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## Go Fly a Kite! ...and other Near Spring Things

When March winds blow, you might want to **fly a kite**. Even Big Kids have permission. (Please be careful around electric wires!) Parents, aunts and uncles, grandparents have a built-in excuse, ... and kids can learn a lot through building and flying kites.

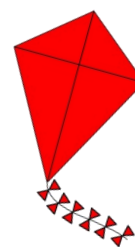
Of course as the spring *nears* (not really here until March 20), interest in **gardening** rises. We might want to pace ourselves though, and maybe just plan and prepare. We can't plant sensitive things until the right time. Check out the advice of Ms. Lisa Dove in future *Foresters*, or of the Dispatch columnists, for encouragement and advice.

It's also time to get the **bikes** ready. While some folks are year round bikers, others avoid the ice season. Soon though many of us will feel the urge to enjoy this healthy, non-polluting way to get around and get a better view of our lovely community. (If you drive a car, please double down on watching out for two-wheeled travelers; and keep the bike lane clear.)

We can also look forward to activities of the warmer season. We'll likely have a more normal **member outreach** day this year. It's also a good time to consider incorporating being one of a **Forester deliverer** on your street or a nearby one into your healthy walk. We'll also have a real **4th of July Parade**, and various other things to get involved in - and planning has begun already. Maybe you can find an activity you like best as a way of breaking out of the pandemic. For ideas and a way to share your interests, check out the volunteering info at [Join FPCA](https://www.fpcivic.org/join/) - <https://www.fpcivic.org/join/>. There is an [online form](#), a [printable form](#), and [volunteer job descriptions](#). These expressions of interest may be updated at any time - or you can just [get in touch](#) with Volunteer Coordinator Scott Biggs, President Scott Prigan, or other officers. New Ideas not on any list are welcomed too! Go to [www.fpcivic.org](http://www.fpcivic.org)

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

Your president, Scott Prigan.



### **FPCA Meeting**

**March 8, 2022 –7pm**

Epworth United Methodist  
5100 Karl Rd or  
online at Facebook live  
Check website for updates

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### **Thank You**

**neighbors  
who helped  
their neighbors shoveling  
the snow & ice with the  
recent winter storms**



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Articles for the APRIL, 2022 Forester are due to editor by March 17, 2022. The APRIL 2022 Forester will be at homes by first Sunday, April 3, 2022, or ONLINE at [www.fpcivic.org](http://www.fpcivic.org)

If you can help with delivering the Forester in your neighborhood, contact David Laughlin, [Laughlindm@gmail.com](mailto:Laughlindm@gmail.com)

## SWACO/Rumpke have expanded the list of items you can put in your BLUE bin for recycling!

Now, in addition to your glass bottles and jars; aluminum cans; paper; plastic bottles and jars (where the neck is smaller than the base), you can now recycle:

- Plastic cups with lids - like the one you might get with your drink from your favorite fast food place! Straws, regrettably, are still not recyclable.
- Plastic tubs with lids - like what spreadable butter comes in. Food takeout containers are still not recyclable
- Yogurt cups. Fruit cups are still not recyclable They will not take those Red solo party cups.

All items should be emptied before going in recycle bin.

Check out this website for further details.

<https://www.swaco.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=189>



## 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.  
 Shredded Paper (place in a clear plastic bag before placing in blue cart)

## Here's what doesn't:

No trash or yard waste. The blue cart is for recyclables only.  
 No garbage bags or other plastic bags.  
 No hazardous materials, such as oil, pesticides, paints, cleaners or batteries.  
 No syringes/needles.  
 No Styrofoam.  
 No electronics or light bulbs.  
 No window glass, mirrors, dinnerware, ceramics or pots and pans.  
 No food.  
 No foil juice pouches.

## Tips:

No sorting required. Put all recyclables in the blue cart.  
 Lids, caps and labels can be kept on recyclable containers.  
 Do not place dirty recyclables, like un-rinsed jars, in the cart.

