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The Trees of Forest Park



It's time to enjoy a little fall color, and kids rolling in leaf piles. Of course, we here in Forest Park have been enjoying the phases of the trees since the first long-awaited leaves emerged in spring.

There are the **Oak** trees, in several varieties, reigning over Forest Park with specimens like my neighbor's 100-foot plus queen that has me seeking shade-tolerant plants for my backyard garden.

This beauty provides shade and saves on the cooling bills in mid-summer. It also rains acorns. In a "mast" year like this I may be able to break the record for barrels of acorns raked up. Every squirrel in north Columbus knows about this beauty!

Then we have the **Maples**, red and yellow fire in fall. Some stunners stand out on Sandalwood and other streets. I have one in my tree line, starting to push up the sidewalk. I am reluctant to call the city about the sidewalk (they will fix it when it gets bad enough), in case they decide the tree might have to go. (Maybe we do need some smaller trees in the tree line?)

Speaking of smaller trees, I planted a **Dogwood** out back, in honor of our canine friends. This dogwood is a small native tree that stays small and ideally fits in the backyard garden.



Ninebark ("Little Devil," actually a bush) is another Ohio native I found to replace the dreadful barberry that skewered me too many times while working in the garden. It has lovely foliage, covers the barberry's red color in the fall, and the wild creatures just love the berries.

Black Walnut, another royal towering specimen, is not in my yard -- but the nuts find their way to my yard! The squirrels love to leave husk fragments as they, which I must remove to prevent black stains on the driveway and sidewalks. If you decide to husk these, wear gloves, or be prepared for a few days of looking like you washed your hands with black ink.

Ash ... Does anyone still have one?

The trees make Forest Park FOREST Park. What are your favorites? All the beautiful trees (and everything else) give us a great place to come home to, refreshing us and making us ready to improve the world through our work and Civic engagement.

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

Your president, Scott Prigan.



FPCA Meeting

November 9, 2021

7 pm

Epworth United Methodist

5100 Karl Rd

Or

online at Facebook live

Columbus Voting Day

Tuesday

November 2nd

For info check out:

www.Voteohio.gov

Or

www.vote411.org/ohio

**Time Changes
Sunday, November 7th
Move your clocks back 1 hour**

Thank You



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Columbus, OH 43229

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Articles for the December, 2021 Forester are due to editor by November 11, 2021.

The December 2021 Forester will be delivered to homes close to the first Sunday, December 5th, 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

Budget Update from the FPCA Treasurer

From Cheryl Lutman

Hello! I thought I would share some budget information as we are at the midway point in our budget year, which runs April - March. As you read my report, please remember that the budget numbers are period to date, not for the entire budget year. Our overall budget for expenses if \$27,165. Our total income, year to date, is \$19,460.72. So we do still have a ways to go to meet our annual budget.

Three primary areas your contributions help fund:

--**Forester Newsletter:** The newsletter costs about \$14,000 per year to print and to buy the plastic bags it arrives in. The newsletter does get some revenue from the ads and member contributions to that fund. I've budgeted about \$9,000 in revenue. The remainder is funded from your \$25 annual dues.

--**Supplemental Security:** The budget if \$6,500, and I've allowed for about \$1,750 to be funded from your voluntary contributions to that area. The rest is funded from your \$25 annual dues.

--**Beautification:** This covers both the awards presented last month as well as the maintenance of our islands (mowing, landscaping, etc.). That's about \$1,100 between the two. I've budgeted \$550 in voluntary donations and the rest is funded from your \$25 annual dues.

There are additional budget items – social activities, the Welcome Committee, etc. I encourage you, if you haven't done so already, to join the Forest Park Civic Association. Mail a check to the PO Box, use our easy PayPal option from our website, or bring your check to the next meeting.

If you have additional questions on the budget for Forest Park Civic Association, email me at cllutman17@gmail.com.

