opened on September 9 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Many Columbus luminaries were there and participated in the ribbon cutting, including City Council Members Emmanuel Remy and Shayla Favor, State Senator Stephanie Kunze, State Representative Dave Leland, Columbus City Schools Superintendent Dr. Talisa Dixon, the president of the Northland Business Association Alice Foeller, and Forest Park's own Dave Paul and Alicia Ward, representing the Northland Community Council and Elevate Northland. The new space has twice as much area as the old branch, totaling about 40,000 square feet. Representative Leland noted that it will be a great resource for New Americans who have been moving into the Northland area in recent years. There are more meeting rooms, which will be useful for the community, and a robust children's department with areas for after school homework help and programs. Adults can check out a good collection of books, and there is free computer access. Current hours are Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday-Saturday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday: 1-5 p.m.

Ken Gilbert

Alicia Ward & Jenny Leal from Elevate Northland along with State Rep David Leland were all in attendance for the Karl Rd Library Opening.



View of the new entrance to the Karl Rd Library from the 2nd floor

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

Thank You Mike Stone

Below is Mike's reminiscing resignation article since he will be stepping down as an active participant within the FPCA Board. We hope this is not his last article or appearance for all things FPCA. Mike has played many roles within FPCA and we thank him for his endless efforts to keep everything and everyone connected in Forest Park. His new commitments may keep him away from meetings but I am sure Mike will still play a strong part in Forest Park, our home and neighborhood. THANKS Mike!

Resignation Letter

from Mike Stone

Consider this an "official" farewell but definitely not a goodbye. Due to a full plate reaching ludicrous-level full, I am stepping down from service to the FPCA board at the end of October. At the same time, I plan to remain behind the scenes and help in whatever capacity I can. But still making a formal transition provides me with a flood of memories.

Joe Valentine was the president during my first meeting (I think it was 2004). He was followed by Jeff Murray, Dave Paul, Dick Buttermore (another term), George Schmidt (another term), myself, Ken Gilbert, Ed Vanasdale, Felix Quachey and now Scott Prigan. I appreciate the commitment of all these people. The president is the most visible and is the person everyone wants to contact. He also receives all the hostile calls. We have been lucky to have a string of people who have used their vision to make the area even stronger. Their spouses and families were very generous in leasing them to us. Also, while she never sat in the President's seat, Mary Sguerra has her own unique distinction as the longest tenured board member and the rock of the neighborhood.

Months into becoming a board member, I was seeing the many labors of FPCA that probably that many residents are never aware. Though unsuccessful, we had a campaign to bring decorative lighting to the neighborhood.

While we were not able to gain the support level necessary with the lights, we were successful in influencing city legislation. PODS, and similar companies that drop off and pick up large storage containers to people's homes, had no time limit. We had issues where people would have huge containers in their front yard for over a month. FPCA initiated the conversation about this problem, and eventually the city passed time limitations for containers to remain in a front yard. Years later, FPCA was highly active in what was commonly known as the "Chula Vista Amendment." The legislation makes it much easier for the city to shut down nuisance hotels that have a history of criminal mischief taking place, often under a blind eye of management. The FPCA president spoke to city council while a large number of Forest Park residents were in attendance. Things are not perfect with the hotel activity off 161, but they are significantly better than the early 2010 era.

The most challenging period I can recall was during the housing crisis. At one point we had as many as 90 unoccupied homes in Forest Park. Professional thieves would gut the houses for their copper pipes. We began a list tracking the unoccupied houses and passed it onto our supplemental security team for extra review when they patrolled. We were working with banks (who were taking control of foreclosed homes) and pressing them to be accountable for the high grass. It's funny, I had a family member that told me to move out of Forest Park before it was "too late." Now the average home price is likely over double what it was before.

Earlier this decade, we had a 50th anniversary to commemorate the neighborhood's existence. People from all over Central Ohio attended it as if it were a homecoming. It gave us a great opportunity to celebrate those original homeowners who continued to live here (many are still going strong today).

If I wrote about every challenge and celebration, your newspaper deliverer would have a hernia. But I simply love our incredibly diverse, well-connected neighborhood. We might have to work a bit harder than the suburbs to keep it vibrant, but in doing so, we grow our unique character and identity.

Thank you to all the supporters, volunteers and leaders that continue to make Forest Park a special place. See you in the neighborhood!!!

NEIGHBORHOOD Update!



Oct. 2021



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

Dear Neighbors:

Fall is here and the real estate market is staying active & the interest rates are still **LOW!** My 2 listings at **1949 Torchwood** and **1791 Larkwood Pl** both went In Contract quickly & I closed on **1461 Sandalwood Pl.**

2 NEW LISTINGS

- 1343 Ironwood Dr.** - Ranch w/3 BR's, 1.5 BA's, Family Rm, garage -All NEW windows & carpet. **\$212,000**
- 5451 Rockwood Rd.** - 2 Story w/4BR's, 2.5 BA's, Family Rm, Screened Porch, 2 car gar. **\$248,500**

CURRENT MARKET WATCH

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

- 1343 Ironwood Dr.** Ranch/3BR **212,000**
- 5451 Rockwood Rd.** 2-Sty/4BR **248,500**
- 5723 Sandalwood Bl.** Ranch/4BR **269,900**

HER Realtors homes In Contract

- 5150 Northcliff Lp E** 2-Sty/4BR **249,900**
 - 1949 Torchwood Dr.** 2-Sty/4BR **269,900**
 - 1791 Larkwood Pl.** 2-Sty/4BR **275,000**
- (C)=In Contract Contingent (E)=I/C w/Escape clause

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

All Homes SOLD

Homes sold since 8/20/21		Asking Price:	Sold Price:	Asking Price:	Sold Price:		
2022 Northcliff Dr.	Ranch/3BR	191,000	182,000	1905 Judwick Dr.	2-Sty/3BR	232,000	232,000
5409 Redwood Rd.	Ranch/3BR	195,000	195,000	2280 Blackoak Ave.	Split/3BR	235,900	251,000
1177 Ironwood Dr.	Ranch/3BR	209,900	220,000	2118 Maplewood Dr.	Split/3BR	249,500	250,000
1461 Sandalwood Pl.	Split/3BR	219,900	240,000	1678 Riverbirch Dr.	2-Sty/4BR	249,900	280,000
5265 Butternut Ct W	2-Sty/4BR	225,000	256,800	5011 Ivyhill Lp W	Ranch/3BR	250,000	271,000
5475 Driftwood Rd.	Bilvl/4BR	229,900	224,000	1314 Ironwood Dr.	Ranch/5BR	269,900	275,000
5488 Sandalwood Bl.	Split/3BR	229,900	240,000	5187 Avalon Ave.	2-Sty/4BR	274,900	291,000
5812 Satinwood Dr.	2-Sty/4BR	229,900	256,000	5301 Arrowood Lp W	2-Sty/4BR	279,900	307,200
1913 Judwick Dr.	2-Sty/3BR	230,000	260,000				

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