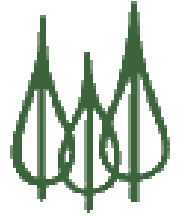




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Forest Park Civic Association

APRIL, 2024

Memberships make

Welcome to the April 2024 *Forester* along with a membership application and information about the Forest Park Civic Association.

The yearly fees are only \$30—that’s just \$2.50 per month. Out of the over 2800 households in our community, we received about 400 paid memberships last year. That’s only 25% of our neighbors! We are hoping to increase membership to pre-pandemic numbers of 600+ members! Will you support your neighborhood?

Many ask, “So what do I get for my \$30 a year?” That money covers a wide variety of services of which you may not be aware. The majority of dues funds two main areas: 1) the production, printing, and delivery of our neighborhood newsletter “*The Forester*”, and 2) our supplemental security budget which pays for a private security company to patrol our neighborhood streets and monitor paid member homes when residents are away on vacation.

Forest Park

Supplemental security also monitors vacant homes to deter vandalism. The FPCA has also restarted the Block Watch as an intricate part of the whole community. We are the only civic association in central Ohio that has a dedicated code issues meeting once a month where we can assist you in dealing with local code concerns. With more paid memberships, we can increase the number of patrols and patrol cars in the neighborhood—increasing safety and deterring crime which benefits all residents; not just paid members. Your paid membership also helps to fund our Social Activities Committee and the events they hold for the community, i.e. bowling days, National Night Out, Trunk or Treat, Pictures in the Park, etc. It also funds the Membership Committee’s printing costs for membership forms and the folders used in our “Welcome to Forest Park” packets for new members. Funds are also used to cover the annual membership drive like we are having right now. Also, your membership helps to fund the community picnic and membership in the Northland Community Council, as well as many other things. These all play a part in keeping Forest Park strong and vibrant.

STRONGER

We would like you to remember that all members of the association board, officers, and representatives are 100% volunteers. They give of their time to keep our neighborhood a great place to live. Please become a member of our organization and do your part to help. We need to drastically increase the membership numbers this year if we are going to maintain a strong and functional civic association in the future. We are glad you are part of our neighborhood and hope you can take the time to be involved in what Forest Park has to offer you. Thanks, and enjoy the season of Spring. -

Ed Vanasdale, FPCA President



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

FPCA Mulch Sale

orders by 4/19/2024
Delivery 5/4/2024
See insert

Forest Park
Community Garage Sale Date:
Saturday
May 18th, 9-3pm
Details: pg 7

Forest Park Civic Meeting

Tuesday April 9, 2024

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

Epworth United Methodist Church
5100 Karl Rd

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Articles for the May, 2024 Forester are due
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first Sunday, May 5th. Don't forget to mail
or pay online membership dues.

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

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Upcoming Events!

APRIL
23
2024

Home Buyer Seminar!
6:30p, North YMCA
Presented by State Bank
&
Yellow Umbrella Homes at
Home Central Realty

Healthy Kids Day!
North YMCA, Rain or Shine

APRIL
20
2024

MAY
1
2024

2024 Forest Park Social Season
Kick Off!
Peach Cobbler Factory at
North YMCA, 6p-8p

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North YMCA, 5p-8p

MAY
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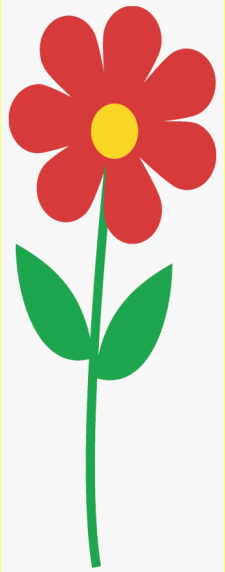
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Monthly Financial Report - February, 2024

