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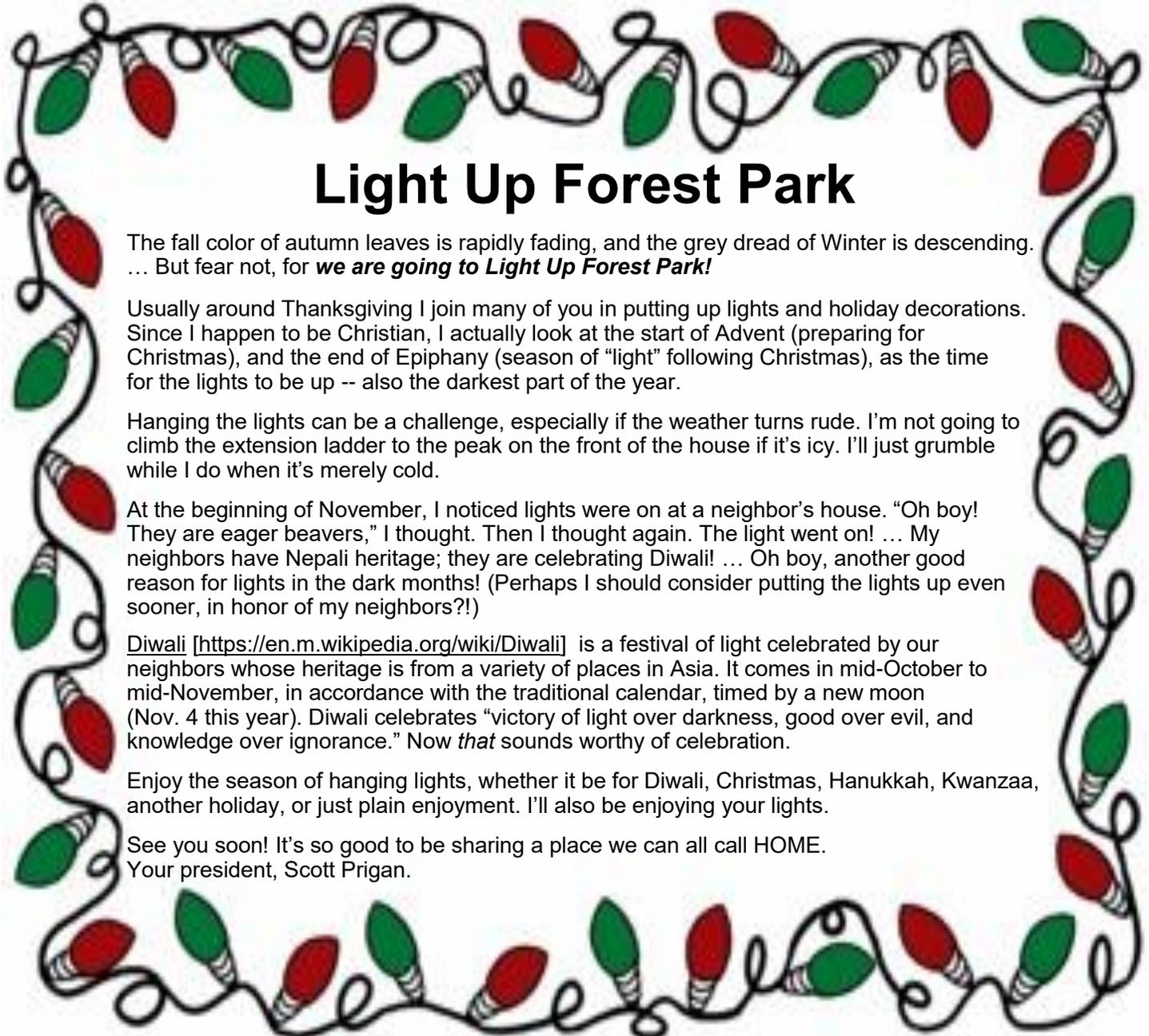


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Light Up Forest Park

The fall color of autumn leaves is rapidly fading, and the grey dread of Winter is descending. ... But fear not, for ***we are going to Light Up Forest Park!***

Usually around Thanksgiving I join many of you in putting up lights and holiday decorations. Since I happen to be Christian, I actually look at the start of Advent (preparing for Christmas), and the end of Epiphany (season of "light" following Christmas), as the time for the lights to be up -- also the darkest part of the year.