Forest Park Civic Association
September, 2021 Financial Summary

Income	Actual		Budget		Budget vs. Actual	
	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
Membership	\$380.00	\$11,405.00	\$600.00	\$13,650.00	(\$220.00)	(\$2,245.00)
Supplement Security	\$93.33	\$1,931.33	\$200.00	\$1,750.00	(\$106.67)	\$181.33
Interest	\$0.40	\$2.46	\$0.30	\$1.80	\$0.10	\$0.66
Forester	\$653.33	\$4,624.16	\$750.00	\$4,500.00	(\$96.67)	\$124.16
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$195.00	\$120.00	\$240.00	(\$120.00)	(\$45.00)
Additional Donations/Misc.	\$25.00	\$1,874.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$25.00	\$624.00
Business Membership	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29.17	\$175.00	(\$29.17)	(\$175.00)
Beautification	\$18.33	\$599.16	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$18.33	\$49.16
Total	\$1,170.40	\$20,631.12	\$1,699.47	\$22,116.80	(\$529.07)	(\$1,485.68)
Expense						
Membership	\$1.94	\$1,630.13	\$10.00	\$2,770.00	(\$8.06)	(\$1,139.87)
Supplement Security	\$1,125.00	\$3,875.00	\$541.67	\$3,250.00	\$583.33	\$625.00
Forester	\$1,970.00	\$8,720.19	\$1,166.67	\$7,000.00	\$803.33	\$1,720.19
Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(1) New Neighborhood Signage	\$528.63	\$1,057.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$528.63	\$1,057.26
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	\$50.00	(\$8.33)	(\$3.51)
Island Maintenance	\$90.00	\$540.00	\$70.00	\$420.00	\$20.00	\$120.00
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$62.42	\$50.00	\$100.00	(\$50.00)	(\$37.58)
Beautification Awards	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	(\$25.00)	(\$25.00)
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	\$3,865.57	\$16,689.00	\$2,021.67	\$15,345.00	\$1,843.90	\$1,344.00
Net Income/Loss	(\$2,695.17)	\$3,942.12	(\$322.20)	\$6,771.80	(\$2,372.97)	(\$2,829.68)
Month End Bank Balances						
	PayPal	Checking	Savings			
	\$1,437.50	\$8,632.42	\$24,561.77			

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

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2021
Treasurer's
Report.
Submitted by
Cheryl Lutman

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

Side	Area	Streets with no Volunteers to deliver	Addresses	Count
WEST	3	KARL RD	5631-5717	11
WEST	4	KARL RD	5215-5595	41
EAST	6	KARL RD	4950-5064	13
EAST	7	KARL RD	5152-5350	38
EAST	10	TAMARAK CT S	1814-1885	19
EAST	10	NORTHTOWNE BLVD	4960-5202	34
EAST	10	NORTHTOWNE CT	2018-2067	13
EAST	11	HONEYTREE LOOP E	5115-5182	15
EAST	11	HONEYTREE LOOP N	1866-1898	7
EAST	11	HONEYTREE LOOP W	5124-5193	15
EAST	11	HONEYTREE CT	2018-2067	13
EAST	12	TORCHWOOD LOOP E	5280-5388	25
EAST	12	TORCHWOOD LOOP S	2049-2079	7
EAST	12	TORCHWOOD LOOP W	5289-5358	16
EAST	14	LYLE RD	4901-4991	16
EAST	14	JUDWIDK DR	1841-1872	8
EAST	14	DANDRIDGE DR	1837-1872	9
EAST	14	COGHILL DR	1800-1868	12
			Total	312

Hello Forest Park!

The City of Columbus is putting in the final touches on the sidewalk updates around our area, which will look nicer and be much more user friendly. We've been made aware of, and have personally witnessed, an issue of cars parking directly across from each other on both sides of streets. While there is nothing inherently wrong with that, it is important to remember that our streets are narrow and by narrowing the street down further by two car widths, you are creating a more difficult situation for people driving down the street and creating blindspots for anyone trying to cross the street. Please be mindful and try to leave some driving room on our roads, especially as winter approaches and we have slippery streets to look forward to.

Now is also a great time to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, get your chimneys inspected, and make sure your fire extinguisher is up to date. Winter will be here before we know it and it's better to be prepared for the inclement weather than to be caught in the cold.

Don't forget, if you are a paid Forest Park Civic Association member, which is \$25.00 per year for the entire household, Supplemental Security is included in your membership. To submit a supplemental security request, simply notify Daryl Van Mercetta online at fpcivic.org, via email at dvanmercetta@gmail.com, or mailing a copy of the enclosed form to him at 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, OH 43229.