<u>Income</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Household Membership	\$30.00	\$12,485.00	\$14,400.00	\$1,915.00
Business Membership	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$750.00	\$450.00
Forester				
Advertising	\$0.00	\$6,715.00	\$7,500.00	\$785.00
Additional Donations	\$0.00	\$765.00	\$1,000.00	\$235.00
Supplemental Security	\$0.00	\$1,632.50	\$2,000.00	\$367.50
Beautification	\$0.00	\$692.50	\$1,000.00	\$307.50
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$260.00	\$90.00
Mulch Sale	\$0.00	\$5,665.00	\$0.00	(\$5,665.00)
Welcome Committee	\$0.00	\$505.00	\$0.00	(\$505.00)
Interest	\$0.15	\$1.81	\$2.00	\$0.19
Other	\$0.00	\$1,765.00	\$2,000.00	\$235.00
Total Income	\$30.15	\$30,696.81	\$28,912.00	(\$1,784.81)
<u>Expenses</u>				
Membership				
PayPal Fees	\$0.00	\$100.66	\$70.00	(\$30.66)
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	\$0.00	\$82.15	\$125.00	\$42.85
Forester				
Printing	\$985.00	\$7,880.00	\$10,835.00	\$2,955.00
Bags	\$174.15	\$1,493.18	\$2,370.00	\$876.82
Supplemental Security	\$1,437.50	\$10,231.25	\$10,000.00	(\$231.25)
Beautification				
Island Maintenance	\$0.00	\$370.00	\$690.00	\$320.00
Neighborhood Beautification	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Committees				
Welcome	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Social	\$0.00	\$220.57	\$500.00	\$279.43
Parade	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$103.92	\$100.00	(\$3.92)
Mulch Sale	\$0.00	\$3,829.33	\$0.00	(\$3,829.33)
Office Expenses				
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$436.00	\$475.00	\$39.00
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	\$0.00	\$82.50	\$100.00	\$17.50
Total Expenses	\$2,596.65	\$27,004.26	\$28,907.00	\$1,902.74
Net	(\$2,566.50)	\$3,692.55	\$5.00	(\$3,687.55)

FEBRUARY, 2024
Treasurer Report
Submitted by
Cheryl Lutman



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Forest Park Civic Association Meeting

Date: March 12, 2024

Location: Epworth United Methodist Church

Meeting called to order @ 7:01 PM by Ed Vanasdale

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance was taken via role call.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Ed Vanasdale - edlvanasdale@gmail.com

Guest Speaker: Zach Williams, Community Development Officer from State Bank. He spoke on the state affordable housing in central Ohio—affordable housing in the area is a real problem. Interest rates are coming down slowly, mid to high 5's by the year's end. There are many programs out there to help first time homebuyers, including many grants. Contact him at 614.336.7779 Zach.Williams@YourStateBank.com
Social Activities Coordinator, Andrea, discussed financial education events that she and Zach have planned for the upcoming year:

Tues., Apr. 23rd, 6:00-6:30 pm, Home Buyers Seminar - Open to the public (free) at the North YMCA

Wed., May 29th 10 am, General Financial Literacy - Open to the public (free) at the North YMCA - for adults, teens, all are welcome - discussing types of accounts, credit scores, etc.

Tues., June 4th, 6:30 pm, Buyers and Sellers Seminar - Open to the public (free) at the North YMCA

Vice President Trevor Secord - tsecord@une.edu

Trevor had the names for the NCC Volunteers of the Year. Delivered names to the President of FP, nominees will be voted on by the executive board.

Secretary Lou Bernard - loubernard3@gmail.com

Attendance:

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

Officers/Committee Chairs Absent: RW, SL, CA, SB

Area Reps in Attendance: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 12

Area Reps Absent: 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 14 (Area 14 remains vacant)

Total meeting attendance: 25

2. Attendance Sheet thru March is available in the online version of the minutes.

Reviewed minutes from February, two corrections were made:

1) Andrea Philipsen's name was spelled wrong, and 2) the starting time was written as 8:01 instead of 7:01. Changes were approved, minutes were voted on, approved, and were entered into the official records.

Treasurer Cheryl Lutman - clutman17@gmail.com

1. One new household membership.
2. Expenses were security, *Forester* printing and bags.
3. We are trying to figure out how to do bulk mail through the post office's online account. There does not appear to be a clear way to do it. We cannot limit the mailing to just households in our neighborhood, as the postal routes extend all the way to Cleveland and down to Morse in FP East. In FP West, they cross into Woodward Park, and so the USPS wants to charge for too many pieces. We may need to continue to take the mailing to Citygate, just as we have done.
4. If any committee chairs have items that they will need

money for, please submit requests to Cheryl to make sure they get allocated in the budget.

The February monthly report was voted on and approved.

Public Relations

Mary Sguerra - marysguerra@howardhanna.com

1. FPCA's "Gather at Gabby's" is back on! The last Thursday of every month, beginning in March from 6:30-8:00 pm. Join officers, volunteers, and other Forest Park residents for an informal night of socializing at Gabby's Neighborhood Tavern in Tamarack Circle. Meet neighbors and FPCA representatives, talk about any neighborhood issues or just enjoy a night out. Every last Thursday of each month.

2. June 8th: Potluck at Gabby's for FPCA residents. More info to come.

3. Also, Gabby's has a grill going every Thursday during the summer at dinner time. Great deals (inexpensive) for a cookout dinner.

FPCA Spring Garage Sale will be May 18th. Look for more info in the *Forester*.

Forester Editor Rita Woeste - forester_ed@fpcivic.org *Absent*

1. Deadline for articles is Friday, March 22nd.

A great article for the front page for the April /Membership Issue is needed. Ed said he would write the letter/article.

Supplemental Security

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Katie Van Mercetta - kvanmercetta@gmail.com,

Dan Yandrich (CPD Liaison Officer) -

dyandrich@columbuspolice.org 614.645.1418

1. There is a new branch manager for the security company and we will be meeting with him the week of March 18th.

See Block Watch report in the *Forester*.

Business Representative

Sheridan Landon - slandon52@gmail.com

Cynthia Alkire - 1classcyn@gmail.com

Both Absent - No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welcome Committee Chair Laura Hayes - hayeslaura2@gmail.com

One house sold in Feb. in Area 12. Welcome folder will be put out for the Area Rep. Thanks to all Reps (especially Jane Dean) for helping out, last month there were 10 folders. Area 5 Rep, Scott Biggs, sent word to Laura that he had very positive responses from new homeowners who received the folders he delivered.

Volunteer Coordinator

Erin Materu - volunteerfpca@gmail.com

1. Membership Stuffing Day: Happy to report that we have made contact with several people who have agreed to volunteer on Saturday, April 6th at 1:30 pm at Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services by Schoedinger-North at 5554 Karl Rd. Erin reported that she was granted access to the volunteer email account.

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.....continued from page 6**Membership Coordinator**Mike Stone - msto0103@yahoo.com

1. Membership Stuffing Day: Saturday, April 6th at 1:30 pm at Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services by Schoedinger-North at 5554 Karl Rd. If you are interested in helping out and spending time with some fun neighbors, please contact Erin or Mike.
 2. Mike thanked many people who were there for streamlining the process even before he took over.
 3. Dave Paul and others are coordinating an effort to get all of the pieces for the stuffing day printed and gathered up.
 4. Committee Chairs should write an article about what your committee does for this month's *Forester*. It is a great time to call for volunteers.
 5. Discussed the issues revolving around the USPS and bulk mailing that he and Cheryl (Treasurer) are trying to work out.
 6. Thanked Andy Hunt for volunteering his truck to drive all the membership envelopes to the USPS.
- The committee will continue to meet in order to come up with new ideas for increasing memberships over the summer.

Social ActivitiesAndrea Philipson - andrea@yellowumbrellahomes.com

1. Bikes/Trikes volunteers have been organized for the 4th of July Parade.

Andrea has planned 14 events from now until Halloween. Look for a list coming soon. She is always looking for volunteers to help out and give support where/when needed.

Here are a few of the events from FPCA at the **North**

YMCA :

- April 20th, 10:00 am, Healthy Kids Day!
- May 1st, 6:00-8:00 pm, 2024 Summer Social Season Kick-Off! The Peach Cobbler Factory Food Truck (local company-4691 Morse Rd)
- May 16th, 5:00 pm, JP's Special Food Truck!
- June 11th, 5:00 pm, Tortilla Mexican Street Food Truck!

NCC Representatives Ken Gilbert - kgilbert78@att.net,
Trevor Secord - tsecord@une.edu
See NCC column in the *Forester*.

NCC Development RepresentativeEd Vanasdale - ed1vanasdale@gmail.com

3 cases were heard this month (only 2 relative to FP):

1. Case #1 Application to permit use of existing structure for a shared living facility - Tabled December 2023. 2433 Teakwood Dr, 43229 • The Committee approved (14-2 w/ 1 abstention) a motion to RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the application.
- Case #3 Application for a special permit to allow the location of a mobile pop-up store in a parking lot. DHL Express is moving from Columbus Square parking lot to 2400 Corporate Exchange Dr, 43231 • The Committee approved (17-0) a motion to RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the application. (FPCA secretary's note: This will be across the street from Home Depot/McDonald's on Cleveland Ave. near I-270).

Website Administrators Scott Biggs - sbiggsmail@yahoo.comDave Paul - dwpaul@fpcivic.org

Our website/Facebook page is always - always being updated with new and upcoming info! Please check it out!! Please subscribe/follow us.