Hanging the lights can be a challenge, especially if the weather turns rude. I'm not going to climb the extension ladder to the peak on the front of the house if it's icy. I'll just grumble while I do when it's merely cold.

At the beginning of November, I noticed lights were on at a neighbor's house. "Oh boy! They are eager beavers," I thought. Then I thought again. The light went on! ... My neighbors have Nepali heritage; they are celebrating Diwali! ... Oh boy, another good reason for lights in the dark months! (Perhaps I should consider putting the lights up even sooner, in honor of my neighbors?!)

Diwali [<https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diwali>] is a festival of light celebrated by our neighbors whose heritage is from a variety of places in Asia. It comes in mid-October to mid-November, in accordance with the traditional calendar, timed by a new moon (Nov. 4 this year). Diwali celebrates "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance." Now *that* sounds worthy of celebration.

Enjoy the season of hanging lights, whether it be for Diwali, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, another holiday, or just plain enjoyment. I'll also be enjoying your lights.

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

FPCA Meeting
NO December Meeting
 January 11, 2022 –7pm
 Epworth United Methodist
 5100 Karl Rd or
 online at Facebook live



January 2022
Forester
ONLINE ONLY
 Help us deliver the paper
 copy of the Forester to
 your neighbors, see pg 4.

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Articles for the January, 2022 Forester are due to editor by December 27, 2021. The January 2022 Forester will be ONLINE ONLY at www.fpcivic.org

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

North YMCA News

Photos with Santa and produce giveaway!
December 11th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Get your pictures with Santa!

- In conjunction with Mid-Ohio Collective, YMCA staff and volunteers will distribute free fresh produce to qualified, Franklin County residents.
- First come, first serve - rain or shine
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<https://ymcacolumbus.org/food-produce-giveaway>



We also could use volunteers for this event. Below is info from VolunteerMatch.

https://www.volunteermatch.org/results/opp_detail.jsp?oppid=3416248

Volunteers are needed from 8:30 - 2 p.m. to help with event set up, produce bagging, distribution to families, keeping the area clean and event clean up. People are welcome to come for all or part of the day. Tweens & Teens, Adults, Seniors and groups are welcome to volunteer

The North Y has started a recurring Swimming for Sisters event.



- This ALL-LADIES ZONE is a perfect way to enjoy the pool in private. There are no males in the pool area, and the lifeguard on duty will be female as well.
- For any Individual who identifies as female. This event is open to YMCA members and non-members alike!
- For more info and December dates/times, contact:

cassie.germann@ymcacolumbus.org

Forest Park Civic Association
October, 2021 Financial Summary

Income	Actual		Budget		Budget vs. Actual	
	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
Membership	\$175.00	\$11,580.00	\$225.00	\$13,875.00	(\$50.00)	(\$2,295.00)
Supplement Security	\$15.00	\$1,946.33	\$0.00	\$1,750.00	\$15.00	\$196.33
Interest	\$0.40	\$2.86	\$0.30	\$2.10	\$0.10	\$0.76
Forester	\$980.00	\$5,604.16	\$750.00	\$5,250.00	\$230.00	\$354.16
Garage Sale	\$190.00	\$385.00	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$190.00	\$145.00
Additional Donations/Misc.	\$0.00	\$1,874.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$624.00
Business Membership	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29.17	\$204.17	(\$29.17)	(\$204.17)
Beautification	\$5.00	\$604.16	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$5.00	\$54.16
Total	\$1,365.40	\$21,996.51	\$1,004.47	\$23,121.27	\$360.93	(\$1,124.76)
Expense						
Membership	\$4.07	\$1,634.20	\$10.00	\$2,780.00	(\$5.93)	(\$1,145.80)
Supplement Security	\$500.00	\$4,375.00	\$541.67	\$3,791.67	(\$41.67)	\$583.33
Forester	\$154.80	\$8,874.99	\$1,166.67	\$8,166.67	(\$1,011.87)	\$708.32
Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(¹) New Neighborhood Signage	\$0.00	\$1,057.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$58.33	(\$8.33)	(\$11.84)
Island Maintenance	\$0.00	\$540.00	\$70.00	\$490.00	(\$70.00)	\$50.00
Garage Sale	\$62.18	\$124.60	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$62.18	\$24.60
Beautification Awards	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	(\$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	\$721.05	\$17,410.05	\$1,796.67	\$17,141.67	(\$1,075.62)	\$268.38
Net Income/Loss	\$644.35	\$4,586.46	(\$792.20)	\$5,979.60	\$1,436.55	(\$1,393.14)
Month End Bank Balances						
	PayPal	Checking	Savings			
	\$1,643.43	\$9,070.44	\$24,562.19			

(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
Thanks to Sarah & Madeline in FP East who have volunteered to deliver Honeytree Loop & Court houses. FPCA appreciates the help.				
Neighbors help us take care of another street listed here. We only deliver 10X a year.				
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				262

Hello Forest Park!

