



# The Forester

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## A Lazy Person's Guide to Improved Neighborhood Security

So this past month, we took great steps to boost our street's security. We had a great time doing it and we took the laziest route doing so: A midweek neighborhood party.

Now my wife would debate on the degree of "laziness," as she was the hero by going door to door a couple times dropping off notes on people's doors with the invite, date and time. With all the things waiting on our front doors from solicitors, a party invitation was certainly a welcomed change.

Now I had the harder bit of work. First, I had to not vacuum our house. I did not have to clear off our dining room table. I did not have to scrub the kitchen floor and I did not have to clean the cat's litter box (by the way, our cat has a strange imagination for what a litter box is and is not, but that's for another article). I did not have to make sure we had enough seats and I did not have to answer the front door repeatedly.

I did have to take our gas grill and move it to our sidewalk to begin grilling hotdogs. A package of 100 was more than enough. However, if you try to replicate this, be warned. My wife said that a single package of hot dogs from GFS costs \$600 but comes with a free apple watch.

Then the neighbors came. They brought lawn chairs and contributed food (and even spirits). And it was absolutely fantastic. I met people who lived four houses down that I had never known previously. It was really neat to see neighbors that I separately knew begin to meet with each other for the first time and talk. People were in a great mood and unless the weather intervened it would have gone late into the evening.

So what is the connection to Neighborhood Security? Knowing your neighbors, their lives, and their personal stories will give an appreciation for their daily tendencies. It provides context for when something is "not right" and when some helpful checking is in order. It will also make you more motivated to extend that care for your neighbor in the process.

Sometimes we overthink, over prepare and make things overly formal at the expense of not doing them. A mid-week block party like this is something that can boost the morale of your street. There's plenty of time to do something like this before the winter months and I hope you consider entertaining it!!

-Mike Stone

## Trains and Garden are back again in September

Looking for something different and fun to do with the family after LABOR DAY? It's that time of year again! The Columbus Garden Railway Society (CGRS) is having our 2023 Fall Garden Tour **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**, from 1-5pm. Rain (bring an umbrella) or shine the tour is on! At press time there are currently sixteen garden railways open for your enjoyment



The closest site for our neighborhood is the Crawford Valley RR #8 on the website listing and one on Norma #7 The Ohio River and Western RR in Columbus, along with the #3 Sweet Hollow RR and the #4 Hacker Express RR in Westerville. Others on the tour this year are in Worthington, Upper Arlington, Marysville, Johnstown and Mt Sterling. A complete list and locations for this year's tour is available at [www.thecgrs.org](http://www.thecgrs.org) / **2023-RR-Tour link** on the home page for details (check in a few days before the event for the latest list with addresses). There is a map you can download and print with all the information.

## SEPTEMBER Events in Forest Park

### Forest Park Civic Meeting

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 –7pm  
Epworth United Methodist Church  
5100 Karl Rd

**Sunday, September 10**  
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Articles for the October, 2023 Forester are  
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Oct 2023 Forester at your door by the first  
Sunday, October 1st

Join FPCA, just \$30, helps with costs of  
this Forester publication

If you can help with delivering the Forester  
in your neighborhood, contact Rita Woeste  
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.....continued from page 1, **Trains & Garden Tour**

Membership in the Columbus Garden Railway Society (CGRS) is open to anyone. While the name of the organization refers to garden railroading, ownership of a garden railroad is not necessary. The Columbus Garden Railway Society (CGRS) is a unique, organization whose goals are to have fun with garden railroading and the sharing information on the hobby. The group is simply an informal gathering of people interested in gardening and railroading. We all subscribe the 10-foot rule, which loosely translates to "If it looks good from 10 feet away, then it is good enough". Membership in the Columbus Garden Railway Society (CGRS) is open to anyone. While the name of the organization refers to garden railroading, ownership of a garden railroad is not necessary. Many of our members have a G-scale railroad in their garden or yard, others may have one in their basement or other room of their home, and yet others may choose to not have one at all. That is not important. What is important is that all of our members share a common interest and love of our hobbies.

Well behaved kids are always welcome!  
Each RR will have information about  
their garden railroad and information  
about the other participating members.

Come and say hi to your neighbors and  
watch the trains run in the gardens!

-Time & Lisa Dove



## FPCA Bowling Day

Sequoia Lanes, FP West

5501 Sandalwood Blvd

Sunday September 17

Noon-3pm

Kids & Adults,  
\$15 includes shoes and 2 hours  
of bowling per person.

