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Forest Park Civic Association

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Rezoning of Hotel property tabled by City's Development Commission

The City of Columbus Development Commission in February voted to table an application that would allow the Community Shelter Board to rezone a hotel property at 1289 E. Dublin-Granville Rd. near Satinwood Dr. in Forest Park West.

The Community Shelter Board requested a rezoning of the property from Commercial to Residential. That would have permitted the use of the former Red Carpet Inn property for long-term, permanent housing for disabled homeless persons under lease to Homefull. The property includes 82 units (formerly hotel rooms). The Community Shelter Board and Homefull currently administer a similar property at a former hotel located at 1111 Mediterranean Ave. between Busch Blvd. and I-71.

The city's tabling of the application allows the applicant to return to the Commission with answers to the many concerns presented if they choose to pursue this rezoning.

The Commission indicated that it was otherwise prepared to vote against the rezoning. Unless the Community Shelter Board can overcome the many practical challenges of the location, this rezoning will likely not happen.

Thank you to more than 60 residents who attended the Forest Park Civic Association meeting in January on this issue and everyone who emailed comments to the city. Thank you to FPCA president Ed Vanasdale and NCC co-chair Dave Paul for their many hours of volunteer work (on this issue and many others).



Dave Paul explains more to residents at January FPCA meeting about the variance request that guest speakers planned to present to Columbus Development Commission

At the city's hearing, the Northland Community Council's Development Commission co-chairs - including Forest Park East's Dave Paul - presented a argument that this location is not right for the proposed use of serving as permanent housing for disabled homeless people. Among many obstacles for success, he noted that the hotel is 52 years old, would require substantial and expensive renovations to bring it up to code, is located on a highway with no green space or sidewalks, the building includes no common area, and it is not near a grocery or pharmacy.

The NCC Development Commission considered this application at its Jan. 26 meeting and voted 15-0 to recommend that the City of Columbus **DISAPPROVE** (reject) the rezoning.

The NCC and local residents were also concerned that the rezoning to Residential could allow future property owners or lease-holders to rent the units with little oversight.

The city's Development Commission agreed. Comments from the chairman included the following: "I think everyone agrees this is a terrible location... nothing in it lends itself to get modified for the use... the cheapest solution is to tear this building down... the changes required to bring it up to code for the proposed use is prohibitive."

As Dave Paul noted, "We want them to be successful, but we agree this is not the right location."

FPCA Meeting

Tuesday, March 14
7 pm

Epworth United Methodist Church
5100 Karl Rd

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See page 4

SAVE THE DATES

April 8-Easter Egg Hunt at
Woodward Park Rec Center

May 20-FPCA Community
Garage Sale

July 4-Northland Parade &
FPCA Bikes & Trikes

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13. **VACANCY**.....
14. **VACANCY**.....

City Code Enforcement
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Daryl & Katie Van Mercetta, Officer Yandrich
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Area Representatives Needed

We are seeking volunteers to represent your block for several open Area Representative positions. Area Reps attend monthly meetings, share information with neighbors and bring local concerns to our attention.

Area 4 in Forest Park West, including Sandalwood, Redwood, Driftwood, Ironwood and Hazelwood.

Area 13 in Forest Park East, including Rolling Rock, Kilbourne Run, and Minerva Park Pl.

Area 14 in Forest Park East, including the Lyle and Denise block.

Volunteer or submit questions at volunteerfpcac@gmail.com.