The temps are quickly dropping and that often leads to the temptation to let the car run unattended to heat up, but remember that it's not only illegal to do so, potentially earning you a ticket from CPD, but is far more likely to lead to it being stolen. (We already had some taken during the first cold snap of the season.) If possible, move it into the garage to keep it clear of snow and ice and relatively warm. If that's not an option, there are covers, seat warmers, and other such items that can help you tolerate the elements and keep from losing your vehicle to opportunistic thieves. Keep this in mind when you're at the gas station, running into a restaurant to grab food, or wherever your running vehicle is out of your sight; it only takes a second for someone to open the door, slide in, and take off.

Supplemental Security News



Tis the season to have lots of gifts delivered, but remember that thieves are thinking the same thing. They'll be on the lookout for piles of boxes and/or blind spots that they can grab and go from your house. Protect yourself with a visible home security system, enlist the help of a neighbor if you won't be around, leave instructions with your delivery driver to place your purchases somewhere that isn't visible from the street, use lights/TV to give the appearance that you're home, or have them held at a pick-up location.

As a general rule, have a well lit home that appears occupied at all/odd times and having neighbors who look out for each other is a good crime deterrent.

Officer Yandrich said that the impound lot is full, so don't expect any problem parked cars to be towed anytime soon, but you can still report them because CPD will come out and ticket them; and those tickets add up. Call or file those through 311. File your reports of speeding vehicles, racing, dangerous driving, etc to 311 as well as through the CPD non-emergency line at 614-645-4545 and press * at the prompt to get connected to a person.

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 (and warm), everyone!

Crime Prevention is a



Community Commitment

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? _____

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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:

Forest Park Civic Association Meeting

9 November 2021 - Epworth United Methodist Church/Zoom
Meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting @ 7:03 PM by Scott Prigan

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report Scott Prigan scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com

1. Ryan Finke unfortunately had to step out of our Vice President position. He says that since his family size doubled from two to four children with twins born in April, he's realizing the need to be more present in his home. He thanks the civic association for accepting him to serve alongside you all since March and hopes he can serve again sometime in the future.

2. New Volunteer Coordinator: Scott Biggs, taking over from Mike Stone

3. RE Supplemental Security--Things We Need to Remember

a. House Checks! Our contract with the security company will allow them to do house/property checks if you need them to do so, especially if you are on vacation.

b. They are a security Patrol, they are NOT the police. If you have police issues, DO NOT call the security company or Daryl Van Mercetta and expect them to arrest people or do police actions. That is not their job.

Our coordinator does not personally do checks, patrol, etc. He is not the police, he will not be coming to your house to solve disputes with your neighbor. He does coordinate checks and patrolling with the security agency. He also keeps an ear open to know about community safety, and communicate with our liaison officer.

Vice President's Report The position is now vacant. **Ryan Finke has stepped down due to family reasons.**

Secretary's Report Lou Bernard loubernard3@gmail.com

1. Attendance:

Officers Present: SP, LB, CL, RW, MS, SL, AR, ER, KG, EV, DVM

Officers Absent: SB, LKB

Area Reps in Attendance: 1, 2, 3, 9, 12

Area Reps Absent: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14 (Areas 13 & 14 are vacant)

18 people present, 1 on Zoom

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
Report delayed due to technical issues. See the budget in this month's *Forester*.

Public Relations Report

Mary Sguerra Mary.Sguerra@HERrealtors.com

1. There is no report

Forester Editor's Report

Rita Woeste forester_ed@fpcivic.org

1. December articles due Nov. 11, January articles are due Dec. 28.

2. January *Forester* is an online issue--no delivering necessary.

3. About 300 *Foresters* did not get delivered last month because we did not have enough volunteers to deliver. PLEASE, WE NEED MORE HELP/VOLUNTEERS.

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

1. Officer Yandrich

a. Parking Issues: we are getting lots of complaints. Feel free to email the address and description of the vehicle. Flat tires, broken windows, and abandoned vehicles can be reported.