Join your Neighbors  
for an afternoon of  
fun and exercise.  
FPCA Reps will  
host the event and  
be available for any  
questions.



## Monthly Financial Report - July 2023

<u>Income</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Household Membership	\$990.00	\$10,925.00	\$14,400.00	\$3,475.00
Business Membership	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$750.00	\$525.00
Forester				
Advertising	\$790.00	\$3,095.00	\$7,500.00	\$4,405.00
Additional Donations	\$31.67	\$633.34	\$1,000.00	\$366.66
Supplemental Security	\$89.17	\$1,460.84	\$2,000.00	\$539.16
Beautification	\$44.17	\$570.84	\$1,000.00	\$429.16
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$165.00	\$260.00	\$95.00
Mulch Sale	\$200.00	\$5,665.00	\$0.00	(\$5,665.00)
Welcome Committee	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	(\$170.00)
Interest	\$0.17	\$0.66	\$2.00	\$1.34
Other	\$65.00	\$1,665.00	\$2,000.00	\$335.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,380.17</b>	<b>\$24,575.67</b>	<b>\$28,912.00</b>	<b>\$4,336.33</b>
<u>Expenses</u>				
Membership				
PayPal Fees	\$2.72	\$87.82	\$70.00	(\$17.82)
Annual Mailing Printing	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$1,015.00	\$735.00
USPS Bulk Mail Permit	\$0.00	\$1,630.00	\$1,600.00	(\$30.00)
Outreach Day	\$82.15	\$82.15	\$125.00	\$42.85
Forester				
Printing	\$0.00	\$2,955.00	\$10,835.00	\$7,880.00
Bags	\$0.00	\$1,044.90	\$2,370.00	\$1,325.10
Supplemental Security	\$250.00	\$1,887.50	\$10,000.00	\$8,112.50
Beautification				
Island Maintenance	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$690.00	\$650.00
Neighborhood Beautification	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Committees				
Welcome	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Social	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Parade	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$51.96	\$100.00	\$48.04
Mulch Sale	\$61.87	\$3,829.33	\$0.00	(\$3,829.33)
Office Expenses				
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$475.00
NCC	\$0.00	\$185.00	\$170.00	(\$15.00)
Banquet	\$0.00	\$79.70	\$150.00	\$70.30
PO Box	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$232.00	\$232.00
Other	\$17.00	\$67.50	\$100.00	\$32.50
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$413.74</b>	<b>\$12,220.86</b>	<b>\$28,907.00</b>	<b>\$16,686.14</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$1,966.43</b>	<b>\$12,354.81</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>(\$12,349.81)</b>

JULY, 2023  
Treasurer Report  
Submitted by  
Cheryl Lutman

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## FPCA would like to THANK:

The following groups did more than help us out with recent spring mulch sale and we want to make sure you know about their businesses.

Tyler Miller and Daniel Purdy for their big help of donating their time during our Mulch Sale of moving many bags of mulch & an extra thank you goes out to Tyler for spreading the mulch on both islands at Karl Rd. If you need any yardwork done, please feel free to reach out to either of them for an estimate. They both live here in Forest Park.

**Tyler Miller - 614-897-5372**  
**Daniel Purdy - 614-216-4565**

Thanks to Moegling Home Remodeling and Martin's Dumpster for supplying extra people power and trailers to load and unload all of the bags of mulch. Both of these businesses live here in Forest Park too. The FPCA Mulch sale would not have been a success without these 3 groups of hard workers.

**Moegling Home Remodeling—330-301-3845**  
**Martin's Dumpster—614-600-9426**

# FOREST PARK SPRING COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE Saturday, September 16, 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 September 16 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 September 13** to Mary Sguerra, 5395 Pine Bluff Rd. Columbus, OH 43229

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

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

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Hello Forest Park! Did anyone else hear gun shots? When you hear something that sounds like gunfire, posting the report to social media trying to obtain confirmation only delays the police's response time. Instead, you should call 911 if it's an emergency or contact the non-emergency police phone number at 614-645-4545 if you're not sure if what you heard was actually gunfire. Be sure to provide as many details as possible, such as time, location, number of shots fired, etc. when contacting the police. The more information available, the better. Only after you report it to authorities should you share the information on social media so others know that it's already been reported and have (hopefully) already reported it themselves. You can also utilize certain apps, such as the Citizen app, to search for reports in the area.



