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February Issue of The Forester......

Our February Forester will be an ONLINE Edition only due to the lack of paid memberships from the neighborhood in 2023. FPCA felt this the appropriate month to do another Online issue so that our delivery people did not have to be out in potentially inclement weather to deliver the Forester.

Remember your \$30 membership goes a long way. We have approximately 2875 households in the Forest Park areas. It takes about 14% of paid yearly memberships to cover the printing costs for the Forester. All deliveries of our Forester are done for FREE by folks who live in Forest Park. (A BIG THANK YOU to those neighbors who take the time to do monthly deliveries).

All of the monies from paid memberships go to help ALL of FOREST PARK. Check our monthly Treasurer report to see where we spend the money. Remember too, that everyone that serves on the Board of Forest Park, whether the President, Business Rep, Forester Editor or Area Rep for your Street, are ALL Volunteers and receive no income.

If you have ideas how best we can utilize the Forester for the neighborhood, Please reach out to me or a member of FPCA. I welcome any and all suggestions. I can't do it alone, and your input is very much welcomed. Email or call myself or one of our Board members. Contact Information is on page 2 of every issue of the Forester. Better yet come to a FPCA meeting sometime this year and let us know what you need, what you are concerned about, or come, just to see what is happening in the neighborhood.

Forest Park is Thriving and we want you to be part of it! BE A PART OF THE PARK!

Thanks, Rita Woeste, Forester Editor Our January 2024 Forester Edition will be our traditional ONLINE only issue.

Forest Park Civic Meeting January FPCA Meeting

Tuesday January 9, 2024

- Blockwatch 6pm
- 311 Code time 6:30pm
 - FPCA Meeting 7pm

At our January Meeting, Sarah Pomeroy, Zone 1(North Columbus) Attorney for the City of Columbus will swear in the new slate of 2024 officers for the Forest Park Civic Association

Guest Speaker: Munira Abdullahi, the representative for Ohio House District 9 - Northland area, is set to attend to I ntroduce herself and would like to meet her neighbors in Forest Park

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Pothole Season

As the weather warms as we head toward spring, a sure sign of the changing season is potholes. The Cityof Columbus is very good about fixing these quickly, but they need our help to be their eyes and ears oncity streets. If you see a pothole, make a note of the address, if possible, or the intersection. To report the pothole, you can then call the city's 311 number or go to the 311 webpage at 311.columbus.gov.

Click on Submit a New Service Request, and follow the instructions. You do not have to register to use the system, but if you want to track your requests later, it's a good idea. The city's goal is to patch all reported potholes within three days.





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Since November:

We had 4 new household memberships, but had a returned check from October. No new business memberships in the same period.

Advertising revenue was \$1,550.

Our main expenses were a couple of months of security patrols, more bags for the Forester, and some funds for our social committee - notably candy for the wildly successful Trunk Or Treat! We also renewed our liability insurance for another year.

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City of Columbus New PickUp CBUS App Offers Easy Access to Residential Trash and Recycling Collection Information

The Columbus Division of Refuse Collection has launched the PickUp CBUS app to provide another convenient service for residents to get their trash and recycling pickup schedules, sign up for reminders and service updates and check on whether items are recyclable.

The free PickUp CBUS app for smartphone use is available to download on the App Store and Google Play.

"The Department of Public Service and our Division of Refuse Collection focus on delivering quality services and tools like the new PickUp CBUS app that support convenience for residents and their desire to practice sustainability through recycling and reuse options," said Mayor Andrew J. Ginther. "With our residential services, we can achieve the city's Climate Action Plan waste diversion goals to create a healthier community for everyone."

The Waste Wizard feature on the PickUp CBUS app allows residents to search an item to learn if it can be placed in their blue recycling collection cart, or can be recycled or reused through other area drop-off services, including those offered by the city.

"By continuing to expand core services focused on reduce, reuse and recycling, Refuse Collection is leading the way to assist residents in diverting recoverable materials from the landfill, supporting a circular economy and improving the quality of the environment," Public Service Director Jennifer L. Gallagher said.

