The Forester

Volume 59 Issue 02

Forest Park Civic Association

FEBRUARY, 2023

FPCA Meeting - Hear what's happening in Your Neighborhood

This February 2023 Forester is ONLINE ONLY due to budget cuts from lack of community memberships, Help us out and become a member of the FPCA

Our January 10th, the Forest Park Civic Association meeting was the focus of a presentation from folks of the Community Shelter Board and the group Homefull. They were there to discuss the existing motel/hotel at 1289 Dublin Granville Road. The Community Shelter Board helps fund non-profits for formerly homeless & at-risk folks. The group receives federal, state and city dollars that help them to work with 20 different agencies. Their purpose at the meeting was to inform us their hope to turn 1289 Dublin Granville Road into Permanent Supportive Housing with a similar set-up like another place they work with at 1111 Mediterranean Ave over by Busch Blvd. The group Homefull then talked and said they would be the onsite property management and services team (case management) for the proposed location. They stated each resident would hold a lease working with Homefull. Each unit for the resident was between 200 and 300 square feet. A resident at the current Mediterranean location then got up and spoke of what it is like to have a place to live at that location. Homefull said the property at 1289 Dublin Granville Road would house 82 units, with only single men or women in each room. No couples or dependents would be living on the premises. A lot of other details were given of what Homefull does around the Columbus and Dayton area.

The meeting was then open to discussion and questions from those residents of Forest Park, Kar-Mel, Devonshire and Sharon Woods. It was stated that Homefull would not be buying the property for the first year or more and would lease the property. Dave Paul, from FPCA & Northland Community Council cleared confusion with folks the request in front of NCC is not for Homefull but is a general request to change the property from commercial to residential for apartments. Even if the Community Shelter Board and Homefull decide to leave the property, if they got it, it would still remain residential property. That raised more concerns with neighborhood residents. When asked about Security they said they would have 1 or 2 security at all times, with an average of up to 5 employees on premises. When asked about the building, with 80+ doors to enter, the group mentioned putting up fencing around the property which then sparked more questions included mental health issues of potential residents, security, that 1289 Dublin Granville Road was not a hotel with indoor hallways and indoor access to each residence or a common gathering space, updates for a building that is 50 years old, and how will these residents get their essential needs like grocery shopping, travel options, etc... This discussion went on til 9:00 and the meeting was concluded.

The following week, Homefull & the Community Shelter Board were at the NCC meeting to ask for the variance change to the property. The Committee approved (15-0) to RECOMMEND DISAPPROVAL of the applications. You can read more about this on our www.fpcivic.org website & what is the next step in the process.

FPCA Meeting Tuesday, February 14 7 pm

Epworth United Methodist Church 5100 Karl Rd

We welcome **Massey's Pizza** as our newest advertiser this month, check out Page 2

"Drive-Up Ashes" at Epworth United Methodist Church

The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

Epworth United Methodist Church at 5100 Karl Rd. will be hosting "Drive-Up Ashes" between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on that day. No need to even get out of your car! Just roll down your window and Pastor Jennifer Casto will administer ashes, representing both our mortality and sin, as well as God's forgiving grace revealed through the cross of Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome!



Epworth's Worship Center will also be open from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for personal prayer and reflection. Pastor Jennifer will be present during this hour to administer ashes.

Epworth's vision is to follow the example of Christ by welcoming, nurturing, and serving all people with love. Their Sunday worship service is at 10:30 a.m.

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

City Code Enforcement CALL 311

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FORESTER Advertisements

For information please call Rita Woeste, 614-327-5175. Advertisements can be emailed (camera ready) to: rwbuckeye@gmail.com & forester_ed@fpcivic.org

COSTS to ADVERTISE:

Full page AD: \$195 1/2 page AD: \$105 1/4 page AD:\$65 Business card AD: \$40 If you encounter problems with an advertiser, please notify Rita Woeste.

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Foresters are available at the Karl Road Library, Donatos Pizza, YMCA, Gabby's Bar & Dairy Queen.

Articles for the March, 2023 Forester are due to editor by February 17, 2023. The March, 2023 will be printed as well as online, expect delivery by Sunday March 5, 2023 Please join FPCA, just \$25.

