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## People.... Going Above & Beyond

If you drive across Teakwood Drive very often chances, are you have seen me grilling at the apron of my garage on the driveway. I like to see the people go by. Folks in cars wave or honk. Walkers say hello and sometimes ask what I am grilling. Often people say smells good. Some kids in the neighborhood try to get a bite. Sometimes friends stop and we converse for a few minutes.

Last evening, as I was grilling baked potatoes and BBQ chicken a woman stopped in front of my driveway. Her window was down. "Do you mind if I turn around in your driveway?" I joked, "Sure, for \$5.00." We laughed. (I was shocked she asked). She pulled in. Looked lost. I asked. She asked, "where is Tamarack Circle?"

I flipped the chicken and headed to her car. She is a new Columbus City Schools bus driver. She had a 4-page list of her stops. She was going around her route as to not get lost on the first day of school.

I explained, go back to Maple Canyon, turn left. Its dead ends into Tamarack Circle. She was looking for the Circle at Sandalwood. I told her the circle is one way and Sandalwood will be the second feeder street.

Her next stop was Teakwood and Avalon. I told how to get to that.

At that point Peggy came out with the Forest Park directory. Opened it to the map of FP east. She could clearly see how to go. She took a picture of the map.

She is out there learning her route. She does not get paid for doing this. She said she is mapping it out and will drive two more times practicing it, her gas, her time. Wow!

My opinion. We are not paying her enough. She had such a great happy attitude. I am certain her riders are going to have a wonderful, welcoming experience.

Peggy says I should be sure to mention the value of the FP directory and the maps. What a great tool. I have used it score of times over the years. This made me think of Dick and Jean Smith. Dick is the one who drew the map and laid it out in great clarity. They were both active members of FP contributing in many ways. Most recently Jean was on the stuffing the Forester and membership crews. We have lots to be grateful for. Let's have an attitude of gratitude.



Gratitude for our legendary FP members and our current members especially the leadership and volunteers. Gratitude for this school bus driver and all the underappreciated, essential workers in our school systems and elsewhere. Thank you.

### FPCA Meeting

**Tuesday October 11—7 pm**

Epworth United Methodist Church  
5100 Karl Rd

Join Us and learn more about the Forest Park Area

### Trick or Treat

**Scheduled for Monday October 31, 2022**

As of the printing of this Forester, this date is not yet confirmed  
check for updates at:

<https://www.morpc.org/event/central-ohio-trick-or-treat/>

**Walk with a DOC, at Woodward Park—9 am**

**Last 2 dates this year: Saturdays, October 1, 15**

<https://columbusrecparcs.com/facilities/communitycenters/fiftyplus/walkwithadoc/>

### Additional Info:

Within days in the same week, I witnessed drivers going pass a school bus with its Red lights on, and then witnessed a driver who would not move over for an ambulance because they wanted to make a left turn. We don't need more accidents in our neighborhood.

We have included the following:

Reminder of Rules for Approaching school Buses with flashing lights. Page 4

Reminder of Drivers' rules for approaching Emergency vehicles with sirens and/or lights on, page 7

Be Safe out there Everyone!

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Articles for the November, 2022 Forester are due to editor by Oct. 20, 2022. The November, 2022 Forester will be delivered to homes by week of Sunday, Nov. 6 Please join FPCA, just \$25.

If you can help with delivering the Forester in your neighborhood, contact Rita Woeste at [rwuckeye@gmail.com](mailto:rwuckeye@gmail.com)

Join Us  
**161 Task Force  
Cleanup Day**  
On Dublin Granville Road  
Meet at: Sharon Woods Center  
**Saturdays-9 am  
October 8 & Nov. 12**

**Meet behind the Jiffy Lube on 161**

Bags, gloves, safety vest and pick-up tools are provided  
Please wear bright clothing and sturdy footwear

For more information or to RSVP contact event coordinator Dave Cooper

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## Volunteers are honored at the September FPCA Meeting

Scott Biggs, far right, grabbed a photo with the 3 folks he recognized as Forest Park Volunteers of Excellence. With Scott from the left is Rita Woeste, Dave Paul & Mary Sguerra. We appreciate all the hard work of these people.

