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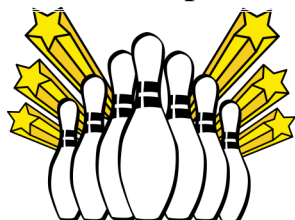
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2 events



SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday afternoon
May 20, 2022
Noon-3pm



Kids & Adults, Join us
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- ☐ Help deliver bags with my cool truck or trailer
- ☐ Help load and unload bags because I am strong
- ☐ Help organize delivery because I like telling people what to do and where to go

FPCA Meeting

Tuesday, April 11
7 pm

Epworth United Methodist Church
5100 Karl Rd



Look for the
May 2023 Forester
in your Mailbox.
It will include your membership
renewal form.

We are looking for folks to help us
Stuff membership forms & Foresters
Saturday, April 22, 2023
Starting at 1:00, location to be named
Contact Scott Biggs, 614-378-9889
volunteerfPCA@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES

April 8-Easter Egg Hunt at
Woodward Park Rec Center

May 20-FPCA Community
Garage Sale , Pg. 9

July 4-Northland Parade &
FPCA Bikes & Trikes

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WEBSITE

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NCC Development Rep

Ed Vanasdale.....614-847-1494

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Forest Park West

1. Ernie Mack.....614-436-6241 or Katrina Kerns.....614-420-4267
2. Bob Hinebaugh.....614-885-0691 Jason Bash.....614-949-8649 Bonnie Freeman....614-356-0816
3. Glenda Wylder...glendawylde@yahoo.com
4. **VACANCY**.....
5. Scott Biggs.....614-378-9889 Linda Ridenour.....614-846-3287

Forest Park East

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8. Frances Link614-657-9510
9. Jane Dean614-468-1940
10. Hilda Johnson.....614-515-7711 Heath Zuniga.....330-417-0307 Dennis Gullick.....919-394-9082
11. Linda Whitmore..614-890-1065 or Dave Paul.....614-325-8217
12. Rita Price.....614-776-4316 Francine Dillard....614-882-2717
13. **VACANCY**.....
14. **VACANCY**.....

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Michael Cote, Mary Sguerra,
Daryl & Katie Van Mercetta,
Lou Bernard, Scott Biggs, Trevor Secord

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Articles for the May, 2023 Forester are due to editor by April 14, 2023. Look for the May 2023 Forester in your MAILBOX along with your membership form.

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Kids & Adults from Dwell Community Church show off their trash grabbers as they pick up litter in the neighborhood



Monthly Financial Report - February, 2023

<u>Income</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Household Membership	\$150.00	\$11,900.00	\$14,000.00	\$2,100.00
Business Membership Forester	\$300.00	\$650.00	\$100.00	(\$550.00)
Advertising	\$40.00	\$7,470.00	\$8,200.00	\$730.00
Additional Donations	\$0.00	\$897.00	\$300.00	(\$597.00)
Supplemental Security	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.15	\$1.88	\$4.00	\$2.12
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Total Income	\$490.15	\$24,497.88	\$26,464.00	\$1,966.12
<u>Expenses</u>				
Membership				
PayPal Fees	\$0.00	\$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	\$562.50	\$6,793.75	\$10,000.00	\$3,206.25
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	\$562.50	\$20,864.45	\$27,033.00	\$6,168.55
Net	(\$72.35)	\$3,633.43	(\$569.00)	(\$4,202.43)

February 2023
Treasurer Report
Submitted by
Cheryl Lutman

The FPCA
Forester goes out
to over 2800
households each
month.

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Membership
Month.

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Kids taking a role helping the Neighborhood in Forest Park West

On March 19, a middle school small group from Dwell Community Church picked up trash in Forest Park West. They took to the streets on a chilly Sunday night, working their way down Satinwood, Ironwood, and Arborwood Roads. You may have seen them shivering, laughing, and—yes—working hard with grabbers, trash bags, and bright yellow vests. One couple stopped as they drove by and thanked the adult chaperones, who pointed out that it was the students who were doing the most work.