Residents should watch their mailboxes early next year for a postcard that has more information about what is and isn't recyclable in your blue container, and a scannable code to directly download the PickUp CBUS app. The city is providing this resource thanks to a grant from The Recycling Partnership, with support from the American Beverage's Every Bottle Back initiative and the Ohio Beverage Association.

The PickUp CBUS app is the latest in a series of Refuse Collection service enhancements added this year for more convenience and recycling and disposal options that support sustainability. Residential recycling collection expanded to weekly service, and the city opened three neighborhood drop-off locations to collect food waste for composting.

Refuse Collection also recently opened its first Waste and Reuse Convenience Center at 2100 Alum Creek Dr., where Columbus residents at no cost may bring acceptable items for sustainable disposal, reuse or recycling.

The Convenience Center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with Refuse Collection staff there to assist residents with correct sorting of items they bring. The city intends to open a second Convenience Center on Georgesville Road early next year.

In addition to using the PickUp CBUS app, residents may visit the Refuse Collection page on the City of Columbus website here to learn more about residential trash, recycling and yard waste collection and new drop-off services, including items that are acceptable to drop off at the Convenience Center.

Hello Forest Park! Happy Holidays! Now I am not a New Year's Resolution type of girl but I do occasionally like to take stock of where I am in life, envision where I want to be, and think about the steps that I need to get there. That is actually what led us to joining the Forest Park Civic Association. I wanted to be a part of the neighborhood and have a direct connection with our community so one day, I decided that we should go to a meeting. Going to that meeting was a decision that we've never regretted and it's brought so much joy. We now have



a relationship with the people living in our neighborhood; have an opportunity to help implement the changes we want to see; and are a part of something positive that is greater than ourselves.

Now, after serving as Supplemental Security for the last several years, we are worried that we may lose the perk of having supplemental security as a part of the neighborhood. This is a service that we value and we are the only civic association around that offers this service. Memberships have dropped significantly in the past couple years, and with that so have the funds required to make offering supplemental security possible. Membership is \$30 a year for the entire household. It seems like a lot to some and a little to others but for the Association, it all adds up and makes it possible to offer production and deliverly of the Forester, hold monthly blockwatch and association meetings, and offer supplemental security.

What does Supplemental Security provide? The first thing that probably came to mind was coverage when you're traveling. You simply provide your information to Daryl and he notifies our security company who will then do extra patrols while you're away. It also provides regular patrols in our neighborhood – both the East and the West. The security company will drive around the neighborhood and keeps an eye out for suspicious activity. Not only does that give the opportunity to report issues, but it also creates a presence in the neighborhood so that we become less vulnerable to crime.

Please help us keep Supplemental Security and the spirit behind it – community, safety, and security – ALIVE! If you are already a paid Forest Park Civic Association Member: thank you! If you're not: no worries; it's not too late! Don't forget, if you're a paid member and will be traveling for the holidays, simply return the form below to Daryl Van Mercetta at dvanmercetta@gmail.com; 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, OH 43229; or 513-479-2416. Alternatively, you can fill out the form online at fpcivic.org. We hope to hear from you soon!

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 Name ______Phone _____ Vacation Dates: Depart_____ Return _____ Please notify_____ Alternate person Address Phone Who has key? Lights on timer? Location of lights Mail to: **Daryl Van Mercetta** Radio or TV continuously on timer? _____ 2131 Honeytree Court 513-479-2416 Location of devices _____ Will older children be in and out ? Yes _____ No ____ If yes, make and model of their car _____

Forest Park Civic Association Meeting

Date: 12 December 12, 2023

Location: Casa Mezcal Restaurant (Holiday dinner/

meeting)

Meeting called to order @ 6:07PM by Ed Vanasdale

Attendance was taken via role call.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Ed Vanasdale - ed1vanasdale@gmail.com

- Thanks to all of the officers, committee chairs, area reps, and volunteers for their service this past year.
 We have accomplished some great things and we could not have done it without you. Looking forward to another great year in 2024!
- The January meeting will be the election and swearing in of all FPCA officers, committee chairs, and representatives and alternates. Sarah Pomeroy will swear us in. Everyone please attend.
- State Representative Munira Abdullahi (District 9-Northland Area) will be at our January meeting to introduce herself.
- The Forest Park sign at the main entrance to FP East off of Karl Rd. was ripped off (literally) by vandals. The Sign Team (Ed, Daryl, and Lou) will be working over the next week to repair or replace it.