OLD BUSINESS – None**NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/IDEAS**

Cheryl Lutman (Treasurer): Any thoughts on doing a mulch sale in 2024? It was a big hit (but it was a lot of work). The monies we made were a big help to our budget last year. As she works on the budget for 2024-2025, she noted that we could use another home run like that! Lou Bernard said he will contact Scott Biggs and see if he is willing to organize the sale this year. Lou will contact the Board members and Committee Chairs with Scott's response and see what is needed to move forward. Note: 3-17-2024, Scott Biggs has agreed to head up the mulch sale again. He will be looking for lots of volunteers to help.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01PM

Meeting minutes submitted by Lou Bernard, Secretary, FPCA

NCC Meeting Report March 5, 2024

Notes by Ken Gilbert

Our standard reports from the Columbus Police Department, the Karl Rd Library, our Columbus Community Liaison, Columbus City Schools, and our (new) Columbus Community Engagement person, Harrison Poku-Yeboah took place. Highlights included a note that Columbus Police would like to have a presence at community events. They will be participating in community Easter egg hunts in March. Keep an eye out for Rise Up Columbus, an event coming from the City of Columbus. There will be more Keep Columbus Beautiful events once funding is approved in the next city budget. The library is worth checking out for a number of items, such as tax form and tickets to community events. Our City Zone Attorney noted that they are working on issues with the 161 hotels. Some were approved to take in residents from a couple of the apartment complexes that were closed at uninhabitable, such as the Colonial Village situation. The city and the Community Shelter Board hope to have these displaced residents rehoused soon. There have been increased police and fire runs, but this is mostly due to the larger population in those hotels and family situations. The city is keeping a close eye on the problem locations.



We also had a list from the Deputy Chief Zone attorney, Tiara Ross, who spoke about a new training program for community policing. We hope to have more information on this program, which is open to Columbus residents, in the future. Our local state senator, Bill DeMora also put in an appearance, and there was a lively discussion of issues in our community.

The Northland Volunteer Awards Banquet will take place on April 16 at Villa Milano. Planning for the 2024 Northland Fourth of July Parade continues. Parade committee meetings are held at Casa Mescal on 161 on the third Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8 pm. And, it's Taco Tuesdays there! Volunteers throughout the community are welcome to attend. Myself, my wife Catherine, and FPCA President Ed Vanasdale have been volunteering for the parade for many years, but we could always use some more hands. The parade is important to Forest Park as we are the epicenter of much of the parade route. Note that the parade will kick off at 10 AM this year (to help some of our marchers who participate in multiple events on the Fourth).

Dave Paul reported on the NCC Development Committee. There were no major issues in our area. The same was true for the Graphics and Code Task Force. On a final note, I attended the quarterly Northland Area Business Association's (NABA) lunch at the new Elevate Northland HQ, just south of the Skate Zone near Morse and I-71. I'd encourage any business owners in the area to attend, as it's a good way to make connections in the neighborhood. Good food too!

The next meeting of the Northland Community Council will be in the auditorium at Westerwood, on April 2, at 7 pm. All area residents are welcome.

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 _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Vacation Dates: Depart _____ Return _____ Please notify _____

Alternate person Address _____ Phone _____

Who has key? _____

Lights on timer? _____ Location of lights _____

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Location of devices _____

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

If yes, make and model of their car _____



Mail to:
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 Email at:

Hello Forest Park! The Columbus Police Department is currently understaffed and the population in Columbus is expected to keep increasing. That's not meant to frighten anyone, but is meant to be a warning that we all need to be watching out for ourselves and each other. One very important way to do that is to submit the \$30 for your annual FPCA membership, because part of that money goes towards paying for the security patrols that monitor both Forest Park East and West. Supplemental Security also offers peace of mind while you're away from home by providing additional patrols when you submit your vacation request form. The best defense is a good offense and we can do that as a community by getting to know your neighbors, vehicles on your street, and by not making yourself an easy victim by leaving car doors unlocked and valuables in your vehicle. The approaching spring is a great time to introduce yourselves while working around the yard.



Another benefit of the \$30 membership is the Block Watch. We hold the block watch every month on the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm at Epworth Church on Karl Road. It is the same day and the same location as the Civic Association meeting. Our police liaison, Officer Yandrich, is present during block watch and it's a dedicated time to ask questions, get answers, and share concerns. If you can't make it, you can send your questions to Daryl Van Mercetta at dvanmercetta@gmail.com but we would love to see you there. The only way we can be successful is by having community participation.