## Monthly Financial Report - August 2022

<u>Income</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Household Membership	\$1,150.00	\$9,425.00	\$14,000.00	\$4,575.00
Business Membership	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Forester				
Advertising	\$700.00	\$4,850.00	\$8,200.00	\$3,350.00
Additional Donations	\$55.33	\$573.66	\$300.00	(\$273.66)
Supplemental Security	\$320.33	\$1,848.66	\$2,000.00	\$151.34
Beautification	\$65.33	\$748.66	\$600.00	(\$148.66)
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$155.00	\$385.00	\$230.00
Interest	\$0.17	\$0.89	\$4.00	\$3.11
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,291.17</b>	<b>\$17,601.88</b>	<b>\$27,589.00</b>	<b>\$9,987.12</b>
<u>Expenses</u>				
Membership				
PayPal Fees	\$0.00	\$39.50	\$70.00	\$30.50
Annual Mailing Printing	\$0.00	\$1,497.46	\$1,970.00	\$472.54
USPS Bulk Mail Permit	\$0.00	\$1,370.00	\$1,570.00	\$200.00
Outreach Day	\$0.00	\$62.93	\$125.00	\$62.07
Forester				
Printing	\$1,970.00	\$4,925.00	\$9,850.00	\$4,925.00
Bags	\$774.00	\$774.00	\$1,425.00	\$651.00
Supplemental Security	\$1,050.00	\$2,556.25	\$10,000.00	\$7,443.75
Beautification				
Island Maintenance	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$690.00	\$540.00
Neighborhood Beautification	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Committees				
Welcome	\$0.00	\$493.79	\$500.00	\$6.21
Social	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$795.00	\$795.00
Parade	\$264.28	\$264.28	\$200.00	(\$64.28)
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$52.42	\$125.00	\$72.58
Office Expenses				
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$475.00
NCC	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$100.00	(\$70.00)
Banquet	\$0.00	\$151.00	\$150.00	(\$1.00)
PO Box	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$232.00	\$232.00
Other	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$100.00	\$85.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,058.28</b>	<b>\$12,521.63</b>	<b>\$28,677.00</b>	<b>\$16,155.37</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$1,767.11)</b>	<b>\$5,080.25</b>	<b>(\$1,088.00)</b>	<b>(\$6,168.25)</b>

August  
2022  
Treasurer's  
Report.  
  
Submitted  
by  
Cheryl  
Lutman

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1. When a school bus driver is preparing to stop the bus, he or she activates four amber lights – two on the front and two on the rear of the bus. These lights continue to flash until the bus is fully stopped. Other vehicles are not required to stop during this preliminary stage of the eight-light warning but should prepare to stop as soon as the bus comes to a full stop. When the bus comes to a complete stop, the amber lights stop flashing and **four red lights** – two in the front and two in the back – start flashing while the children enter or leave the bus. In addition, a stop arm with flashing red lights is automatically extended beneath the window on the left side of the bus.
2. If the bus is stopped on a street or road which has **fewer than four lanes**, all traffic approaching the bus from either direction **must stop** at least 10 feet from the front or rear of the bus and remain stopped until the bus begins to move or the bus driver signals motorists to proceed.
3. If the bus is stopped on a street or road which has **four or more lanes**, **only traffic proceeding in the same direction as the bus must stop**.

## Hello Forest Park!

Fall is here and kids are back in school. Please watch for kids walking to/from school and be aware of school bus signals as you drive the roads.

Officer Yandrich attended our September 2022 FPCA meeting and cleared up some confusion with his role as a liaison officer and then gave us current updates of incidents in the area.

[Dyandrich@columbuspolice.org](mailto:Dyandrich@columbuspolice.org): Officer Dan Yandrich is our police liaison and can be contacted directly if you have any questions or want to follow up on a specific issue around the neighborhood. His number is 614-645-4111. Officer Yandrich can check on potential violations, but his main job is to forward the information you give him to the correct departments within the police.

# Supplemental Security News



He informed us if you suspect a narcotics issue at a house or see it on the street, you can go to 311 to report it or better yet email a complete description of the concern to [narcoticstips@columbuspolice.org](mailto:narcoticstips@columbuspolice.org). Officer Yandrich told us arrests are not immediate because they need to collect as much information possible to build a case.

Other news: ODOT has now cut down more trees and cleared out brush on the northbound exit of I-71 and 161 to remove the homeless camp that was there.

Due to shortages with the police, there is strong possibility that police will not stop out for minor accidents. If they cannot come out to an accident you are involved in, you can always get an accident report on the website. <https://www.columbus.gov/police-fileaccident/>

Remember, if you're a member of the Forest Park Civic Association, included in your membership is supplemental security. Just fill out the form below and send it to Daryl Van Mercetta at [dvanmercetta@gmail.com](mailto:dvanmercetta@gmail.com) or mail it to 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, Ohio 43229.

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

### 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](http://www.fpcivic.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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



Mail to:  
**Daryl Van Mercetta**  
**2131 Honeytree Court**  
**513-479-2416**  
Or  
Email at:  
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## Forest Park Civic Association Meeting

Date: September 13, 2022

Location: Epworth United Methodist Church

Meeting called to order @ 7:04 PM by Ed Vanasdale

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance was taken via role call.

### OFFICER REPORTS

**President's Report** Ed Vanasdale [evanasdale@insight.rr.com](mailto:evanasdale@insight.rr.com)

1. Thanked VP Trevor for his hard work on a successful Nat'l Night Out.
2. If you get an email from anyone on the board asking you to help them by buying gift cards, please ignore, it is a scam. We would never do this by email.
3. Area resident Michael Cote spoke and brought flyers about the upcoming 2nd Annual Northland Unity Festival. 60 small businesses, non-profits, and area vendors. The Mayor and head of the Dept. of Neighborhoods will be in attendance. They will love to hear your ideas—come and put a bug in their ear. Lots of music and dancing.

### Vice President's Report

Trevor Secord [tsecord@unioncountymca.org](mailto:tsecord@unioncountymca.org)

1. National Night out took place in the First Week of August at the North YMCA. It went well for a first year event. A decent turnout so thank you for all who made it out. We will plan for this next year.
2. The NCC meeting spent most of its time talking about continued car thefts, new liaison officers and hotel/motel proposals for new housing alternatives that are positive and negative.

**Secretary's Report** Lou Bernard - [loubernard3@gmail.com](mailto:loubernard3@gmail.com)

1. Attendance:  
Officers/Committee Chairs Present: EV, TS, LB, CL, MS, RW, AR, ER, SB, MS, KG, DP  
Officers/Committee Chairs Absent: FQ, DVM, KVM, SL  
Area Reps in Attendance: 1, 2, 5, 9, 11  
Area Reps Absent: 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14 (Areas 4, 7, 13, and 14 remain vacant )
2. July's minutes were voted on and approved. There were no Aug. minutes due to the NCC Picnic.

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

1. We are about halfway to meeting our overall budget of \$27,589, with \$17,601 received. In the month of August, we received 44 household memberships - thank you!! We have met and exceeded our income budget for Beautification and the Forester, and we are about halfway to meeting our advertising goal. Between those two goals, we fund about 80% of the cost of the Forester. For Security, we've budgeted \$2,000 in additional contributions, to fund about 20% of the anticipated cost. We are very close to meeting this goal! My big concern is we have received no business memberships since this budget year began, and we haven't really received any since February. We trust that the team continues to work on our local businesses.
2. In terms of expenses, all the PayPal fees were covered by our members this month - thank you all! We're about half way on the cost of Foresters, and Rita purchased enough bags to last through February of next year. The total cost of our parade (float + bikes and trikes) did exceed the budget, but not significantly. The big categories that have had no, or very minimal expenses are our social committee, and the Island Maintenance. I do see the islands being mowed, but I have received no invoices for that cost. The \$150 spent to date merely includes the cost to repair the

sign boxes.