As always, if you see something, say something and stay safe, everyone!

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 _____



Mail to:
Daryl Van Mercetta
2131 Honeytree Court
513-479-2416

Or
Email at:
dvanmercetta@gmail.com

Forest Park Civic Association Meeting

12 October 2021 - Epworth United Methodist Church
Meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting @ 7:02 PM by Scott Prigan

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report

Scott Prigan scottprigan+fpc@gmail.com
1. Spam phishing is still occurring: see Email and TEXT spam schemes <https://www.fpcivic.org/2021/08/email-and-text-spam-schemes/>

2. Homeless update: see Ryan's report
3. Homeless /Panhandlers:
 - *compassion* is advised
 - donate to organizations first
 - not all panhandlers are homeless ...
4. Budget cycle pattern (see Cheryl's comments)
5. 501c3 ... We have no info. Scott is ready to begin making phone calls to legislators to help us out.
6. Outreach to new neighbors - all ambassadors, and I'd love to hear connections

Vice President's Report

Ryan Finke ryan.finke@gmail.com
Absent
A concerned resident called a couple of weeks ago asking what was happening at the Americas Best Value Inn Columbus located at 1289 E Dublin Granville Rd, Columbus, OH 43229. The resident shared that they saw security personnel wearing face masks, many COVID-19 testing boxes on the ground, and many sickly looking people behind the inn.

1 After contacting our area's City Liaison, Alfred Akainyah, Ryan was connected with Steve Skovensky, Director of Programs & Planning at Community Shelter Board.

2 Steve gave Ryan a phone call and told him that this motel has been used during the pandemic by the Community Shelter Board with help from the YMCA and Lower Lights Christian Health Center to house people experiencing homelessness and quarantining due to COVID. He reassured him that the operations are very strict there. Guests are not allowed to leave their rooms except to go on the balcony at alternating times to other guests.

3 The Community Shelter Board has also shared and answered questions at the June 2021 Northland Community Council meeting. He welcomes any further questions or concerns. His contact information is: sskovensky@csb.org and (773) 597-5224.

Ryan is continuing to work on creating promotional materials to help explain the value of the Forest Park Civic Association. If you would like to weigh in, please contact him.

Secretary's Report

- Lou Bernard loubernard3@gmail.com
1. Attendance:
 - 1 Officers Present: SP, LB, CL, RW, MS, SL, AR, ER, KG, EV, DP
 - 2 Officers Absent: RF, DVM, KVM, MS, LKB
 - 3 Area Reps in Attendance: 2, 5, 7, 11
 - 4 Area Reps Absent: 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 (Areas 13 & 14 are vacant)
 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. Our budget is based on us having \$14,125 in membership income (that's just the \$25 membership). As you all know, we get the bulk of that in May/June/July. With memberships slowing down, you will see that we should be at \$13,650, and we are at \$11,405. We realize we still have about 6 months to go, so hopefully we catch up.

2. Supplemental security is budgeted to be \$6,500 for the year. Again, with membership income slowing down, contributions to the security fund slow down. We've received \$1,750 in direct contributions to that fund - the remainder comes from the general membership dollars.

3. *The Forester* has two income streams - one is the advertising revenue, and the other is people who donate to that fund. We had budgeted \$9,000 from those two income streams, with the expenses (printing, bags, etc.) to be \$14,000. Right now, we're a bit ahead of our income target, but again, the remainder of the cost of the *Forester* comes from the membership dollars. A note to Lisa Dove (and Liz Kengeter-Bash, we had budgeted \$750 for social activities. We have not used any of that yet.

Public Relations Report

Mary Sguerra

- Mary.Sguerra@HERrealtors.com
1. There have not been a lot of phone calls about negative activity going on.
 2. The garage sale was a success. We had good weather and we had a great time.

Forester Editor's Report

- Rita Woeste forester_ed@fpcivic.org
1. November articles due October 21st, December articles are due Nov. 11.
 2. We don't know what streets are not getting served. This info needs to be documented.
 3. We also need people to help with deliveries. Please contact Rita if you are willing to help.
 4. The business reps are passing out *Forester* copies to have out in their establishments.
 5. We are down on advertising revenue.

