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Thank You Scott

Rest in Peace

The Forest Park Civic Association is saddened & shocked to announce the passing of our President Scott Prigan. We have no words for the loss. Scott had just conducted our monthly meeting on March 8th. Scott has been an active volunteer in many roles over the years with FPCA, from Area rep, website, vice president and his current role as president. Our thoughts & prayers go out to his wife Carol and daughter Rosa. He will be sorely missed for all he has done for our Northland & Forest Park community. We have included his obituary.



Scott opening our February 2022 meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Richard Scott Prigan, age 65, died suddenly on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at Mt. Carmel St. Ann's Hospital, Westerville. Scott was born on March 27, 1956 in San Diego, California to George and June Prigan (née Groth). Scott is survived by his beloved wife Carol and daughter Rosa. Also surviving Scott are his father George Prigan, sisters Susan and Sara Prigan, uncle and aunt Gary and Kathy Groth, aunts Pat Groth and Bernadine Jerina. He was preceded in death by his mother June, uncle Richard Groth, and his grandparents.

Scott grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio and graduated from Greenhills High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1978 and a Master of Arts in Theology from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in 1984. After working as a case manager for Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities for several years, he returned to Trinity Lutheran Seminary and received his Master of Divinity in 1993. Scott was ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on July 13, 1994. He served Lutheran congregations in Botkins, Ohio and St. Louisville, Ohio before leaving the ministry. Scott became a school bus driver and served the Dublin City School District immediately prior to his death. He had a passion for helping the children on his bus and his co-workers.

Scott was involved in his community and served as the President of the Forest Park Civic Association at the time of his death. He also served as the Vice-President of the Dublin Support Association and on committees at Gethsemane Lutheran Church where he was a member. A long-time member of the YMCA, Scott enjoyed coaching soccer at the North Y in years past and working out. Scott enjoyed all forms of art, whether ballet, visual arts, or music, and was a long-time BalletMet season ticket holder. An avid Columbus Crew fan, Scott could be seen sporting Crew apparel in and out of the stadium. He loved the game, the players, and the other fans. He cheered loudly and proudly for the Crew - win, lose, or draw.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rev. E. G. Appel Student Aid Scholarship at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, 2199 E. Main St., Columbus, OH 43209 <https://www.capconnect.org/donate> (Under Designation, use "other" and enter E. G. Appel Student Scholarship) or to the charity of your choice.

FPCA Meeting

April 12, 2022 –7pm

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

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161 Clean-Up

**1st Clean up along
service roads of 161 is
April 9, at 9am**

**Meet behind the Jiffy Lube
to pick up supplies
More details on pg. 6**

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Rita Woeste, Lisa Dove, Scott Biggs,
Lou Bernard, Cheryl Lutman
Ken Gilbert, Mary Sguerra

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



FOREST PARK SPRING COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE Saturday, May 21, 2021



Spring Cleaning time is here again! Your junk can be someone's treasure. Have fun and make a little money by joining the Forest Park Civic Association Garage Sale which will be held on May 15th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Advertisement will appear in the local newspaper. Maps and listings of addresses of participants will be handed out to prospective buyers at the East and West Island entrances to Forest Park on Karl Rd from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on the day of the sale.

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

Please complete the form below and mail with your check of \$5.00 made payable to F.P.C.A. by **Tuesday May 17th** to Mary Sguerra, 5395 Pine Bluff Rd. Columbus, OH 43229

If you have any questions, please call Mary at 614- 818-7636

Garage sale form on page 4

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

Income	Actual		Budget		Budget vs. Actual	
	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
Membership	\$100.00	\$12,030.00	\$25.00	\$14,050.00	\$75.00	(\$2,020.00)
Supplement Security	\$25.00	\$1,979.66	\$0.00	\$1,750.00	\$25.00	\$229.66
Interest	\$0.19	\$3.68	\$0.25	\$3.20	(\$0.06)	\$0.48
Forester	\$530.00	\$7,742.49	\$750.00	\$8,250.00	(\$220.00)	(\$507.51)
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$385.00	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$145.00
Additional Donations/Misc.	\$0.00	\$1,969.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$719.00
Business Membership	\$75.00	\$125.00	\$29.17	\$320.83	\$45.83	(\$195.83)
Beautification	\$0.00	\$612.49	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$62.49
Total	\$730.19	\$24,847.32	\$804.42	\$26,414.03	(\$74.23)	(\$1,566.71)
Expense						
Membership	\$5.08	\$1,639.28	\$10.00	\$2,820.00	(\$4.92)	(\$1,180.72)
Supplement Security	\$0.00	\$7,646.68	\$541.67	\$5,958.33	(\$541.67)	\$1,688.35
Forester	\$985.00	\$12,509.89	\$1,166.67	\$12,833.33	(\$181.67)	(\$323.44)
Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$0.00	(\$475.00)
(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	\$91.67	(\$8.33)	(\$45.18)
Island Maintenance	\$0.00	\$690.00	\$70.00	\$770.00	(\$70.00)	(\$80.00)
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$124.60	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$24.60
Beautification Awards	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$0.00	(\$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)
Total	\$990.08	\$24,471.71	\$1,796.67	\$25,053.33	(\$806.59)	(\$581.62)
Net Income/Loss	(\$259.89)	\$375.61	(\$992.25)	\$1,360.70	\$732.36	(\$985.09)
Month End Bank Balances						
	PayPal	Checking	Savings			
	\$1,988.35	\$4,038.86	\$24,563.31			

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

February
2022
Treasurer's
Report.

Submitted by
Cheryl Lutman

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Marci Hasty
Executive Director
Phone: 614-885-4252
Email: mhasty@ymcacolumbus.org



Forest Park Spring 2022 GARAGE SALE ENTRY FORM - \$5.00 Saturday, May 21 9-3pm

Name _____ Address _____

Email: _____ phone#: _____

Featured Items:

SPACE IS LIMITED, SO LIST THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEMS

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

April Security Report

Hello Forest Park! April is here and if everyone is as excited to get out into the yard as I am, that means that there will be a lot of people outside working in the garden and cutting the grass. Outdoor choring also means that there will be a lot of open garage doors, cars parked with windows down, and a lot of distractions. Don't forget, DO NOT leave your garage door open or valuables in your vehicle while unattended. An open garage door or an unsecured car is an invitation for trouble and the best way out of trouble is to avoid it.

Supplemental Security News



If you hear loud pops and are not sure if it fireworks, a car back firing, gunshots or other noises, please call it in to the Columbus Police Department regardless of what time of day you hear it. If you feel like you are in danger, call 911 immediately, otherwise call the Columbus Police non-emergency line at 614-645-4545 and let them know what you heard and the approximate location. They keep track of those reports, and every call helps them.

Don't forget, included in your paid Forest Park Civic Association membership (only \$25 a year for the entire family!), is supplemental security. Supplemental Security is a perk that provides additional home security while you are away. Simply provide the form below to Daryl Van Mercetta and he will arrange it so our security patrol give you a little additional coverage while you're traveling. The form below can be submitted via email at dvanmercetta@gmail.com; online at fpcivic.org; via USPS addressed to 2131 Honeytree Court; or by phone at 513-479-2416.



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 _____

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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
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Join Us
**161 Task Force
 Cleanup Day**
 On Dublin Granville Road
 Meet at: Sharon Woods Center
April 9, 2022
 9:00 AM



Cleanup HQ will be behind Jiffy Lube. Join us there.

May 14 ~ June 11 ~ July 9 ~ August 13 ~ September 10
 October 8 ~ November 12

Bags, gloves, safety vest and pick-up tools are provided
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For more information or to RSVP contact event
 coordinator Dave Cooper

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Garden Thoughts for April

Thank goodness for April. We've seen enough of the roller coaster weather for March, and hopefully it will go out with a whimper. March is always a challenge. You never know if you should wear your shorts or put on your winter coat. Yes, I know, sometimes both, and in the same day.