Guest Speaker: none

Vice President

Trevor Secord - tsecord@une.edu Absent

Secretary Lou Bernard - loubernard3@gmail.com Attendance:

- Officers/Committee Chairs Present: EV, LB, CL, MS, RW, DVM, KVM, MB, LH, SB, AP, KG
- Officers/Committee Chairs Absent: TS, SL, DP
- Area Reps in Attendance: 2, 4, 5, 7, 12
- Area Reps Absent: 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14 (Area 14 remains vacant)
- Total meeting attendance: 22
- Reviewed minutes from November, no changes or corrections needed, minutes have been approved and were entered into the official records.

Treasurer Cheryl Lutman - cllutman17@gmail.com

- We had 4 new household memberships, but had a returned check from October. No new business memberships in the same period.
- Advertising revenue was \$1,550.
- Our main expenses were a couple of months of security patrols, more bags for the Forester, and some funds for our social committee notably candy for the wildly successful Trunk Or Treat! We also renewed our liability insurance for another year.

Public Relations

Mary Squerra - marysguerra@howardhanna.com

 While decorating the islands at Karl Rd & Sandalwood on Saturday I noticed the large metal Forest Park sign was missing from the stone wall on the East island. I called a few people to inquire if anyone had any knowledge of what happened to it with no success. I spoke with a Columbus Police patrol and asked if they knew of any accident that might have damaged it but still no one had any idea. Later that week, I spotted the sign now resting up on the hill on the east side of the YMCA building and I was able to go with my son and pick it up and keep it in my garage until the Forest Park sign team will be reinstalling it later this month. I was so happy we found it! Happy Holidays! :)

Forester Editor

Rita Woeste - forester ed@fpcivic.org

 We need articles for the January (ONLINE only) Forester by Dec. 28th.

Supplemental Security

Daryl Van Mercetta - dvanmercetta@gmail.com, Katie Van Mercetta - kvanmercetta@gmail.com, Dan Yandrich (CPD Liaison Officer) dyandrich@columbuspolice.org 614.645.1418 See report in the *Forester*.

Business Representative

Marty Biggs - Marlynabiggs@yahoo.com, Sheridan Landon - slandon52@gmail.com

 Marty Biggs reports as Business Rep. We need help in this area. Please contact Erin Materu (Volunteer Coordinator) mmateru@hotmail.com if you are willing to help find business members to join the FPCA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welcome Committee Chair

Laura Hayes - hayeslaura2@gmail.com No Report

Volunteer Coordinator

Scott Biggs - volunteerfpca@gmail.com
This was Scott's last meeting as Volunteer Coordinator. Erin Materu will be taking over his position.
Don't be surprised if you get a call from her asking for your help!

Social Activities

Andrea Philipsen - andrea@yellowumbrellahomes.com

- 2023 has been a year to always remember for the FPCA Social Committee! From food trucks, to hot and cold treats (shaved ice and coffee beverages!), to an amazing turn out for Trunk or Treat, we thank you for your enthusiasm, participation and support of these events. 2024 is already shaping up to be an incredible year of memorable, neighborly fun, so please be on the lookout for announcements this winter regarding the 2024 social season in Forest Park.
- In December, we enjoyed Breakfast with Santa at the North YMCA, and Andrea Philipsen, Social Committee Coordinator, had the opportunity to represent on behalf of the FPCA at the Naturalization Ceremony that took place on Dec 6th also at the North YMCA. 148 people became US citizens and selected Columbus, OH to be their home. Wishing all of Forest Park a very happy new year and see you soon!