If you can help with delivering the Forester in your neighborhood, contact Rita Woeste at rwbuckeye@gmail.com

> Open Wednesday thru Saturday 11am-9pm





Closed Sunday, Monday Tuesday

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Columbus, Ohio



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FEBRUARY, 2023 - online only

Budget Remaining

\$2,320.00

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\$14,000.00

\$100.00

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\$11,680.00

\$200.00

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December 2022 Treasurer Report Submitted by Cheryl Lutman	Income Household Membership Business Membership Forester Advertising Additional Donations Supplemental Security
•	Open Wednesday thru 11am-9p
•	Closed Sunday, Monda
	Expenses Membership

Net =	\$1,002.67	\$4,797.02	(\$569.00)	(\$5,366.02)
Total Expenses	\$862.50	\$18,980.54	\$27,033.00	\$8,052.46
Other	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$100.00	\$85.00
PO Box	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$232.00	\$232.00
Banquet	\$0.00	\$151.00	\$151.00	\$0.00
NCC	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$0.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$24.00	\$50.00	\$26.00
Office Expenses				
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$96.14	\$125.00	\$28.86
Parade	\$0.00	\$264.28	\$200.00	(\$64.28)
Social	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Welcome	\$0.00	\$493.79	\$500.00	\$6.21
Neighborhood Beautification Committees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Island Maintenance	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$690.00	(\$60.00)
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Supplemental Security	\$862.50	\$4,912.50	\$10,000.00	\$5,087.50
Bags	\$0.00	\$774.00	\$1,425.00	\$651.00
Printing	\$0.00	\$7,880.00	\$9,850.00	\$1,970.00
Forester				
Outreach Day	\$0.00	\$62.93	\$125.00	\$62.07
USPS Bulk Mail Permit	\$0.00	\$1,370.00	\$1,370.00	\$0.00
Annual Mailing Printing	\$0.00	\$1,497.46	\$1,500.00	\$2.54
PayPal Fees	\$0.00	\$44.44	\$70.00	\$25.56
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Closed Sunday, Monday Tuesday	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
11am-9pm		\$1.56		
Open Wednesday thru Saturday	\$0.00	\$265.00	\$260.00	(\$5.00) \$2.44
	\$90.00 \$0.00	\$977.00	\$600.00 \$260.00	(\$377.00)
Supplemental Security	\$167.50	\$2,332.00	\$2,000.00	(\$332.00)
Additional Donations	\$142.50	\$892.00	\$300.00	(\$592.00)
Advertising	\$740.00	\$7,430.00	\$8,200.00	\$770.00
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Business Membership	\$75.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)

Monthly Financial Report - December 2022

\$650.00

\$75.00

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More **Memberships** Will keep us on budget this year. **Help your** neighborhood by joining **FPCA**, only \$25.

Membership form can be found on our website -Fpcivic.org or see page 7 of this issue