Please note, the police impound lot is completely full; very little towing is happening in the city. Tractor trailers can only park for 1 hour. Longer than that, it is a violation and should be reported. Last Tuesday when it became very cold, 4 cars were stolen in the Northland area because their owners left them running/warming up in their driveway or street.

b. Shooting on Karl Rd.: this was a problem with a person who lives on Karl Rd. There is a suspect.

c. There is no suspect in the Doll House shooting.

d. If you have speeders in your neighborhood, please call 311.

e. If cars are parked over the sidewalk, this is a police issue--call 614.645.4545

f. Be wary of the rise of burglaries around the holiday time. Gave free gun locks away to anyone who wanted one.

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

Neither of the business reps have been out canvassing the area. We have no new business memberships.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welcome Committee Chair

Ellin Ray - eclair1226@gmail.com

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

Volunteer Coordinator Mike Stone Absent

1. First, welcome Scott Biggs as our new Membership/ Volunteer coordinator. Mike will be working with him as Mike's plan to stay active in FPCA where he can (but he won't be able to come up for air until about late March).

2. In other notes... we need a Vice President. 😊 Seriously though, thank you Ryan for filling the role in 2021. Recruiting new people is a great thing for area rep. positions but the VP role needs to be filled by a current board member.

If there are any additional area representatives who are looking to step down from their post, please let us know as we can use the time to fill it in the upcoming months.

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

.....continued , pg 6, FPCA meeting minutes

NCC Representative

Ken Gilbert kgilbert78@att.net (Absent)

1. The July 4th Parade is on!! Planning has been taking place. They take place Karl Rd. Library on the 3rd Sat. of each month. Look on the NCC website for more info.

2. Hotel Issues. The hotel on Mediterranean Ave. has ceased being a Covid homeless overflow site.. The hotel next to Popeyes, is a hotel set up for Covid positive homeless people. If you see people standing outside or in cleaning gear, that is appropriate. They deep clean the rooms when a client leaves. The City Atty, Sarah Pomeroy is working hard on the hotel issue, and is currently planning on filing formal complaints against some of them in the area.

NCC Development Representative

Ed Vanasdale evanasdale@insight.rr.com

Dave Paul dwpaul@fpcivic.org

1. Ohio Health on 5150 E. Dublin-Granville applied for a graphics plan to images on the bldg. The plan was not accurate, therefore it was not approved.

2. 4048 Morse Rd. - The dermatology practice was approved for a variance to move closer to the road. The city then said that they would lose some of their parking. They came up with a plan with their neighbors to share space. The plan was approved.

Surplus World on Morse Rd. wanted to put in a warehouse in the back of their property that would replace all or most of their parking. They had no plans to accommodate the parking. They tabled their idea.

Website Administrator

Scott Prigan scottprigan+fpc@gmail.com

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

Old Business

1. Sign Committee update: Members of the Sign Committee (Ed, Daryl, and Lou) put up the 5 signs in the FP area on Sat., Nov. 6.

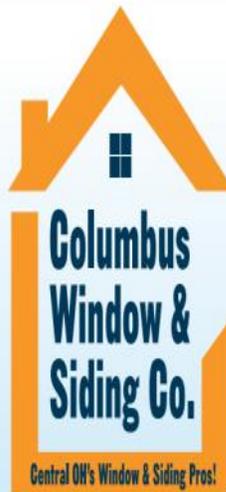
We recently received a letter from the IRS after almost a year concerning the 501c3. They need more paperwork!!! Agggh, this is so frustrating.

New Business/Announcements/Ideas

Ed has been calling 311 on the trash that accumulates near the exit ramps at 161/I-71. So if you see city workers out there collecting it, you can thank Ed Vanasdale when you see him!! Thank you, Ed!

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

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REMINDER!!!!

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Sign Project

By Lou Bernard



On Saturday, Nov. 6th, three members of the FPCA Sign Committee (Ed Vanasdale, Daryl Van Mercetta, and Lou Bernard -- Scott Prigan was unable to attend) completed the final phase of the committee's project to reinstall 5 Forest Park signs.

Originally, there were 10 signs placed around the many entrances of Forest Park. But after many years of wear and tear and a bit of vandalism, only 5 of the signs remained and needed to be replaced. The signs were purchased from Moore Signs in Westerville. One of the employees, Curtis Moore, lives in Forest Park. The committee members had fantastic weather as they motored around Forest Park East and West hanging the new signs.