Monthly Financial Report - January, 2023

<u>Income</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Household Membership	\$75.00	\$11,750.00	\$14,000.00	\$2,250.00
Business Membership	\$150.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	(\$250.00)
Forester				
Advertising	\$0.00	\$7,430.00	\$8,200.00	\$770.00
Additional Donations	\$5.00	\$897.00	\$300.00	(\$597.00)
Supplemental Security	\$5.00	\$2,337.00	\$2,000.00	(\$337.00)
Beautification	\$0.00	\$977.00	\$600.00	(\$377.00)
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$265.00	\$260.00	(\$5.00)
Interest	\$0.17	\$1.73	\$4.00	\$2.27
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Total Income	\$235.17	\$24,007.73	\$26,464.00	\$2,456.27
<u>Expenses</u>				
Membership				
PayPal Fees	\$2.66	\$47.10	\$70.00	\$22.90
Annual Mailing Printing	\$0.00	\$1,497.46	\$1,500.00	\$2.54
USPS Bulk Mail Permit	\$0.00	\$1,370.00	\$1,370.00	\$0.00
Outreach Day	\$0.00	\$62.93	\$125.00	\$62.07
Forester				
Printing	\$0.00	\$7,880.00	\$9,850.00	\$1,970.00
Bags	\$0.00	\$774.00	\$1,425.00	\$651.00
Supplemental Security	\$1,318.75	\$6,231.25	\$10,000.00	\$3,768.75
Beautification				
Island Maintenance	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$690.00	(\$60.00)
Neighborhood Beautification	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Committees				
Welcome	\$0.00	\$493.79	\$500.00	\$6.21
Social	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Parade	\$0.00	\$264.28	\$200.00	(\$64.28)
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$96.14	\$125.00	\$28.86
Office Expenses				
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$24.00	\$50.00	\$26.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$0.00
NCC	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$0.00
Banquet	\$0.00	\$151.00	\$151.00	\$0.00
PO Box	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$232.00	\$232.00
Other	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$100.00	\$85.00
Total Expenses	\$1,321.41	\$20,301.95	\$27,033.00	\$6,731.05
Net	(\$1,086.24)	\$3,705.78	(\$569.00)	(\$4,274.78)

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Treasurer Report
Submitted by
Cheryl Lutman

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**FOREST PARK SPRING
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Saturday, May 20, 2023**

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 20 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 **Wednesday May 17th** to Mary Sguerra, 5395 Pine Bluff Rd. Columbus, OH 43229

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



This month, FPCA has randomly placed 2 LUCKY GLITTER TICKETS, one in FP West, one in FP EAST inside the March 2023 Forester. If you find this ticket while you are reading your Forester, follow the directions and contact the person on the ticket to claim your gift card. We hope to continue this a couple of months a year, Good Luck !!!



FPCA Supplemental Security

Hello Forest Park! We have gotten reports that speeding in the area has increased so the police are taking action in the Northland area (not just our portion of it), looking for speeders and giving out a lot of tickets. So, if you're a Linda or Larry Leadfoot, beware. Keep in mind that most of the roads that make up our neighborhood are only 25 MPH (the main arteries are mostly 30-35 and should be posted) maximum speed limit, so if it feels like you might be speeding, you probably are. This is to keep the neighborhood and residents of it safe and not just to be a speeder, add in a pinch of distracted driving, a person crossing the street or kid chasing a toy, and you have a recipe for disaster. In that same vein, going too far under the speed limit can be dangerous as well; especially on a main thoroughfare like Morse Road or SR 161. Know the rules of the road and if you're not sure about directions, pull over until you figure it out. Be sure to keep an eye out for the crime report from Officer Yandrich, located on page 6 of this March Forester.

Supplemental Security News



annoying. Take a



Remember, if you're a paid Forest Park Civic Association member, only \$25 a year for the whole household, included in your membership is supplemental security. Simply return the form below to Daryl at dvanmercetta@gmail.com or 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, OH 43229 or fill it out online at FPCivic.org.

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

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Mail to:
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Forest Park Civic Association Meeting

Date: 14 Feb 2023

Location: Epworth United Methodist Church

Meeting called to order @ 7:02PM 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

1. Elections were held for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The slate of candidates included Ed Vanasdale (P), Trevor Secord (VP), Lou Bernard (S), and Cheryl Lutman (T). All ran unopposed, and were reelected. Assistant City Attorney, Sarah Pomeroy, joined the meeting via Zoom and swore in all officers, committee chairs, and area reps who were present.

2. Ed thanked all who attended the different meetings about the hotel issue. They went down to the meeting of the Development Commission of the City of Columbus. The committee suggested the Shelter Bd. table the issue until they can come back with a new proposal that will answer the serious concerns the commission had. The FPCA and NCC reps will be back at the future meetings to stand up for our neighborhood!! Your membership dollars at work!