Become a member of the Forest Park Civic Association today for just \$30 for the year for the entire household and take advantage of Supplemental Security for your Spring Break travel plans. Just submit the form below to Daryl via email at dvanmercetta@gmail.com or mail it to 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, OH 43229. You can also fill it out online at fpcivic.org.

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



FOREST PARK SPRING COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE Saturday, May 18, 2024

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 15th** 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 2024 GARAGE SALE ENTRY FORM - \$5.00
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Welcome to Forest Park! My name is Laura and I'm the new welcome chair for the Forest Park Civic Association. The goal of the welcome committee is to make sure all new neighbors have the information they need to settle into their new home and navigate their new community. Every month I work with Mary Sguerra to review which houses have recently sold. Then I coordinate with all of our lovely Area Representatives to distribute folders full of important information for new neighbors.

What's inside the folder you ask? The folder itself is green and says *Forest Park Civic Association welcomes you to our neighborhood*, with a QR code that directs new neighbors to an online form to become a member of our Civic Association. Also included in the folders:

- A very large accordion map of Franklin county, and the state of Ohio. Great for keeping for emergency in the car.
- A map of Forest Park areas East and West. Helpful if you're looking up your Area Rep
- A postcard from Andrea Phillipson and Yellow Umbrella Homes with information about the Forest Park Civic association Social Committee and events
- Information from the Karl Road YMCA including memberships, activities schedule, programming schedule and more!
- Voter registration and information update form so you can make sure you're registered for your new address.
- Information from the Karl Road branch of the Columbus Public Library, including how to sign up for a free library card.
- A map of all of the local CODA bus routes and stops.
- Official Mail Forwarding and Change of Address order form from the USPS.
- A list of nearby schools and enrollment information .
- The 2024 yard waste collection and trash schedules.
- Last and most importantly, a form to become a member of the Forest Park Civic Association!

If you're a millennial like me you might be thinking, "Why do I need a paper copy when this information is available online?" The answer is community! Our welcome folders are a great way for new neighbors to meet their Area Representatives and other neighbors. Forest Park has a longstanding history of being a well connected neighborhood, and the Welcome Folders are just one of the ways we keep this community engaged.

New information is always being reviewed and added to the folders. We welcome any neighbors providing additional resources they think would be useful for new neighbors! If you're new to Forest Park and haven't received your folder, or you'd like to be part of the welcome committee please contact me at hayeslaura2@gmail.com.

You can help support this committee by becoming a member of the civic association!

Forest Park Gardener – April 2024

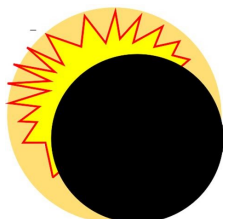
Well, this is to be a very exciting time for us in Central Ohio! The much-anticipated Solar Eclipse will be coming to our neck of the woods on April 8th. While we are not in the path of a total eclipse, we will still experience an amazing natural event. The next one won't be seen in the US until August 2044.



According to National Eclipse, Ohio residents can first see the moon overtake the sun at 1:53 p.m. before it fully reappears at 4:30 p.m. For those of you who are aiming for totality, it will last only about 10 minutes, starting around 3:08pm.

Be patient, not only with the Moon moving in front of the Sun, but also with the added crowds, traffic, and general hub bub associated with the event. I'm not sure how crowded it is going to be around here, but in the areas of "totality" it's going to look like a scene from "Independence Day", or "Ghostbusters" .. take your pick.

Wear the right glasses! Your Ray Ban's aren't going to help you. Make sure you have the correct safety gear, and leave them on!



While we are gazing skyward, it might be fun to check out the effect of what the eclipse does to our gardens. As the eclipse progresses, and the sun rays diminish, we might be able to see our plants get a little confused. Without the sun, photosynthesis shuts down, and plants leaves will droop, and buds may close. Many insects (butterflies, bees, etc) may begin their nighttime routines, heading to their homes or seeking shelter. Birds may quiet down, thinking it is night time, and crickets may chirp up!

I'm hoping that we have good weather and not the Central Ohio cloud cover that we normally get in the Spring.



Please join us to pick up trash and litter along 161 and make our community look inviting and clean!

All supplies will be provided, including safety vests, trash grabbers, garbage bags and latex gloves.

If you prefer heavy duty gloves, please bring some with you.