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 No report-all were absent.

Business Representative

Sheridan Landin - sheridanlandin@yahoo.com Alan Ray - aray.bergahorn@gmail.com
1. Stewart has been canvassing the area. He has visited about 30 businesses in the last few years. We have no new memberships this month.

2. If you know any local business owners or are one yourself, contact Stewart or Alan to learn how FPCA can work with you.

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.**

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.....FPCA minutes continued from page 6

Volunteer Coordinator Mike Stone msto0103@yahoo.com
Absent - No report Looking for new rep as Mike will step down from this position as of 10/30/2021

Social Activities Report Liz Kengeter-Bash
ekengeter@gmail.com Absent - No Report.

NCC Representative Ken Gilbert kgilbert78@att.net

1. Zach Klein spoke on police interactions with civilians; what they can do and not do. He said that people with previous records are being released without jail time. This was debated and is still up for debate.
2. The July 4th Parade is on!!
3. The Karl Rd. library is open. If you haven't been in to see it, we urge you to, it is awesome. There will soon be a *Columbus Dispatch* mobile office opening behind the library.
4. Sarah Pomeroy, the Columbus city attorney, is working hard on the hotel/homeless issue.
5. Discussed the 2018 Charter Amendment to the city constitution about the election of city council members and the "districting" of the city.

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

1. 5801 Karl Rd (old Long John Silver) was looking for a variance to have advertising on 3 sides of their building. They will take down the pole sign as a compromise. The variance was granted.
2. 4848 Morse Rd. by Sam's Club, Easton-looking for a variance to put up a sign for their dermatology office. Variance granted. They were also granted a variance from the setback allowance.
3. The dog boarding site in front of Minerva Park, is under new owners and wanted a variance to keep the business open until all past paperwork is completed. Variance granted.
4. IF you have any questions contact the NCC or any of the above people.

Website Administrator Scott Prigan
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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, but have not yet been put up.

New Business/Announcements/Ideas

1. Herb Crites, long time member of the FCPA, recently passed away.
2. The new Carfagna's is open. We are sad to see them leave, but the new store is nice. Resident [Bob](#) Hinebaugh has provided them with old time pictures of Italy that they are using in their restaurant.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Submitted by Lou Bernard

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From the The Columbus Dispatch by Alan D. Miller Mobile Newsroom at Karl Rd Library

October 15, 2021

We're taking the newsroom on the road this week.

The Dispatch Mobile Newsroom initiative kicks off Thursday evening, Oct. 21, in the Northland area with an open house from 5-6:30 p.m. at the new Columbus Metropolitan Library branch at 5590 Karl Road. We invite Northland area residents to join a number of us from the newsroom for conversation and refreshments on Thursday.

The purpose of the Mobile Newsroom is to position journalists in an underserved area so that we can get to know residents, organizations, religious groups, business owners and the entire neighborhood better. This is part of our initiative to be more intentional about representing the entire community and the rich diversity of this city in our coverage.

Instead of going to our Downtown office to work each day, reporters Micah Walker and Holly Zachariah will work from the Karl Road library for about a month, and then we'll move the Mobile Newsroom to another library branch in a different neighborhood. Other journalists — photographers, editors and reporters — will stop by regularly.

A desk or table in the library will serve as a touchdown station for the journalists, and they will be available to meet with neighborhood residents about whatever might be on their minds — anything from questions about the news business to stories they have to share about themselves or life in the Northland area.

In short, we seek to build relationships and tell good stories.

<https://www.dispatch.com/story/opinion/2021/10/15/mobile-newsroom-focuses-underserved-areas-diversifies-coverage/8424504002/>

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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Forester Newsletter

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Demographics

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.)

Age	# of Household Members	Age	# of Household Members
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)

Please return to: **Forest Park Civic Association, PO Box 29160, Columbus, OH 43229-0160**



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:

**November 12, 27
&
December 10, 24**



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

Forest Park Gardener News

I was double checking my Forester articles and I realized that this column is having a birthday! Happy Birthday to the Forest Park Gardener. We're one year old!