Vice President's Report Trevor Secord tsecord@une.edu

Gave NCC Report (see report in March Forester issue)

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

1. Attendance:

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

Officers/Committee Chairs Absent: FQ, AR, ER, KG, KVM

Area Reps in Attendance: 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11

Area Reps Absent: 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14 (Areas 4, 13 and 14 remain vacant)

23 people in attendance/Guest Speaker: City Attorney Sarah Pomeroy

2. Reviewed and approved minutes from the January meeting.

Treasurer's Report Cheryl Lutman - cllutman17@gmail.com

1. 3 new household memberships

2. Shout out to the FP Business Reps—2 new business memberships - Forest Park Christian School and Krieger Ford. Good work to our business membership team! And, to give a quick update, in February, we received business memberships from Cindy Fenstermaker, Massey's Pizza and Karl Road Christian Church.

3. At the end of January, we were \$250 over budget from what was projected for business memberships. With the three new ones, we are \$475 over! That definitely helps with our household membership shortfall of \$900.

4. Expenses are greatly reduced, with the final security patrols being paid and no payments for Forester Printing. We are currently positive cash flow to the tune of \$3,705.78. Remaining expenses that I am aware of for fiscal 2023 (ends March 31st), are the renewal of our post office box for approximately \$232. April Forester will be a hard copy and delivered. We probably want to carry over about \$2,800 into the next budget year (April 1st) as we'll need to renew our bulk mail permit and pay for the printing of the household data sheets before the membership income starts rolling. NOTE: there is still expense of the printed March Forester.

As a final note, Cheryl's husband is standing by to take over the advertising job. We haven't heard anything from anyone (though Massey's did pay \$40 for an ad).

Public Relations Report

Mary Sguerra - Mary.Sguerra@HERrealtors.com

1. The FP Spring Garage Sale date is being finalized and will be released soon.
2. There are not many concerns coming in from area residents, so that is good.

Long time resident and FPCA Volunteer Frank Tolbard passed away earlier this month. See the article in this Forester.

Forester Editor's Report

Rita Woeste - forester_ed@fpcivic.org

1. DUE date for March Forester items is Friday February 17. Can't stress enough need for articles/ads/photos/news in a timely manner.
 2. Could we find a volunteer who might want to contact either local schools or churches for local news from them (I don't have time to do it)?
 3. Flyer/PDF of 2023 Meeting & Due dates concerning the Forester were emailed to the FPCA list.
 4. NEED a decision this week on whether we will print the April Forester so that the printer has time to order paper, etc...
 5. Paul, our Printer is requesting: if they are planning on printing the envelopes, for membership drive, I will need some advanced notice to insure I have the envelopes – still hard to get.
 6. Need substitute delivery person to handle FPWest, Ironwood Drive for the month of March 56 homes total
 7. Looking for NEW delivery person to handle 12 homes FPEast, on Rolling Rock Court, Area 13
 8. Looking for NEW delivery person to handle FPEast, Northcliff Loop East, West & North, 37 homes, Area 10
- And possibly, NEW delivery person needed in FPWest, for Pegwood Court & Drive, 38 homes, Area 2 (Trevor Secord offered to do this route)

Supplemental Security Report

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Katie Van Mercetta - kvanmercetta@gmail.com

Dan Yandrich (CPD Liaison Officer)

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See Officer Dandrich's Report in this March Forester issue.

Business Representative

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Sheridan Landin - sheridanlandon@yahoo.com

Alan Ray - aray.bergahorn@gmail.com

1. Massey's Pizza is now a business member and donated gift cards to be used as awards by the FPCA.
2. Cal-Fit Center is seriously considering becoming a member.
3. Krieger Ford has become a member, as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welcome Committee Chair

Ellin Ray - eclair1226@gmail.com

Welcome folders were passed out to the Reps present.

Volunteer Coordinator

Scott Biggs - volunteerfpc@gmail.com

1. Thank you to Rev. Jennifer Kimball Casto of Epworth UMC for their membership and the use of the church as our meeting space.
2. We have a new official FPCA Facebook page, Twitter, and Instagram accounts. Check us out on social media.

.....continued from page 6, FPCA Feb meeting minutes

Social Activities Report Vacant

NCC Representative

Ken Gilbert - kgilbert78@att.net

See the report in article in this Forester.

NCC Development Representative

Dave Paul - dwpaul@fpcivic.org

Ed Vanasdale - evanasdale@insight.rr.com

There were 2 cases heard this month, but only one (1) case pertains to FP:

Application to permit the use of a former hotel property containing 82 units for long-term, permanent supportive housing under lease to Homefull; concurrent variances to maintain an existing vehicular easement across the property, and to maintain the existing billboard on the site; and to reduce required parking spaces to the existing 106 from the 123 required without variance for this use. Address: 1289 E Dublin-Granville Rd, 43229 • The Committee approved (15-0) RECOMMEND DISAPPROVAL of the applications.