Forest Park resident Josh Morris mapped out the route based on the litter map from Keep Columbus Beautiful. Josh and his family also host the middle school Bible study each Sunday. “We’ve been here eight years and enjoy watching our kids grow up here,” Josh said, “We’re happy to help clean up the neighborhood.”



Various residents of the neighborhood helped out with this effort. Katie Himsforth coordinated with Keep Columbus Beautiful. “They are a great organization,” Katie said. “They were easy to work with and happy to see our students helping out.”

“It was cold!” said sixth grader Lucy Davis. “But it was also exciting doing something good.”

Another sixth grader, Aiden Leitnick, summed up the experience well: “It was worth it giving back to the community.”

Submitted by Brad DeFault

Hello Forest Park!

Earth day is almost here! Did you know that the water that runs off your yard, driveways, and sidewalks and drains into the street runs directly to the waterways? Help keep our water clean by keeping drains clear and not washing hazardous chemicals into the street. If we each commit to keeping our yards and sidewalks clean and picking up one bag of litter while out in the neighborhood, our neighborhood and water will thank you.

We've been receiving complaints about parking issues, as 311 is taking a hiatus from towing vehicles, so we thought it would be a good time to send out a reminder of parking laws. Each of the following violations can get you a ticket and a \$50 fine:

- Parking within 10 feet of a fire hydrant. This can also get busted windows if the firetruck needs access.
- Parking within 20 feet of an intersection or a crosswalk.
- Parking on the sidewalk, curb, or tree lawn area.
- Parking in front of a driveway, Parking within 30 feet of a stop sign.

When parking on the street, you also have to park in the same direction as traffic, instead of against traffic, and semis cannot be parked on residential streets, including the circle. Not only is this the city code, this is part of being a good neighbor.

Don't forget, if you're a paid member of the Forest Park Civic Association, supplemental security is included in your membership. Simply fill out the form below and return it to Daryl Van Mercetta at dvanmercetta@gmail.com or 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, OH 43229. You can also fill it out online at fpcivic.org. If you enjoy having someone watch over your home while you're away and want to keep supplemental security as an added benefit, don't forget to become a paid Forest Park Civic Association member and encourage your neighbors to join. It takes a village to build a safe community.



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

Supplemental Security News



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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Vacation Dates: Depart _____ Return _____ Please notify _____

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Who has key? _____

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Location of devices _____

Will older children be in and out? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, make and model of their car _____



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Or
Email at:
dvanmercetta@gmail.com

Forest Park Civic Association Meeting

Date: 14 Mar 2023

Location: Epworth United Methodist Church

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 PM by Ed Vanasdale

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance was taken via role call.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Ed Vanasdale ed1vanasdale@gmail.com

1. Discussed power outage last week. A large oak tree took out a major power line, 6 poles, and the back of a home. There was discussion about having AEP come to discuss general things to do in case of a power outage and other preventative measures. Ed will make calls to get a rep here as a guest speaker.

2. Cheryl Lutman discussed budget short falls and ways to address them. We are currently \$2300 in the hole. 2800 homes in FP, only 480 joined. We are going to run with the budget having a slight deficit, and hoping to get more households. A motion was put forth, voted on, and passed that the membership fee will be raised to \$30 for this year forward.

3. The question about continuing to allow Areas 13 & 14 to participate in the FPCA. They have not had a rep since anyone can remember. This will be discussed at the next meeting when membership numbers and cost involved in keeping them on, will be presented.

Due to budget and delivery concerns, the Welcome Folder will be put on hiatus. There will soon be a meeting to discuss the future upgrade of the Welcome Folder.

Vice President Trevor Secord tsecord@une.edu

NCC Rep Report

Secretary Lou Bernard - loubernard3@gmail.com

1. Attendance:

- 1 Officers/Committee Chairs Present: EV, TS, LB, CL, MS, RW, DVM, KVM, MB, SB, KG, DP
- 2 Officers/Committee Chairs Absent: FQ, AR, SL, ER (Social Activities remains vacant)
- 3 Area Reps in Attendance: 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11
- 4 Area Reps Absent: 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14 (Areas 4, 13 and 14 remain vacant)

2. Minutes from February were reviewed, approved, and voted into the official record.

Treasurer Cheryl Lutman - cllutman17@gmail.com

1. Please see the Treasurer's report in this month's Forester. We received 6 household memberships and 4 business memberships - Schoedinger Funeral Home, Massey's Pizza, Karl Road Christian Church and Cindy Fenstermaker.

2. Expenses were limited to our security patrols.

3. Right now, we have a surplus. We have the check written to Insley Printing for \$985 for the March Forester clearing in early March, plus just paid for three more security patrols - \$562. We also need to renew our PO Box later this month, and that is \$248

4. So far in March, we have one household membership and Mary S. renewed her business membership. Plus, we have advertisers checks of \$770 to deposit.

5. Cheryl has prepared and filed our 990-PF last week. No taxes were due.

Public Relations

Mary Sguerra - marysguerra@howardhanna.com

1. May 20th FP Garage Sale.

2. May 20th FP Bowling Party from 12-3 pm, \$15/person to bowl, free shoes, 3 hours of bowling at Sequoia Lanes. There will be another day for a bowling party on September 17th.

3 new business memberships! Sequoia is one of them!! Circle Drive Thru and Circle Smoke Shop and Gabby's are now business members.

Forester Editor's Rita Woeste - forester_ed@fpcivic.org

1. Articles are due by Friday the 17th.

2. There is a lucky ticket in one bag for FP East and FP West. The ticket entitles you to a gift card, please contact Rita.

3. Membership Month in May. April 22nd, Saturday will be the stuffing day for this year's membership drive.

Looking for people to help deliver Foresters.

4. Our new advertising manager, Lowell Lutman, went through all the advertising information received, and is reaching out to the advertisers to find out about the next issue. We will be emailing the invoices and his email for this purpose is

fpcnewsletter.ad.manager@gmail.com. Please direct anyone making inquiries there. All payments should be sent to:

Forest Park Civic Association

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Columbus, OH 43229

Supplemental Security

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Katie Van Mercetta - kvanmercetta@gmail.com

Dan Yandrich (CPD Liaison Officer)

dyandrich@columbuspolice.org 614.645.1418

1. Supplemental Security continues to operate in the neighborhood. 2 house checks this month.

2. Stay vigilant and stay in contact with your neighbors.

No report from Officer Yandrich.

Business Representative

Marty Biggs - Marlynabiggs@yahoo.com

Sheridan Landin - sheridanlandon@yahoo.com - Absent

Alan Ray - aray.bergahorn@gmail.com - Absent

No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welcome Committee Chair

Ellin Ray - eclair1226@gmail.com - Absent

1. There are welcome folders to pass out. Area reps need to attend meetings to get the folders to pass out to our new neighbors.

Volunteer Coordinator Scott Biggs - volunteerfpc@gmail.com

1. The Library and Rec Center have been contacted about becoming regular contributors to the Forester. No word back from them.

2. Working with Dave Paul to update our FP database of members and households.

3. Mulch Sale/Fundraiser: Ohio Mulch will sell us mulch at a discounted price and then we sell it to residents for a fundraiser. A vote was taken and there will be the first annual FP Mulch Sale.

4. Thanks to all those residents helping to maintain the flower boxes at the entrances to the neighborhood.

5. We have a potential member to become Area 4 Rep. That will be confirmed by next week.

Thanks to all volunteers and reps you are doing great.