The Kia Boyz are seemingly still active in the area and are still stealing Kias to take out on joyrides. If you own a Kia, it may be advisable to park your car in the garage or use an anti-theft deterrent, such as a Club to protect your vehicle. Now is also a good time to remind you to keep your car doors locked when leaving your car unattended, even in your driveway, and to not leave any valuables in your car. Thieves tend to go after easy targets, such as unlocked cars, and we want to send a message that Forest Park is not an easy target.

The City has advised that they are now towing vehicles again. If you see a code violation, such as a broken down vehicle parked on the street, semis parked in the circle, etc., they can be reported to 311 and will be investigated. The tow lots were previously full but have enough room to resume towing instead of just ticketing.



Don't forget, if you're planning a trip as summer winds down and you're a paid member of the Forest Park Civic Association (only \$30 for the entire year for the entire household!), Supplemental Security is included in your membership. Simply return the form below to Daryl Van Mercetta at [dvanmercetta@gmail.com](mailto:dvanmercetta@gmail.com) or 2131 Honeytree Court, or fill it out online at [fpcivic.org](http://fpcivic.org) to submit your request. Daryl will then provide the information to our security company and they'll keep an eye out on your home while you're away.

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)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Vacation Dates: Depart \_\_\_\_\_ Return \_\_\_\_\_ Please notify \_\_\_\_\_

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

## The Autumn Challenge

Someone once asked me – what is the difference between “Autumn” and “Fall”. Meteorologically, nothing. They are terms that can be used interchangeably. “Autumn” appears to have been the word of choice historically, for the British, whereas “Fall” appears to be the American counterpart.

I prefer the term “Autumn” which is more romantic and conjures up images of Buffalo Plaid Flannel Shirts, Golden and Rust toned mums, Hot Tea in a mug where you can see the steam wafting up into the air, and the buzzing of bees on my *Autumn Joy* Sedum. “Fall” to me means, quite frankly, leaves on the ground... grab a rake.



Whichever term you prefer to use to describe the time between Summer and Winter, it is a time to be enjoyed and savored. The air becomes a little crisper, the late fruits of the pumpkins, squash, and apples begin to ripen, and the garden begins to transform.

While our annuals are putting forth their last blooms before their demise, our trees and ornamental shrubs are coming into their own. One of the things I’ve noticed, is how much I have depended upon my shrubs to add color to the garden, when the flowers have done their thing.

As the chlorophyll declines in the leaves, the woody shrubs and trees show their true colors. Trees mainly do this after our cold snap in October, but watch your Spirea, Barberry, Aronia (Chokeberry), and even Azalea’s leaves turn from green to red, orange, and a deep yellow.

Autumn is a great time to plant new shrubs and perennials. Growers have made some great strides in creating plants with lovely late foliage colors. While I tend to stay with Native Plants where I can, I absolutely love the ruby and russet colors of my Japanese Maples. Make sure you give them at least 6 weeks to establish before the first hard freeze. September is the month to water, water, water your trees and shrubs, especially the evergreens.

If you are planting bulbs that bloom in the spring, starting in late September, stagger your plantings of bulbs to ensure that you have ongoing blooms in the Spring. Some bulbs naturally bloom early, mid, and late spring, so again **READ YOUR LABELS**.

Inspect your perennials and see if there are any that need to be divided (and shared!)

Speaking of Sharing – the ad hoc Forest Park Garden Club has been busy. They have an informal agenda that allows members to meet on the fly – sometimes simply walking in the metro parks, or visiting gardens that were featured in *Westerflora*. If you are interested in joining a very informal group of people who share your interest. Let us know – send me an email and I’ll get you added to the growing list.

Enjoy the last bits of Summer, as the garden transitions, and the birds begin to prepare for migration.

Lisa Dove – Forest Park Gardener@gmail.com



Forest Park Civic Association

Household Data Sheet

 **Family and Address Information**

(Please **PRINT** and include last names)

**Resident(s):** .....

**Address:** .....

**Home phone:** .....

**Email address:** .....

**Minor children's names (living with you):** .....

**Other (adult) residents' names:** .....

**At this address, do you:**  **Own?** - or -  **Rent?** If renting, owner:

Keep Forest Park a Strong & Safe place to live. Fill out the membership form, located here or online at fpcivic.org. Send dues to:

**Forest Park Civic Association**  
**P. O. Box 29160**  
**Columbus, OH**  
**43229-0160**

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**Cost is only \$30/year**  
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 **Forester Newsletter**

Are you receiving *The Forester* newsletter on or before the first Sunday of each month (except January) in a plastic bag by your mailbox?  Yes  No  Sometimes

 **Demographics**

What year did you move to Forest Park? \_\_\_\_\_  
Please help us plan activities and services that benefit Forest Park residents of all ages by providing the following information about current household members. (This information is kept strictly confidential.)