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NCC Representatives

Ken Gilbert - kgilbert78@att.net, Trevor Secord - tsecord@une.edu No Report

NCC Development Representative

Ed Vanasdale - ed1vanasdale@gmail.com No Report

Website Administrators

Scott Biggs - volunteerfpca@gmail.com,
Dave Paul - dwpaul@fpcivic.org
Our website is always - always being updated with new and upcoming info!
Please check it out!!

OLD BUSINESS

- Compost Exchange is trying to make Forest Park a hub. We need 25 neighbors to sign up and commit to the exchange in order for that to happen. Right now we have 10 people interested. If you would like to find out more about it, contact Laura Hayes, our Welcome Committee Chair.
- It was proposed that Councilman Remy come as a guest speaker. Ed will contact him.
- Andrea is proposing a local craft fair in the Spring.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/IDEAS

1.Sign stolen at the Karl Road FPE side, found bent in the grass by the YMCA

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM

Meeting minutes submitted by Lou Bernard, Secretary, FPCA

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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

Andrea Philipsen

Yellow Umbrella Homes at Home Central Realty 614.264.3846

Restaurants/Entertainment

Massey's Pizza

1951 E. Dublin-Granville Rd 614 (888-0022)

Seguoia Pro Bowl

5501 Sandalwood Blvd 614-885-7043

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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

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



Using 311 for Bulk Pickup

I've noticed around our neighborhood that folks have been using the last of the warm weather to clean out their homes. Much of the time they leave old furniture and other large items by their trash cans on Trash day. However, this is not they way to do it. Columbus has a bulk pickup service-and yes, it now includes old TVs! You can schedule a day to have your large items picked up by calling the 311 city Customer Service line (at (614) 645-3111) or using their webpage, https://new.columbus.gov/311-Customer-Service-Center. Click on Submit Request, then under the Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste and Illegal Dumping menu, you'll find Schedule Bulk Items/Bulk Pickup as the first option. Note that for old tube TV's you will need to tape over the picture tube. You will be given a day to put your items by the curb. See also also https://new.columbus.gov/Services/Trash-Recycling-Bulk-Collection/Bulk-Collection.

Ken Gilbert

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I hope everyone had a safe, healthy, & happy holiday season. This has been another great year in real estate and I would like to thank everyone who has done business with me and who has referred their family and friends to me. I hope you have a GREAT 2024!

I also hope you will think of me when buying and selling real estate this coming year. I specialize in this this area and I'm always here to help. Please feel free to give me a call and let me show you what Howard Hanna and I can do for you.

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Homes sold since 11/2/23	Price:	Price:			Price:	Price:				
5481 Blue Ash Rd Ranch/3BR	195,000	195,000	1857 Tamarack Cir. S	Ranch/4BR	298,900	305,000				
1485 Boxwood Dr. Ranch/3BR	248,500	250,000	5464 Aspen Rd.	Split/3BR	299,900	295,000				
5711 Karl Rd. Split/3BR	258,000	255,000	5525 Hazelwood Rd.	Split/4BR	349,000	339,000				
5316 Poplarwood Rd Ranch/3BR	264,950	265,000	5476 Satinwood Dr	Split/5BR	339,000	350,000				
5587 Hazelwood Rd. Ranch/3BR	269,500	265,000	5498 Rockwood Rd	Split/3BR	308,000	313,000				
5355 Karl Rd. Split/3BR	269,700	263,000	5383 Ivywood Ln.	2-Sty/4BR	319,900	327,000				
5483 Cherrywood Rd Ranch/3BR	269,900	277,400	2120 Honeytree Ct	Split/4BR	339,000	335,000				
1752 Ivyhill Lp N 2-Sty/4BR	279,000	283,800	5135 Northcliff Lp E	2-Sty/4BR	339,900	348,000				
5399 Redwood Rd Split/3BR	285,000	290,000	1842 Tamarack Ct S	2-Sty/4BR	339,900	320,000				
1352 Redwood Ct. Split/3BR	289,900	289,900			7					
Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 12/22/23. If your										

property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer.