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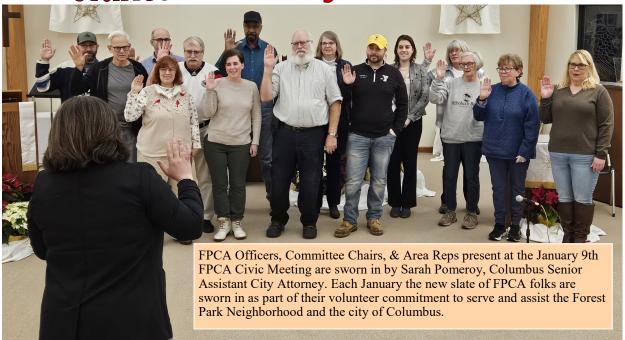


Volume 60 Issue 02

**Forest Park Civic Association** 

FEBRUARY, 2024

# 2024 Volunteers Ready to help Forest Park



#### "Drive-Up Ashes" at Epworth United Methodist Church February 14, 2024

The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Epworth United Methodist Church at 5100 Karl Rd. will be hosting "Drive-Up Ashes" between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on that day. No need to even get out of your car! Just roll down your window and Pastor Jennifer Casto will administer ashes, representing both our mortality and sin, as well as God's forgiving grace revealed through the cross of Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome!

Epworth's vision is to follow the example of Christ by welcoming, nurturing, and serving all people with love. Their Sunday worship service is at 10:30 a.m. See <a href="www.epworthonkarl.org">www.epworthonkarl.org</a> for more details about their church and ministries.

Contributed by Pastor Jennifer Casto



This February 2024 Forester Edition is an online issue ONLY, due to funding.

The March 2024 Forester will be in both print & online and delivered to homes by the first Sunday, March 3rd.

## Forest Park Civic Meeting FEBRUARY FPCA Meeting

**Tuesday February 13, 2024** 

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

Epworth United Methodist Church 5100 Karl Rd

Interested in the Columbus Citizen Police Academy? See page 5

**Concerned about your Home Property Taxes? See Page 7** 

#### FOREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION OFFICERS & REPRESENTATIVES

#### **PRESIDENT**

Ed Vanasdale.....614-847-1494 ed1vanasdale@gmail.com

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#### NCC REPRESENTATIVE

Ken Gilbert ......614-888-3559 Dave Paul ......614-325-8217

#### NCC Development Rep

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

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- 8 Frances Link ......614-657-9510
- 9. Jane Dean.....
- janemarie6677@yahoo.com
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- 11. Linda Whitmore..614-890-1065 or Dave Paul.......614-325-8217
- 12. Rita Price..........614-776-4316 Francine Dillard....614-882-2717
- 13. Mark Bell......614-818-9065
- 14. VACANCY.....

City Code Enforcement: Call 311

#### **CONTRIBUTORS THIS MONTH ARE:**

Rita Woeste, Trevor Secord, Jennifer Casto, Andrea Phillipsen, Cheryl Lutman, Lou Bernard, Mary Sguerra, Kate Van Mercetta **FORESTER Advertisements** 

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Articles for the March, 2024 Forester are due to editor by February 16, 2023. Look for the March 2024 Forester at your front door by the first Sunday, March 3, 2023 or online at fpcivic.org

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

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At the January FPCA meeting, folks got to meet State Representative Munira Yasin Abdullahi, for House District 9 which includes the Forest Park Neighborhoods. Munira lives here in Forest Park and spoke about her passion to help make Healthcare more affordable. Her contact information is located in our FPCA minutes on page 4. THANK YOU Munira for taking time to connect with your Forest Park Neighbors.

Monthly Financial Report - December 2023

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#### **Since December:**

3 new household memberships - and two paid their PayPal fee, so thank you!

Two expenses - a \$15.00 bank charge for the returned check due to a stop payment on a membership check. I've attempted to contact the residents with no success. The second is Andrea using some of her social committee funds to help with the teen Christmas present program.

We are still about \$2,000 under budget on household memberships. At \$30/each, that equals about 66 households. We are also down on business memberships. We need 6 more to make budget.

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#### **Forest Park Civic Association Meeting**

Date: Tuesday January 9, 2024

Location: Epworth United Methodist Church

Meeting called to order @ 7:03 PM by Ed Vanasdale

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Attendance was taken via role call.

#### OFFICER REPORTS

President Ed Vanasdale - ed l vanasdale@gmail.com

1. Sarah Pomeroy, Senior Assistant Columbus City Attorney, swore in all FPCA board members, committee chairs, and area representatives.

