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**Forest Park Civic Association** \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

# 59th Annual Community Independence Day Parade

Monday July 4th, 11:00 am

Sponsored by Northland Community Council

2022 THEME: Elevate Northland—Celebrate the 4th!

step-off at promptly 11 am from the Home Buys west parking lot, 1630 Morse Road. Procession travels down Karl Road from Morse Road to Dublin-Granville Road (1.7 miles)



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The Forest Park "Bikes & Trikes" tradition is BACK Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated bikes in 2 categories: Originality, and Patriotism.

On Monday July 4th at 10:30am, kids 12 and under are invited to bring their decorated bikes to the parking area in front of the Woodward Park Middle School.

Parents or guardians must register participants and sign a waiver. Children five years of age and under must be accompanied by a parent or older child during the parade.

The children will join the parade with the Forest Park group after judging & the awards are presented. All children will need to wear a helmet if riding a bicycle.

If you would like to judge the Bikes & Trikes or help with the Forest Park Float:

Email: volunteerfpca@gmail.com

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# **FPCA** Meeting

JUNE 14, 2022 -7pm

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

Awards for FPCA pg 11 FPCA meeting minutes, pg 8 Garden News, pg 7 Security News, Pg 4,5

# 161 Task Force **Cleanup Day**

Come Help us

On Dublin Granville Road **Meet at: Sharon Wood Ctr Behind the Jiffy Lube** Saturday June 11, 2022, 9:00 am

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- 12. Rita Price..........614-776-4316 Francine Dillard....614-882-2717
- 13. **VACANCY.....**
- 14. VACANCY......

City Code Enforcement CALL 311

#### **CONTRIBUTORS THIS MONTH ARE:**

Rita Woeste, Lisa Dove, Scott Biggs, Lou Bernard, Cheryl Lutman, Daryl & Katie Van Mercetta, Mike Stone, Cindy Fenstermaker

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Beautification	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$385.00	\$385.00
Interest	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$4.00	\$3.80
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Total Income	\$1,680.20	\$1,680.20	\$27,589.00	\$25,908.80
Expenses				
Membership				
PayPal Fees	\$1.21	\$1.21	\$70.00	\$68.79
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Outreach Day	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
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Bags	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,425.00	\$1,425.00
Supplemental Security	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
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Parade	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
Office Expenses				
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$475.00
NCC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Banquet	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
PO Box	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$232.00	\$232.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Total Expenses	\$2,203.67	\$2,203.67	\$28,677.00	\$26,473.33
Net	(\$523.47)	(\$523.47)	(\$1,088.00)	(\$564.53

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April 2022

Treasurer's Report.

Submitted by Cheryl Lutman

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# **OPERATION Wheels Down**

Operation Wheels Down In response to the complaints surrounding ATVs and dirt bikes in and around Columbus, the Columbus Division of Police has put together a strategic plan and also partnered with the Franklin County Sherriff's Office and the City Attorney's Office to address the complaints.

On Saturday, May 7, 2022, the first "Operation Wheels Down" took place. Through the hard work of the individuals involved, along with the assistance of the community, the Division followed through on their commitment to address the ATV and dirt bike complaints. Statistics from our operation last weekend:

- 11 people were arrested or summonsed (Charges include No Operators License, OVI, Reckless Operation, Failure to Comply).
- 2 Additional traffic citations were issued
- 2 of the arrests included Felony Charges (1 Aggravated Possession of Drugs & 1 Carrying a Concealed Weapon)
- 1 firearm was recovered (the firearm that was recovered was stolen)
- 1 of the individuals arrested was a wanted felon (Receiving Stolen Property, Obstructing, & Failure to Comply).
- One of the individuals arrested was missing person from a nearby county in Ohio
- 9 ATVs / dirt bikes were impounded and held as evidence The Division of Police along with their partners in these operations are committed to & will continue to address this safety issue that is impacting not only Columbus neighborhoods, but the neighborhoods of surrounding jurisdictions, and the safety of everyone on our streets and freeways.

Throughout these operations, we will continue to address complaints and also gather video evidence of individuals engaging in criminal offenses. We will be investigating these offenses and will ask the community to help us identify those individuals that have been lawlessly putting everyone at risk on the road and in our neighborhoods. We will release videos and photos of those we need to identify at a later date. Additional operations will take place throughout the spring and summer!

Have a great day,

Officer Daniel M. Yandrich #2206, Community Liaison North Officer, 18 Precinct

# Hello Forest Park!

It was so nice seeing everyone in person at our May meeting and we look forward to seeing everyone in June! Officer Yandrich, the Community Liaison, North Officer for the 18<sup>th</sup> precinct, was present at our meeting and said that, in general, crime and homicides in our area has been down and the crime that does occur, is mostly limited to the apartments outside of Forest Park. He advised that Forest Park is located in Zone One, which is comprised of four police precincts and beginning May 22, 2022, they will begin their Safety Initiative with their bike patrols. They have also increased third shift patrols with volunteer police officers. Officer Yandrich also noted that anyone working 3<sup>rd</sup> shift should stay aware of their surroundings while coming home from work. There have been reports of people



Community Commitment

being followed and subsequently robbed when they arrive home. If you would like to get in touch with Officer Yandrich, he can be reached at 614-645-1418 or via email at <a href="mailto:dyandrich@columbuspolice.org">dyandrich@columbuspolice.org</a>.

In our meeting, we also discussed the delays with 311. Our Supplemental Security company has reported abandoned vehicles to 311 when noted on patrols but the city is not currently towing vehicles as the lots are full. There have also been complications when trying to report code violations, including long wait times and a lack of follow-through due to the volume. Remember, there are multiple ways to report a violation: calling 614-645-3111; online at Columbus.gov/311/; via email at 311@columbus.gov; or through their app. Once you create a report, a complaint number will be assigned. Please take note of the assigned number so you can track the complaint and pass it along when needed.

Included in your annual Forest Park Civic Association Membership, which is only \$25 a year for the entire family, is supplemental security. To take advantage of this perk, simply fill out the form below and return it to Daryl Van Mercetta at <a href="mailto:dvanmercetta@gmail.com">dvanmercetta@gmail.com</a>; mail it to 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, OH 43229; call him with the information at 513-479-2416; or fill it out online at <a href="mailto:fpcivic.org">fpcivic.org</a>. As always, if you see something, say something and stay safe everyone. Katie & Daryl Van Mercetta

# **Supplemental Security House Check**

# Forest Park Business Members and Homeowner Members only!

Use this form to have your hor security officer and the Securi			will be passed on to the supplemental www.fpcivic.org
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Vacation Dates: Depart	Return	Please notil	fy
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Will older children be in and o	ut ? Yes No		Or Email at:
If yes, make and model of the	ir car		dvanmercetta@gmail.com

# Parent Perspective of raising kids in Forest Park and FPCA contributions

This weekend, my youngest child will graduate from high school. My wife and I are so proud of both her and her brother's accomplishments. We have been blessed to have a support structure of family, friends, and Forest Park residents who have shared in their upbringing. Our kids got to know their neighbors, and learned to live with people diverse in age, ethnicity and religion. They grew up safe, and developed their independence with a strong cognizance for the overarching world. They learned the value of relationships and the importance of service to others. This is only my opinion, but I think they have experienced a much deeper, genuine childhood than their peers who grew up in the suburbs.

Any older, inner-city neighborhood will come with character, challenges and opportunity. Forest Park's well-built homes, tree-lined streets, unique history, and neighborhood culture create the character. Code issues and crime are among the challenges. For the opportunity, I believe we can elevate this neighborhood's reputation to that of a Clinton-ville or other high-profile Columbus neighborhood. It would take some vision and effort, but given the quality of its history, homes and residents, it's possible.

The starting point for a bright neighborhood outlook is an educated community that understands the events, needs, threats and opportunities to the community. The next layer is to support those who are actively advocating and working to support your neighborhood. The last layer is contributing to that activity. If you are like me and unable to do #3 because of your crazy life schedule, then reading the monthly Forester and contributing the \$25 membership would still take care of #1 and #2.

I can attest that the contributions made by FPCA to this community has been enormous. There's no question that it is an imperfect organization made up of imperfect volunteers. But they surrender their time, take on extra stress and accomplish things without praise or fanfare.

A \$25 yearly investment into FPCA comes back to you in numerous ways. I ask that you join and help make the neighborhood outlook that much brighter. Forest Park has been great for my family!

Submitted by Mike Stone

YMCA North Branch 1640 Sandalwood Place Columbus, Ohio 614-389-4707



# Upcoming Events—JOIN US!!!

# Senior Technology Workshop at YMCA North Branch

Monday, June 20th-10a-12p Join us for a FREE Technology Workshop and learn how to do more with your smartphone, tablet or laptop computer.

YMCA North Branch & Mid-Ohio Food Collective at YMCA North Branch

Free Produce Giveaway

Saturday, June 11th- 10a-12p Volunteers Needed!

# Walk with a Doc at Woodward Park

June 4th & 18th, 8:30-9:30 am 5147 Karl Rd, meet at picnic tables

# So What does the Forest Park Civic Association Do Anyway?

- Has leadership with the Northland Community Council to represent Forest Park needs Funds and manages supplemental security patrols (only Columbus neighborhood to do this)
- Advocates for our neighborhood to state and local elected officials
- Maintains the neighborhood block watch program
- Has constant contact with Columbus Police about individual cases or other issues
- Works with code enforcement to pursue known cases
- Advocates for key city legislation that has enhanced the community
- Funds the beautiful island landscape off Sandalwood
- Enters a parade float in the 4th of July Parade (hopefully resuming in 2022)
- Organizes Bikes and Trikes Event
- Organizes two garage sale events
- Organizes get togethers (hopefully will resume soon)
- Sponsors numerous social events such as the YMCA cookout
- Maintains a website, two Facebook pages, and a news distribution list for community
- Creates and Distributes this newspaper you are now reading

June, 2022 – Forest Park Gardener –

# Using new technologies in the garden to work easier, not harder!

When we bought our house in 1984, we borrowed an old lawn mower. We had no money, no garden tools, no equipment, and no knowledge about how to care for the property we just purchased.

Neighbors, eager to help, gave us their old "duct taped" shovels, dull pruners, and the good ol' two handle hedge trimmers. "These are still good!", they said, or "I don't need them, I'm cleaning out the garage!" Little did we know that they were jumping in the car to run to Mr. How's warehouse (way before Home Depot) for newer, electric garden tools.



The gift of the tried-and-true tools were extremely helpful to those of us who were just starting out, and I've been guilty of the same thing as we've gotten older, offering my older manual tools to new neighbors, or my adult children.

The point is if improvements in garden technology can make the "work" of gardening easier on us. Why not take advantage? If you want to spend all day trimming your hedge by hand - go for it. If you are like me - I want something to make it go faster. And now that I'm older, I want something smaller and lighter that I can lift without throwing out my back.

Just as cell phones have gone from the size of a small briefcase to something that can fit in your pocket, electric garden tools have also become lighter and smaller. Manufacturers have created hand-held battery power pruners (actually a mini-chain saw) that is amazing, and a hand held trimmer with a long and short blade. It does most of the work of its big brother, but easier to wield for smaller trim jobs, and you can reach over your head without fear! *I don't want to appear to endorse any manufacturers here, but if you want to know – drop me an email – I'll give you a couple of examples*.

Many manufacturers have created convertible equipment, which is where you purchase the power unit, then are able to purchase a multitude of attachments, such as trimmers, edgers, trenchers, tillers, and even chainsaw attachments. The major cost is in the purchase of the motor, and the attachments range in price, based on what it does.

Whatever you do, make sure you invest in good equipment. It will last you for a long time. I cannot tell you how many of our grass trimmers have gone in the trash.

Don't get me wrong! There are some hand-held tools that are just not replaceable.

My go to manual tools are: hand trowel, lawn knife, GFS steak knife (no kidding), pocket limb saw, my duct tape shovel, my "Hula" hoe, and a kid's size fan rake (great for getting around shrubs. See you in the Garden!

Lisa Dove – ForestParkGardener@gmail.com

FPCA will have Beautification Awards again this summer

Get you lawns & flower beds ready!

Details on the contest In the July Forester



# Forest Park Civic Association Meeting minutes 3. We have a potential person to take over as the Delivery

Date: May 11, 2022

Location: Epworth United Methodist Church and Zoom Meeting called to order @ 7:07 PM by Ed Vanasdale The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance was taken via role call/Zoom Participant List.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

President's Report Ed Vanasdale - <a href="mailto:evanasdale@insight.rr.com">evanasdale@insight.rr.com</a>
1. We attended the NCC Awards Banquet last month where Secretary, Lou Bernard, and Supplemental Security Liaison, Daryl Van Mercetta, were honored as FPCA Volunteers of the Year. The Forester was named as the Northland Area's best newsletter for 2021. Congratulations and thank you to Rita Woeste, Daryl, and Lou for all of their hard work.

2. Ken Gilbert (acting VP) stepped down and Trevor Secord volunteered for the position of FP Vice President. Welcome and thank you, Trevor.

# Vice President's Report

Trevor Secord - tsecord@unioncountyymca.org

Trevor will be working with the Karl Rd. YMCA to create a program for this year's National Night Out. If you are interested in helping, contact Trevor.

# Secretary's Report

Lou Bernard - loubernard3@gmail.com

1. Attendance:

Officers/Committee Chairs Present: EV, TS, LB, CL, MS, RW, DVM, KVM, SL, SB, MS, KG, DP

Officers/Committee Chairs Absent: FQ, AR, ER, LK-B, Area Reps in Attendance: 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11 (Area 7 has been filled by David Laughlin. Thanks David!)

Area Reps Absent: 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 (Areas 13 and 14 remain vacant)

5 people on Zoom/25 people present Officer Dan Yandrich - present

# Treasurer's Report Cheryl Lutman - <u>cllutman17@gmail.com</u>

- 1. Most of this past month's expenses came from the printing and future mailing of the membership packets that will be sent out near the end of the month.
- 2. We had 5 new household memberships this month.
- 3. You will notice that the Treasurer's spreadsheet in this month's *Forester* is in a slightly different format. If you have any questions for changes that need to be made, feel free to contact Cheryl.

# **Public Relations Report**

Mary Sguerra - Mary Sguerra@HERrealtors.com

- 1. May 14th is the 161 Clean-up. Meet behind the Jiffy Lube at 9 am on Saturday.
- 2. May 21st is the Community Garage Sale. If you are interested in participating and having your name in the flier that will be passed out at the entrances of FP, send \$5 to Mary. There is a form in the *Forester* and on the website.

# Forester Editor's Report

Rita Woeste - forester ed@fpcivic.org

- 1. Articles due by this Friday, May 13th. We moved the date up a week since we will be stuffing the *Forester* with the membership forms next Saturday, May 21 at Schoedinger. This June *Forester* will be mailed. Hope folks can make it to help us out on the 21st @ 1:30 pm.
- 2. Articles due for June *Forester* May 13th; Articles due for July *Forester* June 16th

3. We have a potential person to take over as the Delivery Coordinator. We still need delivery people, if you are interested in a quick way to volunteer and give back to the community, please contact Scott Biggs, Volunteer Coordinator.

# **Supplemental Security Report**

Daryl Van Mercetta - <u>dvanmercetta@gmail.com</u>, Katie Van Mercetta - <u>kvanmercetta@gmail.com</u> Dan Yandrich (CPD Liaison Officer) <u>dyandrich@columbuspolice.org</u>

- 1. Officer Yandrich spoke. A reminder, we are in Zone 1/Precinct
- 4. As of May 22nd we should see more bike patrols in the area. Most of the crime in the FP area is happening in and around the apartment complexes. The homicide rate appears to be slowing down.
- 2. Daryl is in constant contact with the supplemental security company. They are reporting many 311 calls on abandoned vehicles. There were very few vacation checks in April.
- 3. Remember to keep your lights on at night. Don't let your vehicles run without you in them. Stay vigilant. Look out for your neighbors!