**Forest Park Civic Association  
January 2022 Financial Summary**

Income	Actual		Budget		Budget vs. Actual	
	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
Membership	\$100.00	\$11,930.00	\$50.00	\$14,025.00	\$50.00	(\$2,095.00)
Supplement Security	\$3.33	\$1,954.66	\$0.00	\$1,750.00	\$3.33	\$204.66
Interest	\$0.21	\$3.49	\$0.25	\$2.95	(\$0.04)	\$0.54
Forester	\$508.33	\$7,212.49	\$750.00	\$7,500.00	(\$241.67)	(\$287.51)
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$385.00	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$145.00
Additional Donations/Misc.	\$10.00	\$1,969.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$10.00	\$719.00
Business Membership	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$29.17	\$291.67	\$20.83	(\$241.67)
Beautification	\$3.33	\$612.49	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$3.33	\$62.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$675.21</b>	<b>\$24,117.14</b>	<b>\$829.42</b>	<b>\$25,609.62</b>	<b>(\$154.21)</b>	<b>(\$1,492.48)</b>
<b>Expense</b>						
Membership	\$0.00	\$1,634.20	\$10.00	\$2,810.00	(\$10.00)	(\$1,175.80)
Supplement Security	\$2,396.68	\$7,646.68	\$541.67	\$5,416.67	\$1,855.01	\$2,230.01
Forester	\$619.20	\$11,524.89	\$1,166.67	\$11,666.67	(\$547.47)	(\$141.78)
Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$0.00	(\$475.00)
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	\$83.33	(\$8.33)	(\$36.84)
Island Maintenance	\$0.00	\$690.00	\$70.00	\$700.00	(\$70.00)	(\$10.00)
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$124.60	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$24.60
Beautification Awards	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$275.00	(\$100.00)	(\$125.00)
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	\$795.00	\$0.00	(\$795.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,015.88</b>	<b>\$23,481.63</b>	<b>\$1,896.67</b>	<b>\$23,256.67</b>	<b>\$1,119.21</b>	<b>\$224.96</b>
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>(\$2,340.67)</b>	<b>\$635.51</b>	<b>(\$1,067.25)</b>	<b>\$2,352.95</b>	<b>(\$1,273.42)</b>	<b>(\$1,717.44)</b>
<b>Month End Bank Balances</b>						
	<b>PayPal</b>	<b>Checking</b>	<b>Savings</b>			
	<b>\$1,793.43</b>	<b>\$4,493.86</b>	<b>\$24,563.12</b>			

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

January  
2022  
Treasurer's  
Report.  
  
Submitted by  
Cheryl Lutman

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Vacation Dates: Depart \_\_\_\_\_ Return \_\_\_\_\_ Please notify \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate person Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Who has key? \_\_\_\_\_

Lights on timer? \_\_\_\_\_ Location of lights \_\_\_\_\_

Radio or TV continuously on timer? \_\_\_\_\_  
Location of devices \_\_\_\_\_

Will older children be in and out? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, make and model of their car \_\_\_\_\_



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## Security report for March 2022

Hello Forest Park! As I write this, the temperature is an unusually warm 57 degrees – a heat wave for the middle of February, which means that warmer weather will be here before we know it. With the warm weather comes the door-to-door solicitations, which we are about to experience very soon. In the City of Columbus, solicitors are required to carry a permit on their person and they should be able and ready to show it to you upon request. It must be visible, usually worn around the neck of the solicitor, and it can't be with the boss back at the shop, in the vehicle, etc. One of the benefits of solicitation permits is that it gives residents the opportunity to verify that the person at their door is who they say they are and is an important tool to try to avoid ill-intentioned people.

# Supplemental Security News



We have started seeing more conversations on the Forest Park Neighborhood (Columbus, OH) Facebook page about the sounds of gunshots happening in the area. It is vital that each and every time you hear a gunshot, or something that may be a gunshot, you report it to the police. If you are unable to distinguish the sound of a firework versus a gunshot, you should report it to be on the safe side. The obvious reason for reporting anything that may be a gunshot to the police as soon as it's heard is so the police can attempt to medically assist anyone who may be injured and capture the assailant. Facebook is not an appropriate place to report gunshots.

A less obvious reason for reporting each incident, whether it's a gunshot, a car that's broken into, etc., is that the city tracks the reports and uses them to allocate resources. The more resources available to our area, the better. Reporting a crime is easy. If it's an emergency, including gunfire, call 911. Non-emergencies can be reported using the non-emergency number 614-645-4545 (press \* in order to avoid the automated system). Reporting an incident that turns out to be fireworks is okay; not reporting an incident because you're unsure could be life-ending for someone.



Don't forget, included in your \$25 per year paid Forest Park Civic Association membership is Supplemental Security patrols if you are out of town or away from your home for a period of time. Simply fill out the form online at [fpcivic.org](http://fpcivic.org) or send the form below to Daryl Van Mercetta at 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, Ohio 43229 or via email at [dvanmercetta@gmail.com](mailto:dvanmercetta@gmail.com). As always, if you see something, say something and stay safe everyone!

FYI, our community Liaison Officer Daniel Yandrich passed onto FPCA this media release on the homicide that occurred at the "after hours" club located in the old Elks club at Sandalwood & Yellowwood by the Sequoia Bowling Alley.

This place had just been discussed at the February FPCA meeting and what we can do to keep the neighborhood safe.

Again call anytime you see or hear anything in the neighborhood that doesn't look right.

Officer Yandrich can be reached by email: [dyandrich@columbuspolice.org](mailto:dyandrich@columbuspolice.org) or 614-645-1418.

**Incident Summary:** On February 12, 2022, at approximately 2:48am, officers were dispatched to the 5400 Block of Sandalwood Blvd. on the report of a shooting. Officers arrived at scene and found evidence of a shooting but no victim. Officers received updated information that the victim was being transported by victim #2 to an area hospital. Victim #2 flagged down officers in the 1800 Block of E. Dublin-Granville Rd., they rendered aid to the victim until Clinton Twsp Medic 61 arrived. Victim #1 was then transported to Grant Medical Center in critical condition. Despite receiving lifesaving medical treatment, the victim succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at 7:57 am. Victim # 2 was not injured out of this incident.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to call Columbus Police Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). This is the 12th Homicide in Columbus, Ohio in Calendar Year 2022. Incident #220101323. Detective Smith is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective O'Connor.

**Can you give us 30 minutes a month to make your neighborhood a better place?**

## **We need 50 new volunteers by March**

**By Scott Biggs, Forest Park Civic Association Volunteer Coordinator**

Hi neighbors, I am your new Volunteer Coordinator and I need your help. The Forest Park Civic Association needs 50 new volunteers by March to help us make Forest Park the best community in Columbus. You don't need any special skills to volunteer. You can be a new resident or a veteran of Forest Park. You don't need to own your home. Everyone is welcome! I am asking for 30 minutes a month to give to your neighborhood. You can volunteer by yourself or with your spouse or a neighbor.

### **What will you get?**

You will meet a lot of wonderful people in your neighborhood.

You will help make Forest Park a better place to live, raise a family, and enjoy.

We are not a homeowners' association. We don't make and enforce neighborhood rules. We are not a political organization. We are a diverse group of your neighbors who volunteer to serve and advocate for more than 3,000 households in Forest Park East and Forest Park West.

We are organized into a Board with a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, Area Representatives, and Volunteer Coordinators for our many services. And we need your help!

We meet once a month in person (or online for COVID concerns). Meetings are full of the latest information about our neighborhood. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in person or online.

### **What do we do? A lot!**

Our volunteers...

Plan fun community events for kids and adults including community garage sales, block parties, Easter egg hunts, and parades.

Communicate with the City of Columbus and the Northland Community Council to make sure new laws, regulations, and zoning changes benefit our neighborhood.

Welcome new residents and provide them with information on our community and local businesses, schools and churches.

Maintain common areas including the landscaping and signs at the entrance to our neighborhoods.

Communicate via The Forester Newsletter, social media and the [fpcivic.org](http://fpcivic.org) website.

Coordinate security with Supplemental Security Patrols, the Neighborhood Block Watch, and a relationship with our Columbus Division of Police liaison.

Help residents work with city agencies on code enforcement, street repair, snow removal and street lighting.