Meet at the volunteer car in the parking lot behind the Jiffy Lube. (Look for yellow safety vests!)

Your group will be assigned to a section of grass along the service road. You do NOT need to bring back your full trash bags. You may leave these at the intersection corner for pickup later by our corporate partner, The Hadler Corporation.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP ON 161!

Bring your friends, family, clubs, and houses of worship to pick up litter. All supplies provided. Just bring yourself!

JOIN US!



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APRIL 13
From 9AM - NOON
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Find more information at
Naba161TaskForce.org



Recycling: Using the Blue Cans

By Ken Gilbert

I've noticed in my jaunts around Forest Park that many residents are using the blue recycling containers. That's awesome. However, I have also notice that many are using them incorrectly. Two examples—at one house being cleaned out, I saw construction materials and old blinds in the container. Elsewhere, I've seen items for recycling being placed in plastic bags. Both are no-nos. They can actually result in the entire truckload being rejected and sent to the landfill. Plastic bags are a big issue as they can jam up the sorting machines. So can things like wires, hoses, and clothing.

A detailed list of acceptable items may be found on the city's webpage at <https://new.columbus.gov/Services/Trash-Recycling-Bulk-Collection/How-to-Dispose-or-Recycle/How-to-Recycle>, but we will give a short listing here.

- Cardboard and paper (flatten please)
- plastic bottles, jugs, tubs, and cups (lids accepted, remove straws)
- glass bottles and jars—all colors accepted
- metal cans and cups (remove aerosol tips)
- cartons (rinse and remove lids)



Don't put dirty cans or other items in—rinse them first. You do not have to separate items, and lids, caps, and labels may be kept on the items. **Do NOT put in plastic bags, wrap, or film**, do NOT put in other plastics not on the "good" list, and do NOT put in any kind of styrofoam items (like plates). Again, **do NOT use plastic bags for your recycling**. At our house, we use paper bags (which you can ask for at many groceries when bagging your purchases), which does make it easier to store and to recycle items. Also, do not recycle electronics. There are private recycling places in Franklin County that will take electronics for recycling and sometimes will pay you for them (excepting old tube TVs—which the city will pick up if you use their bulk pickup program).

In Forest Park, our recycling day is Friday, except when there's a holiday that week. In that case it moves to Saturday. Yard waste is collected separately, every other week. See the city's 311 website for more information.

Forest Park Business Memberships

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5100 Karl Road
614-885-8015

Karl Road Christian Church

5400 Karl Road
614-888-3444

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Howard Hanna Real Estate Services

614-818-7636

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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)

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

Gabby's Bar

1887 Tamarack Cir N

614.433.0583

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Parking in the Neighborhood



There have been some recent questions about parking on the streets in FP.

FPCA recommends talking with your neighbors about parking issues. We realize folks are worried about cars parked on streets getting side swiped so they are parking up on the curbs or into the lawn. Be careful how and where you park and don't disturb the neighbors property when parking or driving from your location. You can always file your concerns with 311 Columbus as well.

We Found this list from Nick Renford at the website www.smart-parkings.com. Here is his list for parking Etiquette in the neighborhood.

- Always park in designated areas and avoid blocking driveways or fire hydrants.
- Be mindful of the amount of space you take up when parking on the street, especially in tight neighborhoods.
- Do not park on someone else's lawn or property without their permission.
- Respect parking restrictions such as time limits and permit-only zones.
- Be considerate of your neighbors and avoid making excessive noise when entering or exiting your vehicle.
- If you have guests over, make sure they are aware of the parking rules in the neighborhood and where they can park legally.
- If you notice a neighbor consistently violating parking etiquette, try to address the issue politely before involving authorities.

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April, 2024



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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!**

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

All Homes SOLD

Homes sold since 2/15/24

	Asking Price:	Sold Price:				
5600 Cherrywood Rd. Ranch/4BR	220,000	230,000	5168 Maplewood Ct. W.	2-Sty/4BR	320,000	320,000
1875 Tamarack Ct. N Split/4BR	225,000	225,000	2133 Pine Knoll Ave.	Split/4BR	339,900	345,000
5635 Sandalwood Bl Split/6BR	234,900	253,100	5481 Blue Ash Rd.	Ranch/3BR	349,000	346,500
5401 Vinewood Ct. Ranch/3BR	260,000	286,000	2040 Northcliff Dr.	2-Sty/6BR	354,900	345,000
5516 Driftwood Rd. Split/4BR	279,500	317,000				



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