# **Business Representative**

Sheridan Landin - <u>sheridanlandon@yahoo.com</u> Alan Ray - <u>aray.bergahorn@gmail.com</u>(Absent)

1. Sheridan is continuing to canvas the area businesses trying to get more of them to join.

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Welcome Committee Chair Ellin Ray - eclaire1226@gmail.com ABSENT-No Report

**Volunteer Coordinator** Scott Biggs - <u>volunteerfpca@gmail.com</u>

1. Thank you to everyone who is volunteering and helping with

the civic association.

Resident Rick Bennett has sch

- 2. Resident Rick Bennett has scheduled a game night in the Karl Road Library for Tuesday May 26th at 6 p.m. The first one was a lot of fun.
- 3. Scott would like a group of volunteers to work together on the 4th of July Parade. If you're interested in a fun project and are creative, we are looking for people to help. We are also looking for someone head up the Bikes-n-Trikes competition.
- 4. May's Volunteer of the Month is Cheryl Lutman, our treasurer. Thank you for your countless hours and your awesome financial



Cheryl Lutman, was honored at the May 2022 FPCA meeting as our Outstanding Volunteer of the Month

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Social Activities Report Liz Kengeter-Bash - <a href="mailto:ekengeter@gmail.com">ekengeter@gmail.com</a> ABSENT-No Report

NCC Representative Ken Gilbert - kgilbert78@att.net

NCC Development Representative Ed Vanasdale - <a href="mailto:evanasdale@insight.rr.com">evanasdale@insight.rr.com</a>

Dave Paul - dwpaul@fpcivic.org

1. 3 Cases were heard:

Case #1 Application to repurpose a hotel property as a 116-unit multi-family apartment project

with reduced development standards; (Travelodge) 1100 Mediterranean Ave, 43229. At the request of the applicant, the committee tabled the application until a future meeting. The Committee most likely would have voted against it.

Case #2 Application for repurposing of a former self-service car wash facility as an automotive rental facility. Chris Jolley/Darin Ranker Architects representing Enterprise Holdings LLC, 6841 Schrock Hill Court, 43229. The Committee approved with recommendations.

Case #3 Application concerning the proposed operation of a Medical Marijuana Control Program Retail Dispensary as required at the former Groll's Furniture Gallery, 4066 Morse Rd, 43230. The Committee had no vote on this, it is only required by law to be presented to the Committee.

Website Administrator Dave Paul - <a href="mailto:dwpaul@fpcivic.org">dwpaul@fpcivic.org</a>
Scott Biggs - <a href="mailto:volunteerfpca@gmail.com">volunteerfpca@gmail.com</a> No Report

# **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Block Watch restart seems to be getting legs. We have a lead on a potential Block Watch Captain.

# NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/IDEAS

- 1. There was a discussion to write thank you notes to new joining members. The members at the meeting said they would prefer to see them listed in the *Forester* like they used to be
- 2. Next meeting will be 7:00 pm, June 16th @ the church and on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM



President Ed Vanasdale presents Rita Woeste, Forester Editor with the Newsletter of the Year award from the Northland Community Council during the FPCA May 2022 meeting.





# Forest Park Business Memberships

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Karl Road Christian Church 5400 Karl Road 614-888-3444

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HADLER Companies 2000 W. Henderson Road 614-457-6650 https:// www.columbus.gov /publicservice/ RecyColumbus/



Schedule for Forest Park Yard Waste & Recycle dates are:

June 10, 24 & July 9, 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

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# **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

# Hello Neighbors,

This is your Area 6 Forest Park Civic Association Representative here with some good advice on one way you can be a good neighbor. As you've noticed it's time to start mowing your lawns weekly again. This is also the time of year to start applying the



weed and feed to your lawn once you have mowed. Then reapply every 4-6 weeks as needed to keep the crab grass and dandelions away. We use the Scott's brand and get it for a good price at Costco.



Another way to have a lush green lawn is to mow the lawn at the highest or next one down from that setting as the slightly higher grass will help kill the weeds. Never mow on the lowest setting as it leaves the lawn susceptible to drought and weeds. Also if you see trash in your area, including in your neighbor's lawn, or in the street, please pick it up so we can keep it a clean neighborhood too!

Having a beautiful clean lawn is good for you, your neighbors and the community. This is a great area of town so let's keep it that way with clean streets and a beautiful lawn! Feel free to call or text me with any questions or concerns.

Have a blessed day folks!

Cindy Fenstermaker 614-323-3173

# Northland Community Council Volunteer Awards Banquet

On April 28, 2022 Daryl Van Mercetta (Supplemental Security Liaison) and Lou Bernard (Secretary) were honored as the 2021 Forest Park Civic Association's Volunteers of the Year at the annual Northland Community Council Volunteer Awards Banquet at the Villa Milano facility on Schrock Road. They were joined by President Ed Vanasdale and NCC Development Representative Dave Paul, and all of their spouses.



Daryl was honored for his work as the Supplemental Security Liaison, communicating the security needs of the community with the security company, and reporting back to the Association about happenings in the area. Daryl also worked

with Lou and Ed as part of the FP Sign Committee that replaced the "Welcome to Forest Park" signs around the entrances of Forest Park last summer.

Lou was instrumental in working with our late president Scott Prigan in obtaining the FPCA's new 501(c)(3) status, as well submitting the monthly minutes in the *Forester* and online. Lou is also a teacher in Columbus City Schools and teaches just up the road at Northgate Intermediate School on Sharon Woods Blvd.

Rita Woeste was honored when the *Forester* received Newsletter of the Year for the Northland Area.

This was the first time the awards were held since 2019 before the COVID-19 epidemic caused the "shutdown".

Congratulations to all of the award winners, and thank you for a job well done.



Ed Vanasdale & Councilman Emmanuel Remy pose with Forest Park Civic Association's 2 honorees, Lou Bernard and Daryl Van Mercetta at the Northland Community Council Volunteer Awards Banquet.

# NEIGHBORHOOD Update!







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**Dear Neighbors:** 





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# **NEW LISTING**

1814 Tamarack Ct. S. - Wow! Lovely Ranch with open Den & Family Room Area w/WBFP, 1st floor laundry beautiful hardwood floors, 2 car attached garage. New Roof & updated electric panel. Asking \$285,000

# **CURRENT MARKET WATCH**

The following homes are **FOR SALE** with **HER REALTORS**: 1814 Tamarack Ct. S. Ranch/2-3BR 285,000 \*

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Homes sold since 4/13/22		Price:	Price:			Price:	Price:	
5276 Plumwood St.	2-Sty/3BR	195,000	232,000	1255 Cherrywood Ct.	Split/3BR	264,900	275,000	
1945 Judwick Dr.	Split/4BR	200,000	240,000	1315 Pegwood Ct.	2-Sty/4BR	265,000	266,000	
5321 Hazelwood Rd.	Bilvl/3BR	220,000	245,000	2227 Lilacwood Ave	2-Sty/4BR	270,000	296,000	
5329 Poplarwood Rd.	Ranch/3BR	229,900	240,000	2271 Maplewood Dr.	2-Sty/4BR	289,900	305,000	
1195 Vinewood Dr.	Ranch/3BR	234,900	240,000	1685 Ivyhill Lp S.	2-Sty/4BR	295,000	295,000 *	
5337 Karl Rd.	Ranch/3BR	239,900	240,000	5444 Tamarack Blvd.	2-Sty/3BR	299,900	303,000	
1174 Vinewood Dr.	Ranch/3BR	239,900	260,000	5411 Aspen Rd.	Split/3BR	315,000	315,000	
1650 Riverbirch Dr.	Ranch/3BR	239,900	270,000	5401 Rockwood Rd.	Split/3BR	359,900	350,000	
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