Work with business organizations such as the Northland Area Business Association (NABA), the NABA 161 Task Force and the Northland Alliance.

And much, much more.

It's easy to get involved. Email me at [volunteerfpca@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerfpca@gmail.com) and I will reply with a list of the volunteer opportunities. There is no obligation to volunteer. Just take a look at the list and let me know if you see something you would like to try.

I love being a volunteer in my neighborhood. I think you will too!

Thanks, Scott



## Spring is coming & so are Potholes

As many residents have noticed, it's pothole season. But there a way to help the city fix these issues: the 311 Service Center. Potholes may be reported in one of three ways. You can call the Service Center at (614) 645-3111, 8 am to 5 pm Monday-Friday. They are closed on the weekend. You may use their-

webpage, <https://311.columbus.gov/>, 24/7/365 to send an email through their email link or file a report directly via the Submit an New Service request link on the web page. This can be done either anonymously or by creating an account. The



latter is quite useful, as then you can track the status of your request. The webpage will ask you where the pothole is located (search for

Potholes in the keyword search box) and usually the city will respond in a day or two. Many other city services may be accessed by this site. One example is bulk trash pickup. We used this recently to dispose of an old tube TV that finally quit working. To my surprise, Columbus now accepts old TVs, and were able to pick up my old one less than a week after our request. Give the 311 system a try.

Submitted by Ken Gilbert



Check out FPCA's website to find out how to connect with us via social media  
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## UPDATE on Hours at the Library

Starting February 20th: Columbus Metropolitan Library locations will be open on Sundays again from 1-5 pm. The libraries were closed on Sunday until they could find more staff to help run each location. They are still hiring more staff so check the website for details.

**[www.columbuslibrary.org](http://www.columbuslibrary.org)**

Covid tests may still be available at some Library locations. To see if a location has tests available you can do 1 of 3 things:

- Go to the website & check the red banner at the top of the page
- On the website click the Chat button and ask staff where tests are available
- Call the library system at 614-645-2275



If kits are available, you can pick them up at CURBSIDE pick-up. Call the number on the sign in the parking lot and they will be brought out to you.

As of late February, MASKS are still required to enter any Library.

## Forest Park Civic Association Meeting minutes

**Date:** Feb 8, 2022

**Location:** Epworth United Methodist Church and Zoom Meeting called to order @ 7:04 PM by Scott Prigan  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance was taken via role call/Zoom Participant List.

### OFFICER REPORTS

#### **President's Report**

Scott Prigan - [scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com](mailto:scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com)

1) The slate of officers, committee chairs and area reps was approved in Jan. Installation of Board members present was performed by Sarah C. Pomeroy, Assistant City Attorney, Zone Initiative, Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein's Office.

2) **Guest Speaker:** Sarah Pomeroy – a brief update on the 161 hotel situation and any other matters possibly of interest to FPCA. The city has not approved 4 hotel licenses in the North end this year without significant clean-up in code violations: The Super 8, The Columbus Grand, The Norwood, and Am. Best Value Inn. Legal action looks to be pending to get them to follow the code. She will look into the after hours club that has taken over the space of the old Elks Club by the Sequoia Bowling Lanes. (NOTE: 4 days later there was a shooting resulting in a homicide in this very same area.)

3) Sidewalks: Please shovel your sidewalks. Many of our neighbors use the sidewalks to get to and from work. Please be respectful of them and shovel your walks in front of your house or business.

4) The membership drive will be coming up before too long.

**Vice President's Report** No Report -  
The position is now vacant.

#### **Secretary's Report**

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1) Attendance:

Officers/Committee Chairs Present: SP, LB, CL, RW, MS, DVM, SL, AR, ER, SB, KG, EV

Officers/Committee Chairs Absent: LK-B, DP, FQ

Area Reps in Attendance: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12

Area Reps Absent: 7, 8, 10, 13, 14 (Areas 13, and 14 remain vacant )

2) January minutes were reviewed and approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

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The budget process starts in February. If any officers, committee chairs or reps have input or potential items for the budget, please contact Cheryl ASAP!

#### **Public Relations Report**

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No Report (But the signs at the entrance of FP look great Mary! Thank you!

#### **Forester Editor's Report**

Rita Woeste - [forester\\_ed@fpcivic.org](mailto:forester_ed@fpcivic.org)

1) Articles are due to Rita by Feb. 17 for the Mar. *Forester*. A few upcoming *Forester* article deadlines: Mar. 17 for the April issue, and Apr. 14 for the May issue.

2) Rita is still concerned about the number of homes that are not receiving their *Forester* each month. She will attempt to get hold of David Laughlin for exact streets. We are looking for volunteers to deliver. High school students can help deliver the *Forester* and get community service hours for doing so.

#### **Supplemental Security Report**

Daryl Van Mercetta - [dvanmercetta@gmail.com](mailto:dvanmercetta@gmail.com) | Katie Van

Mercetta - [kvanmercetta@gmail.com](mailto:kvanmercetta@gmail.com)

1) There are very few requests for house checks.

2) The police department is starting Operation Broken Windows to remove abandoned cars from the street. See the story here: <https://myfox28columbus.com/news/local/columbus-division-of-police-operation-broken-windows-removes-abandoned-vehicles-from-hilltop-neighborhood-franklin-county-2-9-2022>

3) Please do not leave your car unattended when you warm it up in the morning.

#### **Business Representative**

Sheridan Landin - [sheridanlandon@yahoo.com](mailto:sheridanlandon@yahoo.com) | Alan Ray - [aray.bergahorn@gmail.com](mailto:aray.bergahorn@gmail.com)

Sheridan thanked those who helped get the business member names to him. This is very helpful when he meets with other business owners, especially since we now have a link to them on our website. He has been doing some canvassing with local area businesses.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **Welcome Committee Chair**

Ellin Ray - [eclair1226@gmail.com](mailto:eclair1226@gmail.com)

Ellin is still creating more folders. When she get a significant amount she will let area reps know to come and pick them up.

#### **Volunteer Coordinator**

Scott Biggs - [volunteerfpca@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerfpca@gmail.com)

1) Thanked all volunteers to all FP volunteers for keeping this a great place to live.

2) He has received many comments about neighbors helping neighbors with snow and ice removal.

3) The goal is to get 50 new volunteers by end of March, spread the word and make FPCA accessible to all.

4) Scott's new email: [volunteerfpca@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerfpca@gmail.com)

5) Working on a FP Community Craft Fair and the Mulch Sale in the Spring. Look for details to come.

#### **Social Activities Report**

Liz Kengeter-Bash - [ekengeter@gmail.com](mailto:ekengeter@gmail.com) - Absent  
No Report

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### NCC Representative

Ken Gilbert - [kgilbert78@att.net](mailto:kgilbert78@att.net)

- 1) Police liaison wants to remind everyone—DO NOT let your car warm up unattended. Car thefts are still on the rise.
- 2) ID Theft still continues to be a problem. Be aware of fraudulent banks. Contact Ken for more info on this.
- 3) Little Turtle residents lost a few trees in an easement area when contractors cut them down. Due to residents' quick action, the process was stopped and many trees were saved.
- 4) Karl Rd. Library has social services stationed there: HEAP - help with heating and utilities, and City of Columbus Social Works
- 5) NCC is holding the annual volunteer appreciation banquet. The cost is \$35. Pres Scott Prigan, will be nominating 2 volunteers to attend.
- 6) The 4th of July Parade is on. To volunteer: [chair@northlandparade.org](mailto:chair@northlandparade.org) Additional Information: website – [www.northlandparade.org](http://www.northlandparade.org)

### NCC Development Representative

Ed Vanasdale - [evanasdale@insight.rr.com](mailto:evanasdale@insight.rr.com) | Dave Paul - [dwpaul@fpcivic.org](mailto:dwpaul@fpcivic.org) Absent

3 cases were heard: 1) 4048 Morse Rd. Dermatology group needed more parking. Approved by NCC, 2) Kemba Financial wants to add more parking on N. Hamilton site. Approved by NCC, 3) 4960 E. Dublin-Granville Rd., they are building a multistory building. They would like to add more signage to the building. Approved with some conditions.

### Website Administrator

Scott Prigan - [scottprigan+fpc@gmail.com](mailto:scottprigan+fpc@gmail.com)

- 1) You can subscribe to get email updates when new things are published on the site. Check it out, there is lots of good info on the site.
- 2) Trash/Recycling days are always posted.
- 3) Communication:
  - For the web site, you can add/remove (or both to change) your email address as desired.
  - For the LIST (from ...@lists.fpcivic.org) contact [Dave Paul](mailto:Dave Paul). Please NEVER unsubscribe to an item relayed from the city, etc., lest you unsubscribe us all!

### Old Business

- 1) Rita will let the USPS know that Treasurer, Cherly Lutzman, is the contact person.
- 2) All paperwork has been turned in concerning the application for the 501(c)(3). We are waiting for info from the IRS.

### New Business/Announcements/Ideas

- 1) FP Sign Committee received a thank you note from the Sherwin family on Sumac Loop N thanking them for the great job on the Maple Canyon sign.
- 2) Rita always has extra *Foresters*. If you are an area business or heading out to one, you can request some to drop off from Rita and she will get them to you.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM

## News from NCC



The Northland Community Council meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month (excepting August and December) at 7 pm at Westerwood (formerly Friendship Village) in their main auditorium, 5800 Forest Hills Blvd. Columbus, Ohio 43229. All residents of the Northland area are welcome to attend our meetings.

Some updates from the February meeting follow. Our Columbus police liaisons have noted that one of the major crime issues in the Northland area right now is car thefts. These usually happen because someone is warming up their car due to the cold weather and leaves it unattended for a minute. Never leave a car running if you are not in the driver's seat. That's illegal, and it can only take a thief 30 seconds to steal your car. In hotel news, the City Attorney's office has filed a couple of license objections to hotels in our area. This helps fight crime and has been an important part of increased safety in our neighborhood, as the first step is to encourage the hotels involved to invest in better security and fire safety.

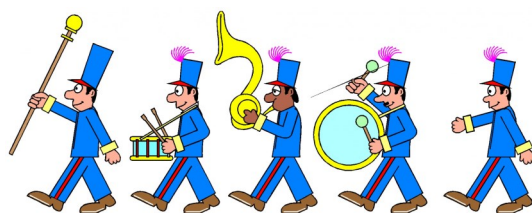
Rumpke has added a number of items to the allowable recycling list. Check their website, <https://www.rumpke.com/for-your-home/recycling/acceptable-items>, for more information.



The Karl Road branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library has some social services resources available at that location, including applications for the HEAT program (utility assistance) and city social workers.

Both the NCC Banquet, to honor local volunteers and residents, and the Northland Fourth of July Parade will return in 2022. The banquet will be on **April 28** at Villa Milano for a cost of \$35. Both events need volunteers to help make them happen--see the webpage for contact information.

<https://www.columbusncc.org/>



## The Forest Park Gardener – March 2022

Just when I think I can't take the winter anymore, I start seeing Herbicide commercials on television. Does that mean that Spring is around the corner? I'm originally from New York, and when I moved to Ohio, I had never seen advertisements on television for agricultural products. I guess the farmers must get an early start prepping their soil, for planting, which makes sense. Yet, I always thought "What the heck is Pigweed?"

Now, when I see commercials for Miracle Gro, Roundup, or Ohio Mulch, it feels the same as seeing the flocks of Robins return. Spring is coming! I'm not saying I endorse any products; I'm talking about the commercials. Kind of like when you see a Clydesdale, you know the Budweiser cart is not far behind.

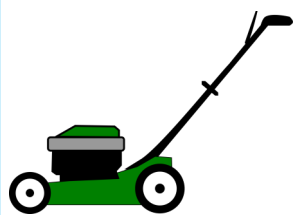


As I've said before, March is a transition month. Here is a check list of things to consider doing in March, to get ready for gardening in the spring

Clean your hand tools – Make sure all dirt/soil is removed. The most common recommendation is a solution of 1:9 parts bleach to water. I tend to use Lysol, with a ration of 1:5. If we've learned anything from COVID, it's that "germs" linger. The process will kill any fungus, spores, or any other nasties that have been wintering over on your tool's surface. Whether or not you dip it or spray it, make sure to saturate the surface, and let it air dry. You should repeat this process several times through the season. For home gardeners this process should be sufficient.

Get your yearly supply of 12-12-12 (Nitrogen – Phosphorus – Potassium) Fertilizer. I start spreading it out under my evergreens, rhodies/azaleas, and sleeping perennials in early March. I always try to time it before a good rain. You can find this at the Garden stores, most hardware stores, and especially the Farmer supply stores.

Time to pick your seeds and collect your seed supplies. It's a good idea to wash your seed trays if you are reusing them, and always use new soil. READ YOUR SEED PACKET, to make sure if you can direct sow, or start the seeds indoors. Remember 6 weeks before our Frost Date of May 15th – that means you can start them around APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Get your mower serviced and your snowblower. Our snowblower took a beating this year after that ice storm in February. It desperately needs a visit to the spa.

The Earth is leaning in the right direction, and our days are going to lengthen. We'll be outside before you know it. Until then, stay safe and warm.

OH – Thank you to all of you who have reached out regarding the "informal" garden club. I've heard from neighbors from both Forest Park East and West. I'll be in contact soon!

Lisa Dove  
Forest Park Gardener –  
[forestparkgardener@gmail.com](mailto:forestparkgardener@gmail.com)



**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:**

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**March 4, 18  
&  
April 1, 15, 29**



**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](http://www.311.columbus.gov)

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

## **Forest Park 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 Squerra**

HER Realtors  
614-818-7636

#### **Columbus Window & Siding**

Doug Bond  
614-453-5332

#### **Jonathan Allen Landscape**

[jallen8352@wowway.com](mailto:jallen8352@wowway.com)  
614-899-6085

#### **Schoedinger North Chapel**

5554 Karl Rd  
614-224-6105

### **Restaurants**

#### **Donatos Pizza**

1891 Tamarack Circle  
[www.Donatos.com](http://www.Donatos.com)

#### **Gabby's**

1887 Tamarack Circle  
(614) 433-0583

### **Shopping, Services**

#### **Circle Mart**

1876 Tamarack Circle  
(614) 885-3514

#### **Kreiger Ford**

1800 Morse Road  
614-783-3673

#### **HADLER Companies**

2000 W. Henderson Road  
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March. 2022

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CBR \$25 MILLION CLUB  
FOREST PARK RESIDENT

**818-7636**

Dear Neighbors:

IF I LIST YOUR HOME ..... **START PACKING!!**

I've got a problem! Normally I'd run an ad telling you about my listings in **FOREST PARK**.

But I can't do that. Why? Because I SOLD or put In-Contract all of them!!

Every single Forest Park owner that hired me during the calendar year 2021 to sell their home has been rewarded with a trip to a closing table! I'm pretty proud of this record!

So, If you've been thinking about making a move, why not give me a call?

Chances are that we start at your kitchen table, we'll finish at a closing table!

You gotta the odds!



## CURRENT MARKET WATCH

The following homes are **FOR SALE** with **HER REALTORS**:

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

## **HER Realtors homes In Contract**

2126 Sumac Loop S Split/4BR 210,000

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

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

## **All Homes SOLD**

Homes sold since 1/18/22

	Asking Price:	Sold Price:		Asking Price:	Sold Price:
2154 Pine Knoll Ave 2-Sty/3BR	199,999	230,000	1859 Coghill Dr. Split/3BR	241,700	238,500
5351 Torchwood Lp V Ranch/4BR	220,000	240,000	1419 Cottonwood Dr. 2-Sty/4BR	249,900	250,000
5353 Torchwood Lp E 2-Sty/4BR	230,000	241,000	1809 Larkwood Pl. Ranch/3BR	289,000	300,000
1782 Sandalwood Pl. Ranch/3BR	230,000	245,000	5489 Blue Ash Rd. 2-Sty/4BR	299,900	315,000

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 2/14/22. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer.