Now that we've lost an hour of sleep, but gained some evening light, we can start getting excited about the warmer weather, and the first blooms of the crocus. April is much kinder, but we still need to watch for the sweeping cold fronts that will bring us storms and freezes.

Last April, I wrote about some basic terminology that we should all be aware of before heading out to the Garden Stores: Don't forget.....READ YOUR TAGS!

- Our Planting Zone is considered Zone 6.
- Annuals: Plants that grow and bloom for ONE season
- Perennials: Plants that live more than two years, and improve with age
- Biennials: Plants that bloom every other year
- Full Sun – 6 hours or more of direct Sun
- Part Sun – 4-6 hrs/direct sunlight some heat tolerance, morning or afternoon
- Part Shade – 4-6 hrs direct sunlight – mornings
- Shade – less than 4 hrs of direct sun. Not heat or drought tolerant



Everyone loves flowers in the garden, but in addition, look for some trees, plants, and shrubs that can offer you something different because of how they look or feel. It's called TEXTURE.

Texture is something that is not necessarily dependent on color, but still is pleasing to the eye as a focal point or backdrop. A tree's peeling bark, a shrub's leaf shape, or the tuft habit of fescue grass are all samples of texture. Succulents, such as Sedum (many varieties) add texture to a garden long after they bloom. Color can enhance texture, an example would be the golden colors of many Cypress shrubs, or the variant leaf colors of many Japanese Maples.

Incorporating texture is especially handy for Shade gardening, where minimal blooming flowers (other than Hosta) are available. For the shade garden, look for ferns or plants that have interesting leaf shapes, or that funky chartreuse color. Bleeding Hearts, Astilbe, and Japanese Painted Ferns are great choices.

I fell in love last year with a dwarf "Chirimen" Hinoki cypress ((*Charmaecyparis obtusa*), that is just the strangest little shrub. Its shape reminds me of red coral in the ocean. I also planted a whip chord arborvitae, which has filled in a challenging "full sun" spot in my back yard.

In addition to plantings, your mulch can also provide texture, as well as landscape rocks, planters, and gravel. Don't forget that grasses, fescues, and sedges can also add interest to the garden! Adding texture to your garden gives you something to enjoy when all the blooms are gone.

See you outside!

Lisa Dove – forestparkgardener@gmail.com

Check out FPCA's website to find out how to connect with us via social media
www.fpcivic.org



We are now connecting with neighbors via Facebook, twitter, nextdoor



Spring is popping out already!!

Forest Park Civic Association Meeting

Date: March 8, 2022

Location: Epworth United Methodist Church and Zoom

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 PM by Scott Prigan

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance was taken via roll call/Zoom Participant List.

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report Scott Prigan -

scottprigan+fpc@gmail.com

- 1) We would surely welcome a great VP! Ken Gilbert volunteered to assume the position until the end of the year.
- 2) COVID improvements: we will primarily in-person by April or May (but will still Zoom or stream meetings).
- 3) Outreach Day / Membership drive is coming up. More on that later S. Biggs.
- 4) Northland Community Council Volunteer Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 28 2022 at 06:30 PM - our honorees: Lou Bernard and Daryl Van Mercetta. *The Forester* is up for a publication award, thanks to editor Rita Woeste and all the contributors and distributors

Vice President's Report No Report - Ken Gilbert is volunteering to take on the position until we get a replacement.

Secretary's Report Lou Bernard - loubernard3@gmail.com

1. Attendance:

Officers/Committee Chairs Present: SP, LB, CL,, DVM,

KVM, SL, AR, ER, SB, MS, LK-B,KG, EV, DP

Officers/Committee Chairs Absent: FQ, MS, RW

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

Area Reps Absent: 3, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14 (Areas 3, 13, and 14 remain vacant)

32 people in attendance (17 in person, 15 on Zoom)

2) February minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report Cheryl Lutman - [cllut-](mailto:cllutman17@gmail.com)

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- 1) 4 household memberships and 1 new business membership
- 2) We had budgeted for a total of \$26,414 in income through February, 2022. Our actual income for that time period is \$24,847.32. Memberships are lagging by about \$2,000 (or about 80 households (\$2,000/\$25 = 80). Expenses year to date are \$24,471.71. We had budgeted for \$25,053.33, so we are holding expenses down. If we continue to keep our expenses in check, we should finish the year without having to dip into our reserves.
- 3) In looking to 2022-23, I am planning a budget that looks very similar to last year's. I budgeted \$795 for social activities and \$200 for the parade, based on data I found in prior year files.