I went back and looked at my column from last year, and it seems that the previous advice is well worth repeating. I hope you don't mind a re-run..



We've had a surprisingly calm but dry October, and we know that all good things are going to come to an end. Colder weather is just around the corner, and the Almanac says we are in for a long winter. The cicadas indicated that our first frost would be on October 7th, and they were wrong. So, perhaps the Almanac is also "mis-informed". As we enter into the Holiday Season, keep the fires burning, your family safe and warm, and your garden tools sharp! - Lisa Dove - forestparkgardener@gmail.com

PS. Don't forget to enjoy the holiday lights: Franklin Park Conservatory and the Columbus Zoo

Getting Ready for Winter – and Planning for Spring – Re Issued from November 2020

Garden Plants. Any annual or tender perennial, or tropical plants (Hibiscus) that you plan to bring indoors should be brought in now, prior to a Hard Frost. A Hard Frost will freeze the plants and stop the flow of water and oxygen from the roots/leaves. They can't be revived, and it's not worth it! Buy new in the spring.

Remove any and all tender perennials that you plan to bring in ...

Kitchen Herbs – Rosemary, Basil, Sage, and Parsley - if left out too long – they will become bitter.

Geraniums – prune the plants down to about 4" and repot with clean potting soil. Sunny location – to prevent them getting leggy.

You can store Geraniums in a dry root method – no soil!

Coleus – these can be cut back or take a cutting and set it in water – repot after roots show.... Will give you color in the winter indoors!

This is a great time to plant any spring flowering bulbs that you have purchased. The garden stores have great sales at this point!

You can also plant tulips (to avoid squirrel thieves) in late January (during our January thaw), or plant some in planters and stick them in your window wells... replant them in the spring where you want them, and they will be ready to go. They need about 6 weeks of cold temperature (stratification) to generate good stems and great blooms.

All perennial plants or bulbs (iris) should be in the ground by the 1st of November.

After Hard Frost:

Cut down and pull up Cannas' bulbs. Cut stems down to 1" and store bulbs in a paper bag, with a little dirt. Great place is in the basement or crawl space. Not the garage!

Dahlias can be stored the same way

Cut back all peonies, and Iris back to 2" above tuber or pips. Mulch over the top, thinly (no more than 1/2", to prevent rot and insects)

Perennials – like Daisy's, Coneflower, Hardy Hibiscus, Ground creepers (sedums).

- Trim off all bloom stems when they are brown. Lightly mulch around plant, and you can slightly cover the sedum with mulch. If you want to divide perennials, do it now. They must be established before the ground freezes. If you don't have time – wait until spring. Peonies – cut back and leave about 3 inches from the tips of the pips.
- Tall Sedum, you can leave over winter and trim them back in the Spring, once the new growth starts.
- A note about Monarda (Bee Balm or Bergamot). They are self-seeders – and will need light to germinate in Spring. If you want to increase your crop of plants, do not mulch around your Monarda. Wait until you have good growth in early Spring, and move the mulch away from the root area.



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Forest Park– 2021**Business Memberships****Churches****Epworth United Methodist**

5100 Karl Road
614-885-8015

Karl Road Christian Church

5400 Karl Road
614-888-3444

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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



..... Continued, Forest Park Gardener

Trees and Shrubs

Mulching and Watering Evergreens – trees and shrubs.

Water! Water! Water! until a Hard Frost.

Evergreens benefit from good hydration

prior to the ground freezing. You can really help them by applying a balanced fertilizer (12-12-12) around the roots (not next to the trunk) and then mulching over the top (2”).

Acid loving plants – like Boxwoods, Azaleas, Rhododendrons, Dogwoods, Hydrangeas, Blueberries, could use a dose of pH Acidic granular food as well. You can make a mixture of the balanced fertilizer and Acidifier (Ration 4:1)

Use a Sulfur based product (Hollytone) – stay away from Aluminum Sulfate products like “Ironite” especially for edible fruit bearers.

In Early March, use this same fertilizer/acidifier mix and start sprinkling it over your trees and shrubs before they begin to wake up! When they do, the nutrients will be readily available in the soil.

Trees and Woody Shrubs – Trimming them Up

If it blooms in the Fall – trim it now, if it Blooms in the Spring – leave it alone.