<u>Age</u>	<u># of Household Members</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u># of Household Members</u>
Children (1-12) .....	_____	Adults (20-64) .....	_____
Teenagers (13-19) .....	_____	Senior Adults (65+).....	_____

 **Membership in the FPCA**

We invite you to be a voting member of the Forest Park Civic Association and support our community.

**Can we count on your support for the Forest Park Civic Association this year?**

- Yes, count me in!** Please enclose **\$30** cash  or check [# \_\_\_\_\_], by mail with this form, or  **use our easy PayPal** option at the Forest Park Web site: [www.fpcivic.org](http://www.fpcivic.org) (Please return this form by mail to let us know of any updates.)
- Additionally**, please find enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for:  Supplemental Security  Beautification  The *Forester* Newsletter
- No, thank you.

 **Your Comments** (continue on separate sheet if needed)

Please return to: **Forest Park Civic Association, PO Box 29160, Columbus, OH 43229-0160**

# Northland Unity Festival

The Northland Unity Festival will be held on **September 16, 2023** at the North YMCA from 3-7pm.

The festival features local makers selling their art, sweet treats, apparel, accessories and more! Live entertainment showcases vocalists and dancers from different cultures, and engaging kids' activities will also be available. The goal of the event is to build community in Northland and to showcase the strengths of the community. There are still spots for vendors, food trucks and entertainers!



Visit [elevatenorthland.org](http://elevatenorthland.org) or reach out to [unityfestival@elevatenorthland.org](mailto:unityfestival@elevatenorthland.org) to learn more.

## Forest Park Business Memberships

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#### Karl Road Christian Church

5400 Karl Road  
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Howard Hanna Real Estate Services  
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614 (888-0022)

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614 (813-8395)

#### Kreiger Ford

1800 Morse Road  
614-783-3673

#### Circle Smoke Shop

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614-396-7837

#### Circle Drive Thru

1848 Tamarack Circle S  
614-505-0032

#### Gabby's Bar

1887 Tamarack Cir N  
614.433.0583

#### Forest Park Christian Early Learning Center

5600 Karl Road  
614.888.5282

#### Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services by Schoedinger North

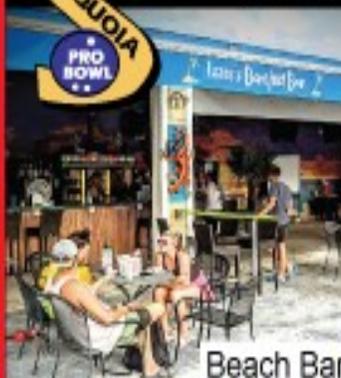
5554 Karl Road  
614.436.9220



**Located in Forest Park West  
5501 Sandalwood Blvd**



**Sequoia  
PRO BOWL**



**Beach Bar**



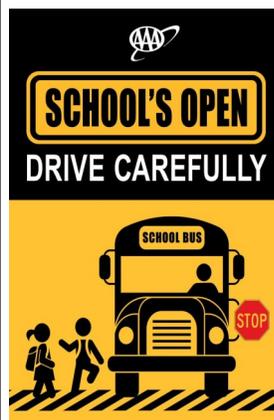
**Great Food**



**Karaoke**



**Bowling**



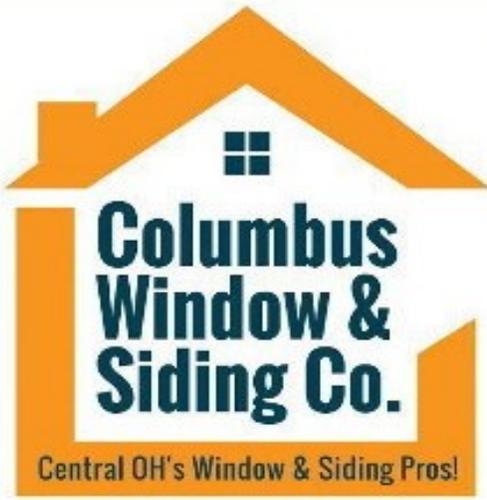


Pictures of friends, music, and fun at the National Night Out festivities at Northland YMCA in August.

Food Trucks, music/games, free stuff and meeting Columbus Bike Patrol was just part of the fun.