3. We are, at a minimum, 120 memberships short this year. FP residents PLEASE support your civic association and all of the good works we do. Fill out your membership forms and mail them in, or go to our website and do so online. We need your help NOW!

### Public Relations Report

Mary Sguerra - [Mary.Sguerra@HERrealtors.com](mailto:Mary.Sguerra@HERrealtors.com)

- FP Garage Sale is happening this weekend - Sat. Sept. 17th. Mary is looking for volunteers to help out. Garage Sale participants are down by about half.

### Forester Editor's Report

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

1. We need help in the *Forester* delivery area. We need to get the file of *Forester* deliverers from David Laughlin. There are about 200-400 people not getting the *Forester*. We need a new Delivery Coordinator. Please volunteer.
2. We need lots of articles and ads.

### Supplemental Security Report

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

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

Dan Yandrich (CPD Liaison Officer) 614.645.1418

[dyandrich@columbuspolice.org](mailto:dyandrich@columbuspolice.org)

1. There have been narcotics complaints coming in. Please know, Officer Yandrich will pass the info on to the narcotics detectives. He does not do this work. They are working on it.
2. The CPD is working on the homeless camp along the on ramp of 71 N.
3. The CPD and city attorney are constantly working the area hotels.
4. Since the CPD is short staffed, officers will no longer be dispatched for fender benders. Take pictures, get info and call your insurance companies.
5. The KIA and Hyundai thefts continue to be a problem.
6. Be safe out there. There are large numbers of crazy drivers out there.

### Business Representative

Sheridan Landin - [sheridanlandon@yahoo.com](mailto:sheridanlandon@yahoo.com)

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Welcome Committee Chair

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

Passed out some Welcome Folders for new residents.

#### Volunteer Coordinator

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

1. Thanked all volunteers. Volunteers of the Months were given out:
  - Mary Squerra - July,
  - Rita Woeste - August,
  - Dave Paul - September.
2. We need a Block Watch captain. If you are interested, please contact Scott.

#### Social Activities Report Vacant

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## Northland UNITY Festival at YMCA

Hundreds of area residents enjoyed the Northland Unity Festival on Sept. 17 at the YMCA grounds. Elevate Northland and the Columbus Division of Neighborhoods presented the festival. The event featured booths with dozens of city departments, Mayor Andrew Ginther, city officials, local community service organizations, vendors, and food trucks. Bands and dancers entertained on the stage all afternoon.

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

1. Oct. 8 and Nov. 12, are the dates for the next 161 clean-up. Look for more info in the *Forester*.
2. Sarah Pomeroy had 2 good reports: 1) the bar at 161/ Karl is closed, and 2) The Norwood hotel is under scrutiny to clean up.
3. Mid Sept. Latino Month in Columbus. Look in the paper for more info.

**NCC Development Representative**

Ed Vanasdale - [evanasdale@insight.rr.com](mailto:evanasdale@insight.rr.com)

Dave Paul - [dwpaul@fpcivic.org](mailto:dwpaul@fpcivic.org)

NCC heard 5 cases only one (1) pertained to the FP area: Case #5 to permit the conversion of an existing 110-room, 4-building motel to 105 apartment units, with a limitation text to cap density at 33.8 du/AC and address development and design standards; and a concurrent Council variance to vary building setback, perimeter yard width, dumpster location, interior landscaping, parking setback, and minimum number of parking spaces required, to accommodate existing site conditions to the requirements of the AR1 district) @ 1294-1300 East Dublin Granville Rd, 43231

• The Committee approved (16-0 w/ 2 abstentions) a motion (by FPCA, second by WRA) to RECOMMEND DISAPPROVAL of the application.