Ed thanked Sarah for all of her hard work for the Northland area. He thanked returning FPCA officers, chairs and reps, and welcomed all new members to their positions.

Guest Speaker: State Representative Munira Abdullahi

Munira Abdullahi is the representative for Ohio House District 9 - Northland area. She gave a brief introduction on how she came to live in Forest Park and how she became our District Representative. Her biggest passions are healthcare (focusing on lowering the cost of insulin and other diabetes services) and education. She is here for us and is interested in helping to make FP a better place. Please call her with any questions or concerns you have, Munira Abdullahi, 77 S. High Street, 10th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215; office: (614) 466-2473; email address: Rep09@ohiohouse.gov

Vice President Trevor Secord - tsecord@une.edu

Northland Community Council (NCC) Report is printed in this month's *Forester*.

#### Secretary

Lou Bernard - loubernard3@gmail.com Attendance:

Officers/Committee Chairs Present: EV, TS, LB, CL, MS, RW, DVM, KVM, SL, LH, AP, KG

Officers/Committee Chairs Absent: MS, DP

Area Reps in Attendance: 1, 3, 4, 9

Area Reps Absent: 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 (Area 14

remains vacant)

Total meeting attendance: 23

Reviewed minutes from December 2023 meeting, no changes or corrections needed; minutes were approved and entered into the official records.

#### Treasurer Cheryl Lutman - cllutman17@gmail.com

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- 2. Two expenses First, a \$15.00 bank charge for the returned check due to a stop payment on a membership check. Attempted to contact the residents with no success. Second, Andrea used some of her social committee funds to help with the teen Christmas present program.
- 3. We are still about \$2,000 under budget on household memberships. At \$30/each, that equals about 66 households. We are also down on business memberships. We need 6 more to make budget. Anything anyone can do in these last couple of months is helpful.

**Public Relations** Mary Sguerra - marysguerra@howardhanna.com *Absent - No Report* 

#### Forester Editor Rita Woeste - forester ed@fpcivic.org

- 1. Will bring a handout of due dates for the 2024 year of when to expect article/ad submission and when *Forester* will go to print.
- 2. January *Forester* will go online by Sunday January 6.

3. As of this date, February *Forester* will be **online** as well. Jan 23rd is the due date for all articles, photos, and other items for the online version of the February *Forester*.

#### **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 Block Watch meeting at 6:00 pm.

Block Watch meeting at 6:00 pm.
Code Enforcement/Issues meeting at 6:30.
The regular FPCA meeting at 7:00 pm.

#### **Business Representative**

Sheridan Landon - slandon52@gmail.com No Report

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Welcome Committee Chair**

Laura Hayes - hayeslaura2@gmail.com

We have 14 Welcome Folders to be delivered. Area Reps will be contacted by Laura to pick up their folders.

**Volunteer Coordinator** Erin Materu mmateru@hotmail.com *No Report* 

#### **Social Activities**

Andrea Philipsen - andrea@yellowumbrellahomes.com

Andrea is planning and preparing lots of fun events for the upcoming year. She will keep us posted with a list of events in the *Forester*.

#### **NCC** Representatives

Ken Gilbert - kgilbert78@att.net,

Trevor Secord - tsecord@une.edu

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#### **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**

- 1. 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. Laura is putting a hold on this project. The city of Columbus has opened a recycling and composting center at Busch Park (Olentangy and Bethel)
- 2. It was proposed that Councilman Remy come as a guest speaker. Ed will contact him.
- 3. Andrea is proposing a local craft fair in the Spring. This idea has been taken off the table and canceled.

The sign for the main entrance for Forest Park East was vandalized. It is in the process of being repaired by the Sign Team. *The frame has been repaired, and the sign will be replaced within the next few weeks, weather permitting.* 

#### NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/IDEAS

Meeting adjourned at 8:08PM

Meeting minutes submitted by Lou Bernard, Secretary, FPCA

#### ART in the NORTHLAND AREA

Artist <u>Ricky Borgia</u> has been selected for the Greater Columbus Arts Council Neighborhood Art Connection Fellowship for Northland. The purpose of this fellowship celebrates Columbus neighborhoods by inviting residents' artists to create participatory arts experiences for their neighborhood. To ensure that he can truly capture and highlight Northland, he is engaging community leaders to help identify individuals.

Elevate Northland is hosting a meeting with leaders in the community to meet Mr. Borgia, learn about the project and how to support his vision.

Your attendance is appreciated. https://rickborgia.com/northland-arts

What: Northland Art project community engagement meeting

When: February 15, 2024 11:45AM-1:00PM

Where: Elevate Northland 4848 Evanswood Dr. Columbus, OH 43229

Why: Northland Art Project.

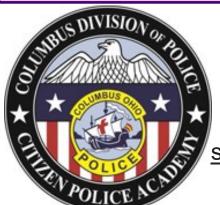
Please RSVP to me by February 9th.

Judith Cockrell, MBA, ECI Executive Director

judith@elevatenorthland.org

Phone: 614-505-0840





There are openings for the

Spring Citizen
Police Academy

starting February 21st.



The Citizen Police Academy is a free community education program intended to build lasting relationships between program participants and the Columbus Division of Police, with the ultimate goal of reducing crime and achieving the best police service in the Columbus community. This program is for Columbus Citizens, involves a once a week commitment for 13 weeks where you learn and experience all of the different departments of the Columbus Police Department. In the past several folks from Forest Park participated and graduated from the Citizen Academy and have very positive comments on everything they learned.

Check out the web page, https://www.columbus.gov/police-citizenpoliceacademy/, for further information.

We're asking applicants to have applications emailed to CitizenPoliceAcademy@columbuspolice.org by February 1, 2024.

Check out the Columbus Police YouTube promotion on the Citizen Academy. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vTSMEVYsBAq">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vTSMEVYsBAq</a>



My business was inspired by an accomplished author, Amy Krouse Rosenthal, who loved bringing people together in remarkable, yet simple ways, time and again to make a difference in each other's lives and the lives of strangers. Her trademark was a yellow umbrella, a bright and cheery way to know you were in the right place, at the right time. After her passing in 2017 of ovarian cancer, I wanted her spirit and desire to connect humanity to carry on. After spending many weeks learning about her and how she impacted the world, I proceeded to purchase a yellow umbrella (one of my now most prized possessions!), and "Westerville Social Networking Group" was created in Amy's memory. The yellow umbrella I purchased was placed on a table during an event, and if you were new to the group, you would know you were in the right place when you spotted that bright object. The group has since grown to over 260 local members who gather socially more than 30 times a year to enjoy each other's company, meet new friends and explore all that our great city and surrounding areas have to offer.

Now, seven years later, our local network is still growing daily, and I couldn't be more proud of the positive individuals who share their time getting to know one another and forming meaningful and enduring friendships.

In 2021, I decided to bring the yellow umbrella - the symbol of community, quality and relationships - into my existing career in real estate. In May, 2021, Yellow Umbrella Homes at Home Central Realty began in Westerville, OH. It was truly the culmination of inspiration, years of hard work, and a desire to build a community of clients, neighbors and friends. Our business has exploded on the local scene, and words cannot begin to describe how enjoyable building our business has been. We are just getting started, and the outpouring of support we have received has been phenomenal. As a team we are so grateful, and we are excited to give back to our community in the months and years ahead.

I am always available to help get you connected with the social group (we do events from Polaris to Easton, mainly), and I am also readily available to talk about your real estate goals now and in the future.

It's a sincere pleasure to be your neighbor in Forest Park! See you soon!

Andrea Philipsen
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#### BOARD OF REVISION IN-PERSON FILING EVENTS



**Upper Arlington Library** 2800 Tremont Rd.

Feb. 1, 3pm-7pm

Linden Library\*

2223 Cleveland Ave. Feb. 3, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Karl Rd. Library 5590 Karl Rd.

Feb. 7, 5:30pm-8pm

Franklinton Library 1061 W. Town St.

Feb. 10, 9am-1pm

Northwest Library 2280 Hard Rd.

Feb. 15, 3pm-7pm Westland Library \*

4740 W. Broad St. Feb. 17, 9am-1pm

New Albany Library 200 Market St. Feb, 20, 10am-2pm

Southeast Library \* 3980 S. Hamilton Rd. Feb 24, 9am-1pm

Whitehall Library 4445 E. Broad St. Feb. 26, 3pm-6pm

Reeb Avenue Center 280 Reeb Ave. Feb. 27, 11am-1pm

Whetstone Library 3909 N. High St. Feb 29, 3pm-7:30pm

Do you have questions/concerns on your property tax bill? The Franklin County Auditor's office is going on the road and meeting residents in their neighborhoods.

They Auditor's office reps will be at Karl Road Library on Wednesday Feb. 7, 2023.

Check out the website and see if your property is listed correctly. Then bring your questions to Reps in person at a library near you.

https:// www.franklincountyauditor.com/

MLK Library \* 1467 E. Long St.

March 2, 10am-1pm

Marion Franklin Community

2801 Lockbourne Rd.

March 5, 11:30am-1:30pm March 6, 5pm-7:30pm

Westerville Public Library

126 S. State St. March 5, 4pm-7pm

Hilltop Library 511 S. Hague Ave.

March 7, 4pm-7pm

Hilltonia Middle School \* 2345 W. Mound St.

March 9, 10am-2pm

**Douglas Community Center** 

1250 Windsor Ave. March 12, 11am-1pm

**Grandview Library** 1685 W. 1st Ave

March 13, 3pm-6pm

**Howard Community Center \*** 

2505 N. Cassady Ave. March 14, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Far East Neighborhood Pride

2500 Park Crescent Dr. March 19, 1pm-3pm

Thompson Community Center 1189 Dennison Ave.

March 20, 11am-2pm

Near East Neighborhood Pride Center

1393 E. Broad St. March 22, 11am-1pm

Parsons Library \* 1113 Parsons Ave.

March 23, 9am-1pm

Franklin County Courthouse Auditorium

373 S. High St., 1st Floor March 29, 8:30am-4pm April 1. 8:30am-4pm



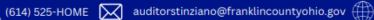


\*Indicates Homeowner Assistance Program is available for low-to-moderate income homeowners. Visit https://calendly.com/franklincountyhap to register.

You can also file your BOR complaint online at bor.franklincountyohio.gov









### **Supplemental Security February 2024 Report**

Hello Forest Park! Going out of town? If so, don't forget to submit your vacation request to Daryl Van Mercetta for extra security patrols while you're away. This is one of the perks of your paid Forest Park Civic Association Membership. The cost is \$30 for the entire household and it covers things like Supplemental Security, printed Forester newsletters, neighborhood beautification, and much more. Without paid memberships, each of these perks is at risk of going away.



To request security patrols, submit the form below to Daryl at <a href="mailto:dvanmercetta@gmail.com">dvanmercetta@gmail.com</a>; mail it to 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, OH 43229; or fill it out online at <a href="mailto:fpcivic.org">fpcivic.org</a>.

Other news in the neighborhood: the Kia boys are still out and stealing Kia's whenever they get the opportunity. The police are not allowed to chase the cars but they will follow the vehicle if suspicious behavior is noticed. That said, once the boys notice the police, they will usually abandon the vehicle, leaving it damaged and the kids rarely gets caught. If they are caught, however, the courts will usually catch and release with little consequence. Please keep an eye out for suspicious behavior and report any criminal activity to the police by calling 911 if it's an emergency, or 614-645-4545 if it's not. While it sounds like there are limitations to what the police can do, all the reports are monitored and the City uses the number of reports to allocate police and government resources.

Officer Yandrich also said that car break-ins are up in the area. Common for this time of year, many people start their cars to heat them up and leave them unattended, which gives criminals an opportunity to break into the vehicle to steal personal belongs or the vehicle itself. Do not leave your car unattended and do not leave anything in your car. Even if the stuff in your car isn't valuable, sometimes it's enough make people



interested. Porch pirating has also increased as the daylight hours are short so if you have a package delivered, best practice is to bring it inside as soon as possible or have a neighbor collect it for you.

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

Come help us out with Block Watch at 6:30 before FPCA meetings, see article on page 11

#### **Supplemental Security House Check**

#### Forest Park Business Members and Homeowner Members only!

Use this form to have your home check	ed while you are on vacation. The Officers. Or fill out the reques		the supplemental security officer and the Security vic.org
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## Authors to visit Columbus Main Library in 2024

Our **Carnegie Author Series** returns for another year, connecting you with engaging national authors at our Main Library, 96 S. Grant Ave. You won't want to miss hearing from these amazing authors!

Sunday, Feb. 18
BRENDAN SLOCUMB, author of Symphony of Secrets

Sunday, April 7
REBECCA YARROS, author of <u>Iron Flame</u>

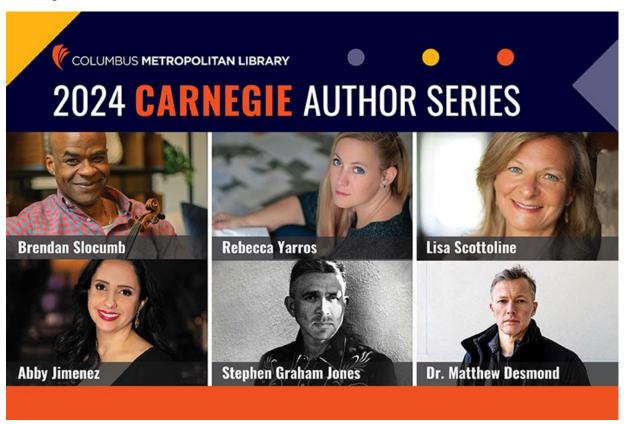
Sunday, May 19 LISA SCOTTOLINE, author of <u>The Truth About the Devlins</u>

Sunday, Sept. 8
ABBY JIMENEZ, author of <u>Just for the Summer</u>

Sunday, Oct. 6 STEPHEN GRAHAM JONES, author of <u>The Angel of Indian Lake</u>

Sunday, Dec. 8
DR. MATTHEW DESMOND, author of *Poverty, by America* 

All programs take place at 2 p.m. and are free and open to all! Free tickets, however, are required for seating. Click <a href="here">here</a> to register.





#### Be Part of Block Watch for your Forest Park Neighborhood

Forest Park needs your help! Block Watch meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm at Epworth Church on Karl Road. The meeting is before the Forest Park Civic Association meeting so it's a good opportunity to come a little early and participate. The supplemental security report is given at this meeting and Officer Yandrich attends to give reports of what is



going on the neighborhood and to address any issues or concerns we have. He is there to answer questions and provide resources to help keep our neighborhood safe but is only able to do so if people are there to ask the questions. We cannot do it without your help. We need the neighborhood to get involved because, like they say, "it takes a village." Ken Gilbert appropriately said that there aren't enough people working in the city to be aware of all the problems so they rely on us to be their eyes and report issues to fix. This applies to reporting code violations to 311 but also applies to crime. Please help us be those eyes and ears.

We hope you'll join us at our meeting on February 13, 2024 at 6pm. There is no better Valentines Day gift you can give to your family and community than helping to keep them safe.

#### **Forest Park Business** Memberships

#### Churches

**Epworth United Methodist** 

5100 Karl Road 614-885-8015

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5400 Karl Road 614-888-3444

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1848 Tamarack Circle S 614-505-0032

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#### Reminder to All Drivers

#### **Turn ON your HEADLIGHTS:**

- When its Raining & you are using your windshield wipers, your headlights have to be ON. (it's Ohio code)
- At Dusk, don't wait til its dark, you want other drivers to see you especially when you are turning onto another road.

This past week with the days being so cloudy and rainy, I have seen endless times drivers who don't have headlights on and other cars don't see them. Tonight in a 5 mile trip back to my house in Forest Park, I counted 11 cars without headlights on at 6 pm with a steady rain coming down. One driver cut over and cut off a truck and almost got hit because the headlights were not on.

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#### **Dear Neighbors:**

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

I specialize in this area and I'm always here to help. If you are thinking of making a move - please give me a call and let me show you what Howard Hanna and I can do for you. I hope you have a **GREAT 2024!** 

**THE MYTH:** Winter is **NOT** a good time to sell a house.

**THE TRUTH:** Winter is an **EXCELLENT** time to sell your house!

**THE REASON:** Many people believe the myth, so there are fewer houses on the market; But the buyers

are more serious at this time. (If buyers are out hunting in the snow, sleet and coldthey are usually pretty committed to purchase a home!) So, serious buyers & fewer

homes on the active market = one of the best times to sell!!

#### **NEW LISTING**

5516 Driftwood Rd. -- Wow! 4 Level split with 4BR's, 2 BA's, Family Rm. w/WBFP, 2 car garage. \$269,500

#### **CURRENT MARKET WATCH**

The following homes are **FOR SALE** with **Howard Hanna**: 5516 **Driftwood Rd.** Split/4BR 269,500 \*

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

Looking for buyers to help them find a new home:)

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All Homes S	Asking	Sold		Asking	Sold			
Homes sold since 12/22/23		Price:	Price:		Price:	Price:		
2156 Tuliptree Ave	Ranch/3BR	150,000	244,860	5381 Maple Canyon 2-Sty/4BR	299,000	305,000		
5769 Sandalwood Bl	Split/3BR	270,000	265,000	5307 Arrowood Lp W Split/4BR	310,000	300,000		
5817 Satinwood Dr.	Ranch/4BR	274,900	274,900	2081 Maplewood Dr. Ranch/4BR	315,000	308,000		
1966 Denise Dr.	Split/3BR	275,000	275,000	2031 Fleetwood Dr 2-Sty/4BR	339,900	339,900		
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