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**Would you Like to Make a Graffiti Vandal Sad?**

Uninvited graffiti is a highly-destructive problem for a number of reasons. It's ugly, and it does not blend in with the natural environment. It can often be used to mark gang territory. Its presence can invite others to engage in further destructive activity. It is a complete disrespect for the people who live where they create it. When neighborhoods are slow to react to graffiti, they give a green light that their neighborhood is an open canvas.

When graffiti is on private property, the cleanup is unfortunately the responsibility of the owner. However, when it is on public property, it's the responsibility of the city. Columbus is very good about responding to graffiti but it has to know about it. That is where we come in.



Please go to [new.columbus.gov](http://new.columbus.gov) (this is the new address for the traditional Columbus 311). Report any graffiti asap. When you have an account, this process is lightning quick. Don't worry if others have reported it already, add your report and make it more visible on the city's "to-do" list. Get into the habit of reporting anything you see

throughout Northland. Make it a game and see how many reports you can file in a year!!

I live in Forest Park West and the most vandalized area is the foot bridge and ramps that go over I-71 just west of Woodward Park. We need diligence there, as well as other areas in our neighborhood.

Now consider the impact of a quick paint-cleansing in the eyes of a vandal. The person just wasted money on spray paint for no effect. The vandal might try again, thinking that the cleaning might have been part of a city maintenance project. But what would the vandal be thinking if its work got scrubbed a second time? Frustration!!! At that point, the vandal will likely go to another location where the paint will be tolerated.

There's probably 25 vandals who try something in our neighborhood over the course of a year. There's over 6,000 of us. Let's be relentless on the reporting and enjoy spoiling a vandal's day. Columbus 311 – [www.new.columbus.gov](http://www.new.columbus.gov).

- Mike Stone

**Upcoming Events!**

SEPTEMBER  
**10**  
2023

**Family Photo Day!**

FREE! @Woodward Park  
Pre-registration required - 10a-2p

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SEPTEMBER  
**16**  
2023

**Unity Festival!**

North YMCA, Rain or Shine, 3-7p

SEPTEMBER  
**17**  
2023

**Bowling at Sequoia!**

\$15, 1-3p

SEPTEMBER  
**23**  
2023

**OSU vs. Notre Dame**

Game Watch @ Sequoia, 7:30p!  
Drink specials! Wear Scarlet and Gray!

For more info and to submit event ideas: Contact Forest Park Social Committee Coordinator, Andrea Philippsen - [Andrea@yellowumbrellahomes.com](mailto:Andrea@yellowumbrellahomes.com), 614.264.3846.

# NEIGHBORHOOD Update!



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### Dear Neighbors:

I hope everyone had a great summer and the kids are enjoying their first month back at school. The real estate market has been VERY busy even though the interest rates have risen a bit. I have a **NEW** listing at **5587 Hazelwood Rd.** and I closed on my other 3 listings at **1649 Norma Rd.** and **1497 Hempwood Dr. & 2167 Maplewood Dr.** - This is still a great time of the year when many people are still looking to make a move. So, if you've been thinking about selling your house, now is the time to do it!

You might be surprised at what the value of your house is in todays market. Please give me a call and let me show you what Howard Hanna Real Estate Services and I can do for you! I still have several buyers looking for homes in our neighborhood.

Thank you to all who have recently reached out to me to sell their homes. I will be having a few more homes coming on the market very soon.

### NEW LISTING

**5587 Hazelwood Rd.** - Wow! Ranch w/3 BR's, 2.5 BA's, beautiful hardwood floors, 2 car garage \$275,000

### CURRENT MARKET WATCH

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

**5587 Hazelwood Rd. Ranch/3BR 275,000**

### Howard Hanna homes **In Contract**:

2120 Honeytree Ct. Split/4BR 339,000

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### **All Homes SOLD**

Homes sold since 7/13/23

	Asking Price:	Sold Price:		Asking Price:	Sold Price:
<b>1649 Norma Rd.</b>	<b>245,000</b>	<b>241,200</b>	5512 Hazelwood Rd.	309,900	306,000
<b>5825 Satinwood Dr.</b>	249,900	250,000	5759 Loganwood Rd.	315,000	335,000
<b>1497 Hempwood Dr.</b>	<b>269,900</b>	<b>265,000</b>	<b>2167 Maplewood Dr</b>	<b>325,000</b>	<b>325,000</b>
2156 Lilacwood Ave.	269,900	287,000	5500 Pine Bluff Rd.	339,900	335,000
5706 Lindenwood Rd.	298,900	331,000			

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 8/18/23. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer.