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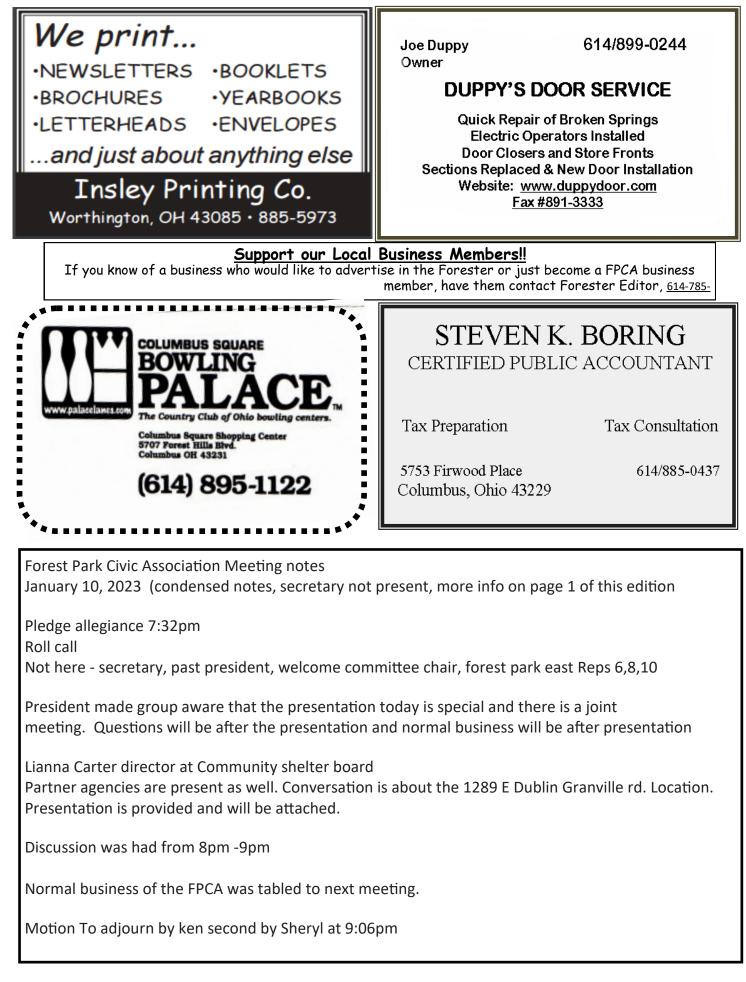
COMPLETE CAR CARE

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Hello Forest Park!

Unfortunately, due to the decline of Forest Park Civic Association memberships, the Board has decided to decrease the number of supplemental security patrols in our area. The security company *will still be patrolling*, just not as frequently as they have in the past. If you want this to change, please encourage your neighbors to join the civic association, which is only \$25.00 per year for the entire household! It's the right thing to do.





Fortunately, even though patrols will be declining, there is still a lot that we can do as a neighborhood to keep our area safe. The simplest, and admittedly most fun, is to get out there and meet your neighbors! Make friends with the people living on your streets and start looking out for each other. Learning what cars and people to expect on your street can make suspicious activity more apparent. When you do notice something amiss, reach out to your neighbor and the police, if necessary, at 614-645-4545. Also, keep your porch lights on in the evening, lock your car doors, don't leave valuables in your vehicle, and turn on your alarm system while you're away.



As mentioned, the supplemental security is not going away but if YOU are going away for a short period of time and are a paid member of the Forest Park Civic Association, don't forget to turn in your supplemental security request form to Daryl Van Mercetta. You can fill out the form below and mail it to him at 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, OH 43229, email it to him at <u>dvanmercetta@gmail.com</u>, or fill it out online at <u>fpcivic.org</u>.

Remember, 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

Name	Address		Phone
Vacation Dates: Depart	Return	Please notif	fy
Alternate person Address		Phone	
Who has key?			
Lights on timer? Location	of lights		Mail to:
Radio or TV continuously on timer? Location of devices			Daryl Van Mercetta 2131 Honeytree Court 513-479-2416
Will older children be in and out? Y	/es No		Or Email at:
If yes, make and model of their car			dvanmercetta@gmail.com

Years

Join Our

Birthday Bash!

Celebrating 50 Years

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Columbus Metropolitan Library

1873 2023

The Columbus Metropolitan Library is celebrating 150 years in March with a Birthday Bash at all of its locations on Saturday March 4. Every Branch, including our Karl Road site, will be celebrating the birthday with different events throughout the day. Activities, refreshments and chances to win fun prizes will make up the day's festivities. Refreshments and Prizes will be available while supplies last. Go to https://www.columbuslibrary.org/150-birthday-bash/ to check out details and what events are happening at each Library branch.

Enter to win a \$150 Target Gift Card

One winner at each of Columbus Metropolitan Library's participating locations will be selected at random to win a \$150 Target Gift Card. All winners will be notified the week of March 6. One entry per person. No purchase necessary. Columbus Metropolitan Library employees and their immediate families are not eligible.



Get a limited edtion 150th Birthday Library Card—ask staff for details.

Happening at the Karl Road Branch, 5590 Karl Road—March 4th

11 a.m. Jazz Academy on Tour with the Jazz Arts Group

Join us for an hour of swingin' jazz meant to get you up on your feet and dancing along. Take a journey through song, learning about musicians, instruments and more.

12 p.m. Immature Fun

Join us for activities based on the book The Encyclopedia of Immaturity and other disgusting stories.

Make a difference in 2023 by helping your neighbors

Start the new year by increasing your social engagement. Become a volunteer with your neighborhood civic association and help your neighbors. We have opportunities that don't take much time or effort but can make a big difference. You get to help improve your neighborhood, meet new friends, and stay informed about what's happening in our area.

Social Activities Committee

We are looking for some people to help plan social events for the neighborhood. We cancelled many activities over the past few years for health and safety and are now actively looking for help in bringing back popular events like the Easter Egg Hunt, neighborhood picnics, and more fun events for adults and kids.

Area Representatives

We are always looking for more Area Representatives in Forest Park East and West. We currently have vacancies in Area 13 (near Rolling Rock Dr. and Minerva Park Pl.) and Area 14 (Near Lyle Rd. and Denise Dr.) in Forest Park east.

More opportunities

We have many more opportunities to get involved and you might have your own ideas!

Join us at our monthly meetings to learn more or email Scott at volunteerfpca@gmail.com.

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Forest Park Business Memberships

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Schoedinger North Chapel 5554 Karl Rd 614- 224-6105

Cindy Fenstermaker Realtor, AO Real Estate 614-323-3173

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Gabby's 1887 Tamarack Circle (614) 433-0583

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Schedule for Forest Park Yard Waste & Recycle dates are: February 3, 17

March 3, 17, 31



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

Here's what goes in the blue cart:

Aluminum and steel cans - and lids. Flattened cardboard and pizza boxes (free of food and grease). Plastic bottles/jugs. Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, computer paper, cereal and other dry food boxes and phone books. Glass bottles and jars. Cartons and juice boxes

BULK TRASH

Some large items cannot be thrown away because they are too big to fit in your trash container. Residents should contact the City's 311 Customer Service Center to schedule bulk items by calling 311 or 614-645-3111, or online at:

www.311.columbus.gov

NO BULK ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED UNLESS THE RESIDENT SCHEDULES

NEIGHBORHOOD Update!



Real Estate Services

MARY SGUERRA

CBR \$25 MILLION CLUB FOREST PARK RESIDENT

818-7636

Dear Neighbors:

February. 2023

The real estate market is still staying active even though the interest rates have gone up a bit. Let me help you find your next home whether it be a NEW BUILD or an EXISTING HOME or a **CONDOMINUM.**

I just closed on my listing at 2098 Teakwood Dr. and I have a nice listing at 5805 Satinwood Dr. -I specialize in this area and I'm always here to help. If you are thinking of making a move - please give me a call and let me show you what Howard Hanna and I can do for you. I hope you have a GREAT 2023!

*tappy Valent*ine's Day

THE MYTH: Winter is **NOT** a good time to sell a house. THE TRUTH: Winter is an **EXCELLENT** time to sell your house!

THE REASON: Many people believe the myth, so there are fewer houses on the market; But the buyers are more serious at this time. (If buyers are out hunting in the snow, sleet and cold they are usually pretty committed to purchase a home!) So, serious buyers & fewer homes on the active market = one of the best times to sell!!

CURRENT MARKET WATCH

The following homes are **FOR SALE** with **Howard Hanna**: 5805 Satinwood Dr. Ranch/3BR 246,500 *

Howard Hanna homes In Contract 5205 Honeytree Lp.W Bilvl/3BR 225,000

Split/4BR

5496 Larkwood Rd 2-Sty/4BR 259,900

Homes sold since 1/3/23

1800 Coghill Dr.

2090 Honeytree Ct

5506 Redwood Rd

All Homes SOLD Asking Sold Price:

259,995 244,800

Price:

Ranch/3BR 142,000 162,855 2098 Teakwood Dr. Ranch/3BR 275,000 272,000 2-Sty/4BR 259,900 250,000 1833 Walden Dr.

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 1/31/23. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer.

I KNOW FOREST PARK I LIVE IN FOREST PARK I SELL FOREST PARK

> Asking Sold Price: Price: 2-Sty/3BR 275,000 256,000