Social Activities Vacant - No Report

NCC Representative

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Trevor Secord - tsecord@une.edu

See separate article in the Forester

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.....continued from pg 6, FPCA March meeting minutes

NCC Development Representative

Ed Vanasdale - evanasdale@insight.rr.com

4 cases were heard. But only one near or concerning FP:

Application to reduce the building setback from 110 feet from R/W to 12 feet from the future right of way Horizon Science Academy Inc., 2350 Morse Rd, 43229

- The Committee approved (16-0) a motion (by FPCA/BCCA) to RECOMMEND APPROVAL WITH ONE (1) CONDITION:
- That the text of the Statement of Support and the site plan be revised to reflect that the variance requested is modified, from 12' from the future R/W, to 70' from the existing R/W with approval of a waiver of Right of Way Dedication recommended by the Division of Traffic Management.

Website Administrator Scott Biggs - volunteerfpc@gmail.com

Dave Paul - dwpaul@fpcivic.org

The website has been updated, and old links have been fixed. If you have any problems using or accessing anything on the website, please let us know.

OLD BUSINESS

The last Thursday of every month, various FPCA officers, committee chairs, and reps will be meeting at Gabby's at Tamarack Circle for conversation and cheer. Come and meet the FPCA leadership and share your good ideas and some goodwill. We will meet from around 6:30-8:30. We are hoping to make this a regular happening, and we look forward to seeing you.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/IDEAS

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM

Meeting minutes submitted by Lou Bernard, Secretary, FPCA



1873-2023

The Columbus Metropolitan Library celebrated their Sesquicentennial, 150 years, with various programs at the different Library branches across Columbus in March.

The Karl Road branch had a Jazz Band for entertainment on March 4th and the crowd really enjoyed the music.

Check out what the Library has to offer at
www.columbuslibrary.org

Forest Park Civic Association 2023 - 2024 Draft Budget

Income

Household Membership	\$14,400.00
Business Membership	\$750.00
Forester	
Advertising	\$7,500.00
Additional Donations	\$1,000.00
Supplemental Security	\$2,000.00
Beautification	\$1,000.00
Garage Sale	\$260.00
Interest	\$2.00
Other	\$2,000.00
Total Income	\$28,912.00

Expenses

Membership	
PayPal Fees	\$70.00
Annual Mailing Printing	\$1,015.00
USPS Bulk Mail Permit	\$1,600.00
Outreach Day	\$125.00
Forester	
Printing	\$10,835.00
Bags	\$2,370.00
Supplemental Security	\$10,000.00
Beautification	
Island Maintenance	\$690.00
Neighborhood Beautification	\$150.00
Committees	
Welcome	\$0.00
Social	\$500.00
Parade	\$275.00
Garage Sale	\$100.00
Office Expenses	
Office Supplies	\$50.00
Insurance	\$475.00
NCC	\$170.00
Banquet	\$150.00
PO Box	\$232.00
Other	\$100.00
Total Expenses	\$28,907.00

FPCA Budget to be voted on at May Meeting

FPCA Treasurer presented the 2023-24 proposed budget for the FPCA at the March 14th meeting. FPCA board members had met previously to find ways to cut costs. One suggestion is to cut printed publications of the Forester or cut security hours and those instances may happen depending on memberships we receive for the year.

Above is the proposed budget for the upcoming budget year of April 2023 to March 2024. This tentative budget will need to be voted on at our April 11th meeting at Epworth United Methodist Church on Karl Road at 7 pm. All Forest Park Neighbors are invited to attend to hear the discussion on budget plans so that we can approve it and plan for our membership drive for the next year.

Remember this group, FPCA, is your Neighborhood Civic Association but it doesn't exist without your membership or your help and input to the needs of the neighborhood. Join us at a meeting or email any board members listed on page 2 of this publication with your comments or concerns.