If you trim it now you will cut off the buds for spring. Cut only crossing or damaged branches and overgrowth. Do not prune back Forsythia or Lilacs at this time.

Hydrangeas– wait until late winter/spring.

Deciduous Shrubs (that lose their leaves) – wait to see green grown emerge before pruning (Butterfly Bushes, Spireas).

Prune in late winter and early spring. **Prune** as far back as you want right above the first leaf joints. It will grow from that point onward, getting larger each year

Clean up your planters and tools:

I wash my hand tools in soap and water. Some people use a ¼ cup/gallon water bleach solution. Oil the joints with light machine oil (not WD-40). You can also wash out your small planters. I do not store my planters with soil in them. I buy new potting soil every year. Ceramic planters should not be left out in the winter.

**Lisa's List of “Go To” Garden Tools:**

- **Fiskar's pointed hand pruners..** you can never have enough of these! (Like Reading Glasses)
- **Ratchet pruner set** – (hand, medium lopper pruners, and large loppers) You can find these at the Columbus Home and Garden Show! These are great for people with arthritis.
- **Soil Knife** -
- **Serrated Steak Knife** – yes and old bread knife . Great for edging and getting rid of Clover/Oxalis
- **Hula Hoe** – Long handled
- **Korean Hand Hoe** – great for tight places around garden plants and getting rid of volunteer maple trees.



NEIGHBORHOOD Update!



Nov. 2021

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



MARY SGUERRA

CBR \$25 MILLION CLUB
FOREST PARK RESIDENT

818-7636

Dear Neighbors:

Thank you for your business, your trust and your confidence. I just wanted to tell you how blessed, grateful and thankful that I am to be living here in our wonderful neighborhood of **Forest Park**. Thank you for all the referrals of your family & friends they are much appreciated.

I closed on my listings at **1791 Larkwood Pl**, **1949 Torchwood Dr** and **5723 Sandalwood Bl.** and my listing at **1343 Ironwood Dr.** is scheduled to close shortly. If you're thinking of making a move - please give me a call and let me show you what HER and I can do for you. I specialize in this area & I'm always here to help.

CURRENT MARKET WATCH

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

2271 Maplewood Dr. 2-Sty/4BR 199,900

HER Realtors homes In Contract

1343 Ironwood Dr. Ranch/3BR 212,000

5254 Arrowood Lp.W Ranch/3BR 245,000

1634 Nestling Dr. 2-Sty/4BR 249,900

5514 Larkwood Rd. 2-Sty/4BR 275,900

1694 Ivyhill Lp N Split/4BR 294,900

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

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I SELL FOREST PARK!**

All Homes SOLD

Homes sold since 9/16/21

		Asking Price:	Sold Price:			Asking Price:	Sold Price:
1888 Dandridge Dr	2-Sty/3BR	180,000	187,000	5389 Tamarack Blvd.	2-Sty/3BR	250,000	242,500
2208 Yellow Pine Ave.	2-Sty/3BR	215,000	245,000	5543 Durrell Rd	2-Sty/4BR	264,900	257,500
1774 Rocky Pine LpS	Bilvl/3BR	219,000	225,000	1900 Torchwood Dr.	Split/3BR	264,900	282,000
5812 Satinwood Dr.	2-Sty/4BR	229,900	256,000	5723 Sandalwood Bl.	Ranch/4BR	269,900	260,000
5466 Driftwood Rd	Ranch/3BR	235,000	260,000	1949 Torchwood Dr.	2-Sty/4BR	269,900	300,000
1940 Denise Dr	Split/3BR	249,900	245,000	1776 Larkwood Pl	Split/6BR	274,900	277,500
5150 Northcliff Lp E	2-Sty/4BR	249,900	270,500	1791 Larkwood Pl.	2-Sty/4BR	275,000	280,000
5307 Blue Ash Rd	Ranch/3BR	249,900	253,100	5289 Torchwood Lp W	2-Sty/4BR	279,900	315,000
5489 Cedarbush Rd	2-Sty/4BR	249,900	258,500	5433 Larkwood Rd.	2-Sty/4BR	299,900	299,900

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 10/21/21. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer.