The signs were installed at the following intersections: Satinwood Blvd./Pegwood Ct., Kilbourne Ave./Northtowne Blvd., Minerva Park Place/Cleveland Ave., Teakwood Dr./Aqua St., and Maple Canyon Ave./Sumac Dr. The next phase of the project will entail discovering the former locations of the 5 missing signs, and determining what process is needed to get those reinstalled.



Ed, Lou and Daryl install new signs in Forest Park



Northland Community Council Update

The Northland Community Council is a coalition of civic associations, home-owners associations, and other community groups in the Northland area of Columbus, Ohio. It represents over 130,000 area residents (25-square miles of the City of Columbus) and works with Columbus City Council, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, and a wide array of other city, county, state, and non-profit organizations to continuously enhance the prosperity and quality of life enjoyed throughout the Northland community. It meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Westerwood retirement community, except August (our picnic) and December (holiday dinner). All area residents are welcome to attend. Forest Park is entitled to two representatives in the council.

At our November meeting, a number of items were discussed that might be of importance to the Forest Park community. One concern in our area has been the use of some motels to house the homeless. A group from the Community Shelter Board and the Y came to speak to us. There were three properties in question, two near the Continent and one on 161 (the old Motel 6). The first is a permanent supportive housing unit and has been there for about 5 years. The residents have leases and have rules and responsibilities. The second has closed, and the last one, on 161 is still open. It is being used during the COVID crisis to house homeless people who have contracted COVID. That is why residents have seen folks with cleaning apparatus etc. around the building. People who are there are restricted to the room and a balcony until they are well and released from care, and there are doctors and medical staff taking care of them.

Another ongoing concern is safety in some of the hotels in the area. The City Attorney's Office has objected to the renewal of the licenses of a couple of the hotels in the 161 Corridor, for failure to comply with the city's licensing rules. This is an area where the NCC has been active for many years with the City Attorney's Office and our local Columbus Police liaisons, as well as City Council, and this has resulted in the closure of some of the worse offenders in the Corridor in the past.

In other news, the Northland Fourth of July Parade will return in 2022. We have a parade committee that meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 1-2 pm at the new Karl Road library branch. Christine Osero and Mike Troolin are our committee chairs. See northlandparade.org for more information. The committee is looking for volunteers to help organize the parade. Forest Park has always been a major part of the parade, especially as it runs through the middle of our community. I encourage folks to turn out and help.

Ken Gilbert, Forest Park Representative, Northland Community Council.

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:

**December 10, 24
&
January 7, 22**



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 – December 2021

Normally, this is the time when I tell you to cuddle up with a hot chocolate and start planning your spring garden. Yet, it is hard to take this so seriously when I am in short sleeves, pulling up my canna bulbs. It just doesn't feel like Autumn yet, but as our local weather team is telling us, it is on the way.

I noticed when I pulled up the bulbs that they seem to have adapted to the hotter, dryer, weather we have had. They were buggers to pull out. The roots are long and deep. Much more than last year. Perhaps that is what we should be pondering over our Hot Chocolate this winter – how do we adapt our outside gardening to the changing climate. Now I'm not getting into the whole climate change debate here, but things are different, and will continue to be so.

Take a walk around your garden – and look at your perennials and shrubs. Do you remember a Hydrangea getting serious leaf scorch (too much hot sun)? Did your Shasta Daisies not bloom (Too much shade)? I have a few things that I have identified that will need to be moved in the Spring. They may do just fine where they are, but they will absolutely do better if I move them. I planted 2 trees in 2020, and they are starting to take off. My garden is transitioning from full sun to partial shade.

As your garden gets ready to rest for the winter, and you are planning for next year, don't forget to take care of the gardener. As an older gardener (there is no denying it), I don't have the strength or stamina that I used to, so I must adapt. In fact, I found out I have a slightly torn rotator cuff, and my Dr. said it was from repetitive weeding and pulling. Are you kidding me? So, this winter, I have PT and exercises to get it stronger.

It's hard to keep moving over the winter months. No sun, and so cold.

Move your bike indoors and put it on a trainer, go walk the metro parks which are glorious in the winter. And, if you are traveling to warmer climates – why not find a botanical garden to visit? Heading to Disney? 1 hr south of Orlando is Bok Gardens – in the middle of all the orange groves. Heading to Myrtle Beach? Look up Brookgreen Gardens, and their collection of statuary in the formal gardens. If you have a place that you like to visit, let me know. Better yet... if you go, send me a picture, and let me know where you visited. I'll share it in the February Newsletter.