The Forest Park Gardener –April, 2023

I'm a bird lover. I admit it, I feed them, and I love the animation that it brings to my garden. However, I've been reading recent studies that indicate that this is not without risk. It can encourage the spread of Avian diseases, the alteration of migratory behavior, and the support of invasive species (aka House Sparrow!) to outcompete native birds (bluebirds, for one). I was astounded to learn that Americans spend over \$5 billion a year on bird food and feeders.



Are there ways to encourage our avian hobby and mitigate the risks? Of course, and in the long run, it will save us \$\$!

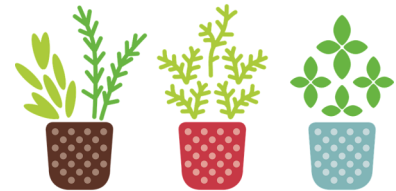
1. Consider adding Native Plants to your garden. These plants will provide nectar and seeds during the season. Consider plants that produce berries as well as blooms. Not only birds will benefit, but also the butterflies, and bees as well. When visiting the garden store, be sure to ask if plants you are considering, are native to our area. Many native species have been hybridized, to include new colors, or characteristics. Not all Coneflowers are alike!
2. Remember that not all birds eat seeds! Allow an area where you leave leaf debris, sticks, and brush, to encourage insect populations and give a secure area of protection for birds. This can be a man-made pile behind your shed, or a live area. For instance, between my house and my neighbor's, we have a tall privet hedge. It offers all the same benefits, as well as additional privacy. I can always see birds scratching around down there, especially during nesting season. And, when the Cooper Hawk, or Neighborhood Cats come around – they have a place to hide!
3. Avoid or minimize the use of herbicide/insecticide and rodenticides. I'm not saying if you have a mouse problem that you don't take care of it but consider how it is being done.

A word about Native Plants: Many people get the words *invasive* and *aggressive* confused.

An *Invasive* Species refers to a plant that is not native to the area. It is normally something that is brought in, either intentionally or unintentionally. The Callery Pear, and Amur Honeysuckle are two good examples – they outcompete other species, causing damage to the ecosystem, and they don't stay contained in an area. A few examples we all know is Bishop's Weed and the dastardly Mock Strawberry.

An *Aggressive* Species refers to a plant that simply spreads in their immediate environment. Native Plants can be aggressive. Many gardeners purchase plants so that they will spread and fill in spots in the garden. However, these generally stay localized, and just create work for the gardener when they overgrow their targeted area – think Ostrich Ferns, Trumpet Creeper, and Mondarda (Bee Balm).

I've also had some questions about whether our Frost Date is changing. Historically the Last Spring Frost Date for our area has been May 15th. That is the date after which tender vegetation is safe to be inserted in the landscape (tomatoes, peppers, petunias, tropical hibiscus).



The USDA Plant Hardiness Zone now has Columbus as a Zone 6a. Zone 6 has medium length growing season. With a last frost date of May 1st and first frost date of November 1st. These dates will vary a week or two so it's important to watch the weather before planting. Remember the ground is colder than the air temperature in the spring, and for your plants to thrive, allowing the ground to warm a bit can make all the difference.

Happy Gardening! I'll see you outside! - Lisa Dove: ForestParkGardener@gmail.com

Walk With a Doc is Back & Ready to go in April

The Woodward Park neighborhood walking club begins its 2023 schedule on April 1st & 15th at 9AM. Take a step towards better health by registering online at Columbusrecparks.com/WalkWithADoc. Meet us at the Community Center near the picnic tables each 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from April - October. You'll get to meet new people, learn about a health topic from a local doctor, take walks at your own pace & distance, observe wildlife in the Nature Preserve, and even get a free t-shirt after your third Saturday walk!



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

Howard Hanna Real Estate

Services

614-818-7636

Columbus Window & Siding

Doug Bond

614-453-5332

Jonathan Allen Landscape

jallen8352@wowway.com

614-899-6085

Cindy Fenstermaker

Realtor, AO Real Estate

614-323-3173

Restaurants/ Entertainment

Massey's Pizza

1951 E. Dublin-Granville Rd

614 (888-0022)

Sequoia Pro Bowl

5501 Sandalwood Blvd

614-885-7043

Shopping, Services

Toro Meat Market

1405 E. Dublin-Granville Rd

614 (813-8395)

Kreiger Ford

1800 Morse Road

614-783-3673

Circle Smoke Shop

1852 Tamarack Circle South

614-396-7837

Circle Drive Thru

1848 Tamarack Circle S

614-505-0032



FOREST PARK SPRING COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

**Saturday, May 20,
2023**



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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

Forest Park Spring 2022 GARAGE SALE ENTRY FORM - \$5.00 Saturday, May 20 9-3pm

Name _____

Address _____

Email: _____

phone#: _____ Make checks out to F.P.C.A.

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 17, 2023

Hello Forest Park Neighbors!!

We have a beautiful neighborhood. Let's work together to keep it beautiful, clean and safe.

This is a reminder of things you can do to make your property more attractive.

1. Cut your hedges and mow your lawn in a timely manner. Over grown lawn and hedges can earn you a visit from the code enforcement division. (614-645-3111)
2. Keep your lawn free of trash down to the street gutters, don't let lawn cuttings clog up street gutters.
3. Call 614-645-3111 for bulk pick-up like old furniture and larger items that don't fit in your trash can
4. Green trash cans & Blue recycle cans should be placed beside your home or back yard until the night before pick-up.
5. Place those trash cans at the curb by your driveway no more than 12 hours prior to pick-up and remove them within 24 hours after the pick-up date.
6. Parking cars on the grass is not permissible, could earn another visit from code enforcement
7. Cars parked in your driveway should not block the sidewalk.
8. Permanent storage of your RV's, camping trailers and work/utility trailers should be behind the front line of your home on a paved surface. The city allows up to two days for loading/unloading campers in the driveway before and after a trip.
9. If you want to expand a driveway you need a zoning clearance from the City of Columbus
10. Inspect your sidewalks for debris and/or needed repairs. As a homeowner you are responsible for maintaining safe sidewalks. If the tree is between the street curb and sidewalk and causing to the sidewalk, the city will repair the problem but you need to call 614-645-3111 and file a request.
11. Speed limit in our neighborhood is 25 mph so please be aware of kids, folks walking dogs, and bike riders. Some kids are not always aware of oncoming cars.



If you and all of your neighbors keep their homes safe, clean and beautiful then we can all continue to enjoy Forest Park, the neighborhood we call HOME!!!

Thanks, Ernie Mack, Area 1 FP-West representative

Northland Community Council Meeting

Date: March 7, 2023

Notes from Trevor Secord, NCC Rep, FPCA VP

Police - thefts of catalytic converters are way down so far. Doll House will stay closed until April 15th. Still can not impound any cars. Small thefts are occurring but are being tracked for upcoming arrests.



Sara Pomeroy - Asst. City Attorney - They have sent the owners of the two local businesses who had shootings letters to inform them of the possible problem business. Runs at those locations are very limited. Doll House is closed until injunction hearing and liquor hearing. Most likely will not reopen. Hotels are on court orders and following procedures. Business benches are set for court hearings next week.

Col. Metro Library - library cards have benefits to a number of businesses for discounts. Go to the library website for a list of organizations. Working with National Geographic to bring an exhibit to give a Teen Art Showcase and monthly events highlighting cultural events. Events are available online to view from home or at the library.

NABA - quarterly lunch on March 28th that can be registered on the website. Looking for ideas for uses of the grant funds to beautify 161.

Community liaison - Alfred's last day in the role is in two weeks but until the position is full please keep sending Alfred emails.

John O'Grady from Franklin County Auditor's office - Affordable Housing Resource Fair is happening at the Southwood location. There will be over 40 vendors and resources for folks to get information. This Saturday March 11.