This was later voted down by the City of Columbus Development Commission!! Congrats and thanks to the FP/ NCC reps for their dedication to keeping our neighborhood in good shape.

**Website Administrator**

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

No Report

### OLD BUSINESS

Construction on the roundabouts on Maple Canyon has begun with underground work.

### NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/IDEAS

1. The Beautification Awards have been tabled for this year. There was a lack of entries and due to budget shortfall, it makes sense.
2. The next FPCA meeting will be October 11th at Epworth United Methodist Church at 7 PM.

Northland residents enjoy music from The Deal Breakers band.

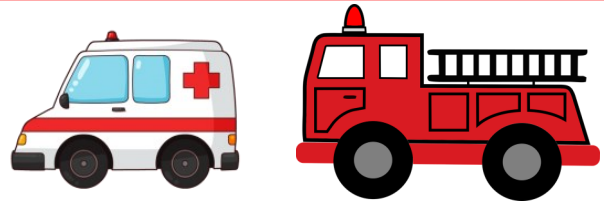


## Rules of the Road,

how drivers should handle when an emergency vehicle needs to get by.

Info taken from the OHIO Laws & Administrative Rules  
Rule 3335-21-12, Emergency and Public Safety Vehicles

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-3335-21-12>



(1) Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle making use of audible and visual signals meeting the requirements of these regulations and/or state law, **the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right of way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right edge or curb of the street or roadway, clear of any intersection, and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed**, except when otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer, hospital and campus security officer or traffic control officer.

## Quick Tips to Ensure Your Safety

- **Listen and stay alert:** Remain focused on the road at all times by not engaging in distracted driving. Use your mirrors to view oncoming vehicles.
- **Proceed with caution:** Pull to the right side of the road and do so swiftly, but cautiously.
- **Resume entry slowly:** Use your turn signal! Slowly merge back onto the road or highway while checking your surroundings for others.

Source: [www.topdriver.com/education-blog/](http://www.topdriver.com/education-blog/)

## What does your \$25 do?

Help us serve Forest Park with your 2022 FPCA membership

*By Scott Biggs, Volunteer Coordinator*

Thank you to everyone who has already joined the Forest Park Civic Association this year. We are below our membership goals for 2022 and we are doubling our efforts to invite more households to join. As of September, only a fraction of the nearly 3,000 households in Forest Park are members of the civic association.

I am asking you to join today so we can continue our work to keep Forest Park a great place to live. You can join the FPCA right now using the form in this edition or online at [www.fpcivic.org](http://www.fpcivic.org).

Across Columbus, you can see the difference between neighborhoods that have an active civic association and those that do not. We are not a homeowner's association. We do not enforce neighborhood rules. We are a civic association that works to benefit all Forest Park residents.

Membership in the FPCA is only \$25 per household. The FPCA is entirely run by volunteers who are residents just like you. That means every dollar is used to directly benefit our neighborhood.

We are dedicated to transparency and publish our Treasurer's Report every month in this newsletter. Our volunteer treasurer also provides an update at every FPCA monthly meeting (I invite you to join us for our October meeting).

What do you get for your annual membership contribution? Some benefits are obvious because you see them every day.

### Benefits that you see:

- We pay to maintain the landscaped islands at the Satinwood Pl. entrances at Karl Rd.
- We recently paid to replace all Welcome to Forest Park signs at all entrances to Forest Park East and West.
- We pay to print The Forester newsletter every month and pay for the bags which allow volunteers on your street to hang the newsletters on your door.
- We pay the professional supplemental security patrol officers who regularly drive through the neighborhoods in their marked cars. Planning a vacation? Every FPCA member can request free home checks with the form in each Forester newsletter, at [www.fpcivic.org](http://www.fpcivic.org) or by emailing our volunteer Supplemental Security Coordinator Daryl Van Mercetta at [dvanmercetta@gmail.com](mailto:dvanmercetta@gmail.com).
- We pay for the welcome folders and printed materials that we drop off to new residents who just moved into our neighborhood. These packets include information about Forest Park, maps of the streets, nearby businesses, voter registration information, and other helpful items to make our new neighbors feel at home.
- We pay for programs that recognize neighbors for their beautification efforts in the annual Beautification Contest, rewarding our neighbors who enrich our streets with improvements.
- We pay for supplies to build our float for the Northland Fourth of July Parade.
- We pay for awards for kids who decorate their bikes and trikes in the Fourth of July Parade.
- We pay for printing and postage to mail our annual Membership Packet to nearly 3,000 households, encouraging residents to join the FPCA.
- We pay for advertising to promote two Community Garage Sales each year, attracting buyers from around Central Ohio.
- We pay to design and print the Forest Park Directory, which is updated every several years and delivered to all member households.
- We typically pay for neighborhood social events, including the Easter Egg Hunt, Block Parties, and the Halloween Party. These events were cancelled during the pandemic, and we plan to revive them in 2023.

### Some benefits are not obvious but are just as important

We pay dues to the Northland Community Council. The NCC is a critical organization that represents 26 area civic associations and organizations in the Northland area. The NCC represents more than 100,000 households and ensures that the City of Columbus recognizes Northland as an important political voice. Two FPCA volunteers currently serve on the commission and provide detailed reports at every FPCA meeting. The NCC is our most effective connection to the City of Columbus and makes recommendations to the city on behalf of Forest Park residents.

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Among many other services, the NCC protects us from many development and zoning plans that would harm our neighborhoods and maintains a direct two-way channel to city officials.

We pay for insurance that is required for our non-profit organization.

We pay for a P.O. Box and office supplies that are necessary to conduct our operations.

We pay for payment processing fees that are necessary for online membership payments.

### Join your neighbors today with your FPCA Membership

You can join the FPCA right now by paying online at [www.fpcivic.org](http://www.fpcivic.org). We also welcome your participation and talents.

Want to learn more and get involved? Join us at our October 11 meeting.

Thanks for Reading!

## Volunteers needed to deliver Newsletters

We are seeking volunteers to deliver and coordinate delivery of this newsletter. Across Forest Park East and West, dozens of volunteers already deliver the newsletter to their neighbors once a month. More neighbors volunteer to insert the newsletters into bags, count them into routes and drop them to delivery volunteers for delivery.

It is a simple way to help your neighborhood by delivering to about 40 houses 10 months a year (while getting a little exercise).

We currently have needs for delivery on the following streets:

#### Forest Park East

- Karl Rd. East
- Maple Canyon Ave.  
(South of Dublin-Granville Rd.)
- Torchwood Dr. and Torchwood Loop

We also have a need for a new Forester Delivery Coordinator. This volunteer makes sure our delivery volunteers have the route information they need. Volunteer or request more information at [volunteerFPCA@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerFPCA@gmail.com)

## 10% NEIGHBORHOOD DISCOUNT for Forest Park Homeowners



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## 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**

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

#### **Cindy Fenstermaker**

Realtor, AO Real Estate

614-323-3173

### 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

614-457-6650

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



**Schedule for Forest Park Yard Waste & Recycling dates are:**

**October 14, 28  
&  
November 11, 26**



**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**



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## The Forest Park Gardener – October 2022

October is the beginning of our Fall and Winter Season. It is the last month of Daylight Savings Time, as we have been losing daylight time every day. Early in November, we get the reap the harvest of an extra hour of sleep.

We can blame (or praise) Benjamin Franklin for Daylight Savings Time. In 1784 he proposed the idea as a way maximize the use of sunlight longer into the evening. His reason was that households could burn fewer candles in the mornings and evenings during the winter. However, the practice did not become “official” until passed by Congress 1966 (Uniform Time Act). For those of us who have made drip candles and know the time and effort it takes to make them, I can understand where folks in the 18<sup>th</sup> century probably thought this was a good idea.



In the garden, we are beginning to see the effects of the lessening daylight hours. Our flowers and trees begin to produce less and less chlorophyll (the green stuff) and begin to decline. Trees begin to show their true colors, as the chlorophyll diminishes, and their colored leaves appear. Birds are beginning to cluster for migration, and we still see some hummers passing through our area. This year was a slight year for Monarchs and other butterflies, but I've seen some lately on my Butterfly bushes.

Sometimes in October, after a cool, wet spring, we begin to see an awful lot of fungus/mildew on our perennials and shrubs. This year was a particular disaster for older Lilac varieties.

Does your lilac looks like it is dying? Are your Peonies covered in moldy powder? You are not alone. I have had a couple of inquiries regarding old Lilacs that appear to be losing all their leaves and just looking really ragged. Our cool, wet spring provided our soil with the right environment to allow fungus to grow and hide out all summer, until the days grew cooler. Resist the urge to get out the chain saw! Right now, you need to make sure that all leaf litter is cleared away so that the fungus is not retained in the soil.

(HINT: Use our city recycle service , and don't put the leaves in your compost bin, unless you are sure that your bin's temperature is sufficient to kill the fungus)

In the spring, when the shrub buds out, you can decide to spray it with a copper based fungicide. I'm going to let mine bloom (or hope it does) and then I'm going to also thin it out and prune it down. Increased air circulation during the spring should help.

October is also the time to plant/divide perennials and shrubs. New plantings must have time to establish before the winter. Evergreens should be given plenty of water. Mums are popular for planting now, and with heavy mulching can survive to next spring. If they return, keep them pinched to an inch until 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and you can have beautiful mums again in the fall.

According to my calendar, the cicadas in July predict a first Frost Date of October 7<sup>th</sup>. Time to grab the Farmer's Almanac and see what we have in store for winter.

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



**Don't forget  
SUNDAY  
November 6**

**Clocks get  
turned back 1  
hour.**





# NEIGHBORHOOD Update!



## Real Estate Services

**October, 2022**

**Dear Neighbors:**



**MARY SGUERRA**

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**818-7636**

Fall is here and the real estate market is staying active. I have a NEW Listing at **1977 Sumac Dr.** If you are thinking of buying or selling, please give me a call for a free market analysis of your home and let me show you what HER/Howard Hanna and I can do for you.

### NEW LISTING

**1977 Sumac Dr.** -- Wow! Move-In Condition! 4 Level Split w/3BR's.1.5 BA's, 2 car garage & more! \$275,000



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## CURRENT MARKET WATCH

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

**1977 Sumac Dr.** Split/3BR 275,000

1955 Cedar Willow Dr. 2-Sty/4BR 300,000

### **HER Realtors homes In Contract**

1708 Rocky Pine Lp S 2-Sty/4BR 259,999


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



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### **All Homes SOLD**

Homes sold since 8/19/22

All Homes SOLD							
Homes sold since 8/19/22		Asking Price:	Sold Price:		Asking Price:		Sold Price:
1728 Rocky Pine Lp N	Ranch/3BR	203,000	192,500	1233 Ironwood Dr.	Split/3BR	284,900	298,000
1847 Tamarack Cir. S	Ranch/3BR	219,900	232,000	2114 Sumac Lp N	Split/3BR	299,900	283,000
1766 Rocky Pine Lp S	Ranch/3BR	238,000	238,000	2223 Blackoak Ave.	Split/4BR	299,900	305,000
1165 Ironwood Dr.	2-Sty/4BR	249,900	275,000				

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 9/15/22. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer.