If anyone else wants to have input on the budget, now is the time to speak up! Specifically: 1) Beautification - \$275 was budgeted last year, \$150 was spent, 2) Welcome Committee - \$300 was budgeted, \$497.51 was spent (majority was new folders) and 3) *Forrester* - Printing is \$985/month.

Public Relations Report Mary Sguerra -

Mary.Sguerra@HERrealtors.com - Absent

Saturday, May 21st for the Garage Sale this spring.

Forester Editor's Report Rita Woeste -

forester_ed@fpcivic.org - Absent

Forester deadline for April issue is: March 17th. The deadline for the May issue is April 14th. We are still looking for articles all of the time. If you have a specialty or interest,

start a monthly column!

Supplemental Security Report

Daryl Van Mercetta - dvanmercetta@gmail.com,

Katie Van Mercetta - kvanmercetta@gmail.com

- 1) Residents have emailed Daryl thanking the FPCA for the security checks on their property when they have been away.
- 2) A few calls about cars being illegally parked. Remember to call 311 or the police non-emergency number.
- 3) Hoping to get confirmation from Columbus Police Liaison Officer that the after hours club at the old Elks Club near the Sandalwood Market is permanently closed.
- 4) It was mentioned by a person present that they are noticing the supplemental security officers driving around in the neighborhood.
- 5) The shooting at Rooster's was a targeted shooting. The police have a suspect.

Business Representative

Sheridan Landin - sheridanlandon@yahoo.com

Alan Ray - aray.bergahorn@gmail.com - No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welcome Committee Chair Ellin Ray -

eclair1226@gmail.com

Continuing to put Welcome folders together. Next month she will have the folders for the Reps to passed out. She will also be ordering more folders.

Volunteer Coordinator

Scott Biggs - volunteerfpc@gmail.com

- 1) Thanks to all the volunteers who are helping us right now.
- 2) Scott is constantly recruiting volunteers. He may be contacting you soon! Lol We are looking for a *Forester* Delivery Coordinator. We are always looking for people to write articles for the newsletter.

Social Activities Report

Liz Kengeter-Bash - ekengeter@gmail.com - No Report

NCC Representative Ken Gilbert - kgilbert78@att.net

- 1) Mail theft is on the rise. Please don't put mail in outside mail-boxes-take your mail into the post office. You might want to sign up for *Informed Delivery* by USPS. Digitally preview your mail and manage your packages scheduled to arrive soon!
- 2) Sarah Pomeroy is continuing to work on the hotel problems in our area.
- 3) Columbus Libraries have reopened on Sundays to pre-pandemic hours.
- 4) There is a new 311 system coming to Columbus.
- 5) City Council will be in the northland area for their July meeting.
- 6) The auditor's office came to the meeting and suggested that people go online to their website and check out their property records just to make sure everything is correct. Some illegal transfers have been attempted recently.
- 7) The 4th of July Parade is happening this year - <https://www.columbusncc.org/northland-independence-day-parade/>, as well as the NCC Awards Banquet in April.

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..... FPCA meeting minutes, continued from page 8

NCC Development Representative

Ed Vanasdale - evanasdale@insight.rr.com

Dave Paul - dwpaul@fpcivic.org

1) There were 7 cases, a few were pertinent to the FPCA area: 1) Sinclair Rd: an apartment community wants to build 94 units on 3 parcels of property. It was rejected. 2) There were a few signage cases coming up. Most were approved with little problems.

2) National Church Residence has purchased the old Capri Lanes with plans to build a senior housing center. 3) The old Carfagna's was purchased by La Michoacana Super Market and will become The Toro Meat Market.

Website Administrator

Scott Prigan - scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com

www.fpcivic.org is the site. Check it out for updates.

Old Business—None

New Business/Announcements/Ideas

1) We are always open to receiving new ideas to make Forest Park a better place. Please email or call us with your ideas and comments. Or better yet, attend our April meeting—it will be in person.

2) The roundabouts planned for Maple Canyon are planned to be installed in 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM

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Northland Community Council Report

Ken Gilbert NCC Representative from Forest Park

The most recent meeting of the Northland Community Council took place on March 1 at Westerwoods. There were a number of items of interest to the community to report. First, our police liaisons noted two issues. There has been a large number of stolen vehicles recently in our area. The vast majority of these are due to people warming up their cars without being inside them. It can take as little as 30 seconds to steal a car left this way. The second issue is the rise in mail theft. Not only are thieves taking mail from mail boxes, they are robbing the official blue Post Office boxes—even those outside the post offices. Mail carriers have been robbed at gunpoint, and their mailbox keys and mail stolen. The main target is checks--the crooks "wash" the checks and cash them in someone else's name, often with an increase in the amount. As mail theft is a federal crime, there are jurisdictional issues, which limits, to an extent what CPD can do. The Postal Inspectors Office is very good but are overworked. If you've been hit with this crime, do report it to both CPD *and* the Postal Inspectors. In good news, in one case in Forest Park, involving a board member, the thief *was* caught and is now spending time in a Federal prison. It is recommended to take outgoing mail into the post office for mailing. Also, the USPS has a program known as Informed Delivery, where you can actually see what mail is coming to your house, if you sign up for it. All mail is scanned when being sorted, so this service will give you a daily email with scans of most of your mail. See USPS.com for more information.



Our Assistant City Attorney for our zone, Sarah Pomeroy, is working on hotel license objections at this time. We expect an update in April. The Karl Road Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library is now open on Sunday and expects to return to full, pre-COVID hours in the next couple of weeks. There will be a new 311 system for reporting city issues soon. Details to follow. The NCC banquet, honoring volunteers and area civic associations and leaders, will be held April 28 at Villa Milano. Information on ordering tickets is on the NCC website. Plans for the Northland 4th of July Parade are proceeding. See northlandparade.org for more info. Thanks all for this month. As always, any Northland resident is welcome to attend our meetings and give input, on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm, excepting August and December, at the auditorium at Westerwoods.

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 Sguerra

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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

Kreiger Ford

1800 Morse Road
614-783-3673

HADLER Companies

2000 W. Henderson Road
614-457-6650

<https://www.columbus.gov/publicservice/RecyColumbus/>



Schedule for Forest Park Yard Waste & Recycling dates are:

**April 1, 15, 29
&
May 13, 27**



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

Here's what goes in the blue cart:

Aluminum and steel cans - and lids. Flat-tened 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

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A long history of community service continues in Forest Park

By Scott Biggs, Volunteer Coordinator, Area 5 Representative

Forest Park has a unique history. President John Adams originally awarded this area to James Hamilton in payment for his military services during the Revolutionary War.

Over the years, others bought the land and developed it into farms. In 1961-62, The Metzger Brothers Company developed Forest Park as one of the first self-contained neighborhoods in the country. Forest Park West was the first residential neighborhood in Columbus (and among the first in the nation) to include its own shopping, groceries, gas stations and recreation areas, making it completely self-sufficient. The development of Forest Park East followed in 1965 under the same ideals.

Some of the original home owners still live in our neighborhoods and can tell us about the days when they first planted the many trees that make Forest Park such a beautiful place to live.

Sixty years later, we still enjoy the shopping centers, green spaces, schools and carefully designed streets and houses in Forest Park.

Our community has prospered and enjoyed the benefits of community because residents like you have taken time to keep it beautiful, safe and thriving. For 60 years, people throughout Forest Park have volunteered to serve their neighbors in the Forest Park Civic Association.

They have worked closely with the Northland Community Council, The City of Columbus and Franklin County to protect our neighborhoods from poor development decisions. They have worked with law enforcement to keep our streets safe. They have planned fun neighborhood events like the Fourth of July Parade and neighborhood picnics.