The three year appraisal process is up for evaluation and they are asking for community input. Please see the website for information and guides on what to expect in this year's reappraisal.

Niyah from in house city council structure - discussion on new structure

Two year process to analyze data and work on a new map and how new additional council members would fit into a new structure. Map will be in execution at the next voting cycle and the new structure will take effect in January of 2024.

Benefit is that you will have someone locally in your district that lives in your space and knows your community.

Treasurer report - annual dues are due June Meeting. \$75 fee for banquet and not \$60. Small expenditures in February and all can be found on the website. Motions were made and approved.

Banquet committee - none

Parade - Georgeann Wells is our grand marshal who is from Northland and the first woman to dunk a basketball in NCAA history. Zoom link will be sent to the general NCC list. Grant needs to be submitted for money from the City. Meeting is at 5100 Karl rd. Motion was made to allow electronic payment for applicants via Square. Motion was passed

Code enforcement - many issues are around flood lights and those are not necessarily allowed if not kept to lighting their property only. Two issues of illegal dumping. Mobile food vendors are still an issue.

[https://
www.columbus.gov
/publicservice/
RecyColumbus/](https://www.columbus.gov/publicservice/RecyColumbus/)



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

**April 14, 28
&
May 12, 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

**NO BULK ITEMS WILL
BE COLLECTED
UNLESS THE RESIDENT
SCHEDULES**

10% NEIGHBORHOOD DISCOUNT for Forest Park Homeowners



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FOR 1 YEAR (with approved credit)**

2023 Free Produce Giveaway North YMCA

Every 2nd Saturday of each month through December.

Next Giveaway: April 8 - 10AM -Noon.

First Come - First Served
Rain or Shine. Drive-thru.



Open to all eligible low-income Franklin County residents with a photo ID.

Volunteers needed!!

Contact: Alejandra.Rodriguez@ymcacolumbus.org

Woodward Park Recreation Center

5147 Karl Road
Call 614-645-3158 for info



**Easter Egg Hunt
for 12-under.**

April 8th, Will Start at 10am
Sharp!!

NEIGHBORHOOD Update!



Real Estate Services

April. 2023



HAPPY EASTER!



MARY SGUERRA

CBR \$25 MILLION CLUB
FOREST PARK RESIDENT

818-7636

Dear Neighbors:

IF I LIST YOUR HOME.....START PACKING !!

I've got a problem! Normally I'd run an ad telling you about my listings in **FOREST PARK**.

But I can't do that. Why? Because I **SOLD** or put **In-Contract** all of them!!

Every single Forest Park owner who hired me during the calendar year 2022 to sell their home has been rewarded with a trip to a closing table! I'm pretty proud of this record!

Chances are that we start at your kitchen table, we'll finish at a closing table!

You gotta **LOVE** the odds!

Spring has arrived & now is a great time to get your house on the market and to start looking for another home or condominium. The real estate market is very active and you might be surprised at what your house is worth in today's market. Please give me a call - **Let me show you what Howard Hanna and I can do for you!**

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

5321 Karl Rd Ranch/3BR 229,900 * I/C 2 days

1783 Larkwood Pl. Ranch/2BR 259,900 * I/C 4 Days

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

All Homes SOLD

Homes sold since 2/16/23

	Asking Price:	Sold Price:				
5759 Loganwood Rd	Ranch/4BR	219,900	240,000	1369 Ironwood Dr.	Split/3BR	259,900 252,500
5205 Honeytree Lp W Bilvl	3BR	225,000	227,000	1816 Cedar Willow Dr	2-Sty/4BR	320,000 305,000
1914 Denise Dr.	2-Sty/3BR	240,000	240,000	1989 Torchwood Dr.	Split/3BR	299,900 290,000
5805 Satinwood Dr.	Ranch/3BR	246,500	240,000	5137 Northtowne Bl	2-Sty/4BR	344,900 325,000

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 3/17/23. 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!**