Website Administrator Scott Biggs - volunteerf-pca@gmail.com Dave Paul - dwpaul@fpcivic.org

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OLD BUSINESS No Report

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/IDEAS

The idea was discussed to have a monthly informal get together at Gabby's. It would give residents a chance to meet and talk with the FPCA officers, committee chairs, and reps. Possible dates are being discussed. Look for more in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM

Meeting minutes submitted by Lou Bernard, Secretary, FPCA



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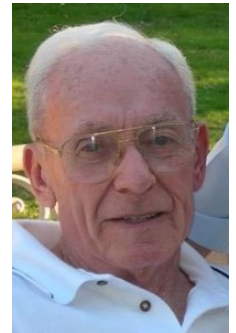
Open Wednesday thru Saturday
11am-9pm
Closed Sunday, Monday Tuesday



Location: Tamarack Circle S (Next to Circle Drive Thru)

FPCA Remembers & Gives Thanks for Frank

Forest Park was blessed to have Frank E. Tolbard, Jr. as a longtime and an original owner here in Forest Park West since 1964. Frank helped out for many, many years as a volunteer at the Forest Park Civic Association with the assembling of the Foresters at Donatos and up until his passing at age 95, he and his family continued to hand deliver Foresters here in our neighborhood. We would like to thank him and his family for their commitment to the neighborhood and to challenge others to step up in his honor to keep this tradition of volunteerism going. We have so many fond memories of him and his smile, hugs and visits at Gabby's & Sequoia Bowling. He will be missed.



Frank was a founding member of Christ the King Lutheran Church and was a current member of Rock City Church. He retired from National City Bank/PNC where he worked for over 50 years. Frank loved bowling, traveling, reading about the Civil War and spending time with family and friends. FPCA is grateful for all that Frank did for his neighborhood.

News & Updates from Officer Yandrich Columbus Police Community Liaison, 18 Precinct

1. Update: January 31, 2023, detectives have identified a suspect in this case and have filed warrants for his arrest. Travis D. Ingram Jr. has been charged with the murder of Mr. Charles T. Smith and the felonious assaults of M.S., S.W. and A.W. If you know the whereabouts of Mr. Ingram, please call the Columbus Police at 614-645-4730 or 614-461-TIPS (8477).
2. Update: January 29, 2023, 2:04pm, next of kin of victim #1 has been made, victim #1 is Charles T. Smith.
3. On January 29, 2023, at approximately 2:17am, officers were dispatched to the 1600 Block of Karl Ct. on the report of several people shot. Officers arrived at scene and found victim #1 suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. Officers rendered aid until CFD Medic #24 arrived and pronounced victim #1 deceased at 2:28am. Victims #2 and #3 were transported to a local hospital and are listed in stable condition. Victim #4, A.W., was grazed by a bullet and was treated at scene and released. Victim #1's information will be released once next of kin notification is made. Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to call Columbus Police Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Soviak is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Brammer.
4. On Monday, 1/30/2023 at 10:37 p.m. Columbus Police were dispatched to 5000 blk of Arborwood Ct. on the report of a shooting. Upon arrival Officers found the victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Victim was transported to an area hospital in critical but stable condition and is expected to survive his injuries. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Columbus Police Felony Assault Detective Stubblefield #2259 at 614-645-4141 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at 614-461-TIPS(8477).
5. I have also been writing several semis on Red Robin and on Tamarack Circle tickets. We are still under a no tow order throughout the city for parkers unless they cause a hazard to the community.
6. We just had a career day at Forest Park Elementary, the kids were very excited.
7. Resident in Forest Park West contacted me about how to deal with dogs that were running loose in the neighborhood. I was able to direct her to the correct agency and informed her as to what CPD response is.
8. Below I have provided some reference information.
 - A. Reports of dog bites occurring at the residence where the animal stays when the owner of the animal is present are taken by Columbus Health Department and the phone number is 614- 645-6134.
 - B. All other circumstances are handled by Animal Control 525-3400.
 - C. Non-vicious dogs running loose refer to Animal Control 525-3400.
 - D. Cruelty, abuse, neglect or abandonment refer to The Capital Area Humane Society 777-7387.
 - E. Chronic dog complaints refer to the City Prosecutor's Office 645-8874.