On March 10, we lost our civic association president, Scott Prigan, who passed away suddenly. We are mourning him and thinking of his wonderful family. Among many other things, Scott will be remembered for his kindness and for his service to his community. Although the thoughts do not now alleviate the grief, Scott's legacy will be one of generosity and service.

Today, Forest Park has new challenges. Crime seems more prevalent. Gunshots are common across Columbus and in our neighborhoods. It is not enough to simply witness this and complain about it. We can turn intentions into action and work together to make sure Forest Park is a safe and fun place to live.

Many good things are happening here. New neighbors are moving in with new energy, experiences and ideas. Warm weather brings us out to chat with friends as we plant our gardens. The pandemic shows signs of fading into memory. Spring is a perfect time to renew old friendships and plant the seeds of friendship with new neighbors. It is also a good time to consider serving our community in a real and practical way.

As Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

I invite you to join the Forest Park Civic Association or renew your membership. I also invite you to volunteer an hour a month in service to your neighborhood. We have many volunteer opportunities available to suit your schedule, interests, and talents.

If you email me at volunteerFPCA@gmail.com, I will send you a list of opportunities to consider.

I look forward to meeting you soon, either on the sidewalks or at our next civic association meeting on April 12.

I love living in Forest Park!



Walk with a Doc is back at **Woodward Park** starting May 2022. These safe, fun walks are on Saturday Mornings, where you get in some exercise and get to talk with doctor on different health topics. Go to <https://walkwithadoc.org/columbussignup/> to find out more info and to sign up for the walks.

There are 2 walks a month through the summer months. The first walks are scheduled for May 7 & May 21 from 9 to 10 am.

NEIGHBORHOOD Update!



March. 2022



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Dear Neighbors:

Spring has arrived & now is a great time to get your house on the market and to start looking for another home or condominium. The real estate market is very active and you might be surprised at what your house is worth in today's market. If you have any real estate questions or concerns please feel free to give me a call.

Thank you to all who have recently reached out to me to sell their homes. I have **3 NEW Listings** this month & I will have a few more coming on the market in the next month or so. If you need help in 2022 with either buying or selling a home please give me a call - **Let me show you what HER and I can do for you!**

3 NEW LISTINGS

1181 Rockwood Pl. -- Ranch with 4 BR's 2 BA's, Open Kitchen/Family Room, Heated 2+ garage. \$247,000

5094 Tamarack Blvd. -- Ranch w/1650 sq ft. - 3 BR's, 2 BA's, Family Rm w/WBFP, 2 car garage \$ 255,000

1685 Ivyhill Loop S. -- 2 Story w/4 BR's, 2.5 BA's, Family Rm w/WBFP, Screen Porch & 2 car gar. \$295,000

CURRENT MARKET WATCH

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

5094 Tamarack Bl. Ranch/3BR 255,000

1685 Ivyhill Loop S. 2-Sty/4BR 295,000



HER Realtors homes In Contract

1181 Rockwood Pl. Ranch/4BR 247,000

5411 Aspen Rd. Split/3BR 315,000

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

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All Homes SOLD

Homes sold since 2/14/22

		Asking Price:	Sold Price:			Asking Price:	Sold Price:
1233 Ironwood Dr.	Split/3BR	190,000	195,000	5425 Maple Canyon	2-Sty/3BR	265,000	261,000
5274 Hazelwood Rd.	Ranch/3BR	194,000	208,000	1733 Pin Oak Dr.	2-Sty/4BR	279,000	294,101
2126 Sumac Loop S	Split/4BR	210,000	220,000	2055 Northowne Ct.	2-Sty/4BR	284,900	305,000
5274 Hedgewood Rd.	Ranch/3BR	224,900	240,500	2199 Teakwood Dr.	2-Sty/3BR	289,900	289,900
2203 Maplewood Dr.	Ranch/3BR	225,000	250,000	5444 Tamarack Bl.	2-Sty/3BR	299,900	303,000
1349 Boxwood Dr.	1.5 Sty/4BR	250,000	287,750				

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 3/18/22. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer.