Have a wonderful holiday season, and the Forest Park Gardener will be back in February.

Lisa Dove – ForestParkGardener@gmail.com



Poinsettias & Christmas

There's no denying that poinsettias make bright, festive decorations during winter months. But they're native to Central America, particularly southern Mexico, and they're actually colorful leaves, not flowers. So why do we consider them the official Christmas flowers anyway?

The reason we associate poinsettias with the holidays comes from an old Mexican legend. A young girl named Pepita was sad that she didn't have a gift to leave for the baby Jesus at Christmas Eve services. Her cousin tried to comfort her and said that Jesus would love any present from her, even the smallest one. With no money to buy a real gift, Pepita picked a bouquet of weeds that she walked past on the way to church. (Other versions of the story say an angel came to her and instructed her to pick the plants.) When she got there, she left the weeds at the bottom of the nativity scene. All of a sudden, the weeds transformed into beautiful red flowers. This is why Christmas colors are red and green.

From that day on, they became known as "Flores de Noche Buena," or "Flowers of the Holy Night."

Poinsettias get their American name from Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first U.S. ambassador to Mexico, who brought them to the states from Mexico in the early 1800s. They didn't become traditional holiday decorations until the entrepreneurial Ecke family started promoting them a century later. Paul Ecke Jr. sent free poinsettia plants to TV studios across the country, including "The Tonight Show" and Bob Hope's holiday specials. Eventually, the trend caught on, and now poinsettias are among the most popular plants sold in the U.S. Congress even declared December 12 to be National Poinsettia Day, the anniversary of Poinsett's death.



Info source: <https://www.rd.com/article/poinsettias-official-christmas-flower/>

NEIGHBORHOOD Update!



Dec. 2021

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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

Dear Neighbors:

This is an amazing time of the year. No matter how you celebrate, I hope your holiday is filled with great company, good food, meaningful traditions and cherished memories. As this year comes to a close and we begin to look ahead, I hope you'll find this magnetic calendar helpful. I always keep one on my fridge.

I also hope you'll think of me when buying or selling real estate this coming year. I specialize in this area & I'm always here to help. I closed on my listings at **1343 Ironwood Dr & 5254 Arrowood Loop W.** 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 hope you enjoy the calendar!

CURRENT MARKET WATCH

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

(All of my Forest Park listings are **SOLD** - **LISTINGS NEEDED** - Please give me a call today!)

HER Realtors homes In Contract

- 2271 Maplewood Dr. 2-Sty/4BR 199,900
 - 5514 Larkwood Rd. 2-Sty/4BR 275,900
- (C)=In Contract Contingent (E)=I/C w/Escap clause



All Homes SOLD

Homes sold since 10/21/21

	Asking Price:	Sold Price:		Asking Price:	Sold Price:
1247 Cherrywood Ct.	Ranch/3BR	185,000	195,000	5254 Arrowood Lp.W.	Ranch/3BR 245,000 260,000
1343 Ironwood Dr.	Ranch/3BR	212,000	215,000	1470 Cypresswood Ct.	Ranch/3BR 245,000 260,000
5444 Tamarack Blvd.	2-Sty/3BR	215,000	207,000	1634 Nestling Dr.	2-Sty/4BR 249,900 249,900
5048 Karl Rd.	Ranch/3BR	219,900	220,000	5150 Northcliff Lp E	2-Sty/4BR 249,900 270,500
1400 Firwood Dr.	Split/3BR	229,990	240,000	1486 Firwood Dr	Split/4BR 262,900 272,000
5699 Satinwood Dr.	Ranch/3BR	229,900	245,000	1728 Blue Ash Pl	Split/3BR 270,000 275,000
5812 Satinwood Dr.	2-Sty/4BR	229,900	256,000	1694 Ivyhill Lp N	Split/4BR 294,900 305,000
1845 Dandridge Dr.	Split/3BR	234,900	234,900		

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 11/10/21. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer.



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Special Wishes

At Christmas

*When these warm & special wishes
Are delivered to your door,
No doubt they'll be accompanied
By many, many more - -*

*But of all the Christmas wishes
Delivered to you yearly,
There couldn't be another
Wished more warmly or sincerely.*



*Have a Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*



Mary