On-going Constuction at Maple Canyon & 161

The first phase of long-awaited road improvements for the SR161 corridor from Cleveland Ave to I-71 are well underway at Maple Canyon Avenue. Improvements will include the addition of pedestrian and bike facilities, new traffic signals, pavement widening, resurfacing with raised medians, and the installation of roundabouts at Maple Canyon Ave.



The second phase will follow with improvements along SR161 from Maple Canyon Ave to Amble side Dr including Beechcroft Rd and Tamarack/Sharon Woods Blvd north and south of SR161. These improvements will also include the addition of pedestrian and bike facilities, new traffic signals, pavement widening and resurfacing, raised medians on the side streets and mini roundabouts. An additional project will be undertaken on Maple Canyon north of SR161 to install sidewalk from the Fire Station to Jewett Dr. All this construction will require patience in dealing with traffic delays and detours, but in the end improvements to our infrastructure should result in better road safety and a better quality of life for all residents in Northland.



Compiled by Michael Cote, FP resident

Forest Park Business Memberships

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Jonathan Allen Landscape
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Cindy Fenstermaker
Realtor, AO Real Estate
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Restaurants

Massey's Pizza
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Shopping, Services

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614 (813-8395)

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Garden News - March 2023

As I'm writing this, we are 30 days until the first day of Spring. I don't know about you, but, to me it seemed like this winter never really got started. On a scale of one to ten, I would say this winter season was a 3. Cold enough to be annoying, punctuated with dramatic events (a snow storm or two, periods of sub zero weather), but all it all, it was tolerable. Although, it did seem like we had less days of sunshine and more days of the gloomy gray variety.

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

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

If you are planning on moving or dividing perennials, later March is the perfect time. Dormant shrubs and evergreens can be transplanted, but wait until the end of the month, early April to make sure that they don't get frozen out.

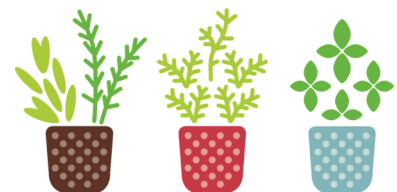
Get your yearly supply of 12-12-12 (Nitrogen – Phosphorus – Potassium) Fertilizer. I start spreading it out under my evergreens, rhodies/azaleas, and sleeping perennials in early March. I always try to time it before a good rain. You can find this at the Garden stores, most hardware stores, and especially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

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

I talked to Ron Frost, Sales Director at Ohio Mulch, at this year's Home & Garden Show. Last year was a tough time for the industry as the mulching plants in Georgia had worker and supply issues. This year, it appears that they will have a good supply of mulch in all varieties.

Here's hoping that our Spring hangs around a while and we don't just leap into Summer

The Forest Park Gardener
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Notes from the NCC February 2023 meeting

1. The **Police** reported there have been some robberies of Dollar Generals, and suspects have been arrested. Quiet month thus far otherwise.
2. **From the City attorney:** The Doll House shooting, a hearing is set and will be shut down for a while. Two hotels are making progress and are becoming close to working order. A hearing is set for bench advertising case.
3. **Keith with Karl Rd.** Library reports they have lots of great programs. Please come and check us out. Social workers group at the library, available to assist if needed first and third Tuesdays at Karl Rd branch. Black history month events at all libraries and there are specific events at Karl Rd branch specific. 150 years celebrations of the Columbus Metropolitan Library-check out events happening this year.
3. **Columbus City Council** update: New districting starting and the group will going from 7 to 9 council members. This will be implemented in January of 2024, so stay tuned to those running in your area. New committee chair list will be sent out shortly.
4. **Marcus Johnson** - homeless advocacy liaison gave a presentation. Goes to encampments within the city of Columbus to check on them and their well being. Discussed the reasoning why those choose to stay outside. Where there are camps that do not want to move or get services he is the one who connects with them to make a plan to get them moving. Discussion about panhandling took place about how that is different than encampments and what those processes are.
5. **Parade committee:** Theme for the parade is to be determined once we figure out if this is the 60th year or not.
6. **Volunteer Awards Banquet committee.** Banquet is April 20th 6-9pm at Villa Milano 1630 Schrock Rd Columbus OH 43229. Need to get volunteer of the year in to NCC by March 6th



Woodward Park Recreation Center

5147 Karl Road
614-645-3158

Easter Egg Hunt for
12-under.
April 8th, Will Start at
10am Sharp!!.



Spring Session Registration

March 14—March 19
See website for list of
programs available
[https://
columbusrecparks.com/](https://columbusrecparks.com/)

Summer Camp Registration

opens up
February 28th,
go to

<https://columbusrecparks.com/community/summer-camps/>



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Schedule for Forest Park Yard Waste & Recycle dates are:

March 3, 17, 31 & April 14, 28



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-tented 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



FPCA board re-elected for the new year

Sarah Pomeroy, a Zone Attorney with the Columbus City Attorney's Office, swore in the FPCA officers and area representatives at our February 2023 meeting. All executive officers were re-elected for 2023. You can find them listed on page 2 of each Forester newsletter. Thank you to all of our officials for your volunteer service on behalf of our community!

North YMCA & Mid-Ohio Food Collective 2023

Produce Giveaway begins March 11

10a-12p *Or until produce is gone



Volunteers needed. If you can help

Email : Alejandra Rodriguez at alejandra.rodriquez@ymcacolumbus.org

FPCA Business Membership News

We would like to thank **Kreiger Ford, Mary Sguerra with Howard Hannah Real Estate Services** and **Karl Road Christian Church** for supporting the FPCA with their continued business memberships.

We would like to welcome FPCA business member **Massey's Pizza** located in the Beechcroft Center as our newest business member.

Their memberships make the FPCA's endeavors that support community involvement and security possible. Thank you!

**Forest Park Spring 2022 GARAGE SALE ENTRY FORM - \$5.00
Saturday, May 20 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 by Weds, May 7, 2023

Make checks out to F.P.C.A.

NEIGHBORHOOD Update!



Real Estate Services



March. 2023

MARY SGUERRA

CBR \$25 MILLION CLUB
FOREST PARK RESIDENT

818-7636



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Dear Neighbors:

Now that things have settled down after the holiday season, the real estate market is beginning to pick up. If you need help in 2023 with either selling or buying a home, please give me a call! Let me show you what Howard Hanna and I can do for you. I hope you have a **GREAT 2023!**

2022 YEAR END FOREST PARK HOME SALES REPORT

STYLE & NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD		AVERAGE LIST PRICE	AVERAGE SOLD PRICE	RANGE OF SOLDS (Low-High)
2 STORY	50	\$274,486	\$283,364	\$ 215,000 - \$345,000
SPLIT	34	\$271,852	\$275,258	\$ 195,000 - \$350,000
RANCH	41	\$244,280	\$252,012	\$ 192,500 - \$300,000
BILEVEL	5	\$264,980	\$268,680	\$ 225,000 - \$313,500
TOTAL SOLD	130			

* (FYI Great News! Average Days on the market for 2022 was 8 days)

CURRENT MARKET WATCH

The following homes are **For Sale** with **Howard Hanna:**

(All of my listings are **In Contract** or **SOLD LISTINGS NEEDED** - Please give me a call today!)

Howard Hanna homes In Contract

- 5205 Honeytree Lp W Bilvl/3BR 225,000
- 5805 Satinwood Dr. Ranch/3BR 246,500 *
- 1783 Larkwood Pl. Ranch/2BR 259,900 *

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



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All Homes SOLD

Homes sold since 1/31/23

	Asking Price:	Sold Price:				
5706 Lindenwood Rd. Ranch/3BR	150,000	150,000	1833 Walden Dr.	2-Sty/3BR	275,000	256,000
1933 Denise Dr. Split/3BR	209,900	217,000	2098 Teakwood Dr. Ranch/3BR	275,000	272,000	
1673 Riverbirch Dr. Ranch/3BR	239,900	235,000	5375 Maple Canyon	2-Sty/4BR	289,000	278,000
2090 Honeytree Ct 2-Sty/4BR	259,900	250,000	1879 Northcliff Dr	Split/4BR	297,500	290,000
5496 Larkwood Rd. 2-Sty/4BR	259,900	265,000				

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 2/16/23. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer

