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Forest Park Civic Association

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INPREM Holistic Community Resource Center

The Forest Park Civic Association was fortunate enough to have Alex Abrokway Clotney, CEO of INPREM Food Panty as our guest speaker for May 14th FPCA Civic meeting. INPREM Food Panty is a Drive-thru Food Panty and the busiest "single" location in Central Ohio. It is located right here in Forest Park at 5757 Karl Road. We served over 243,000 Individuals in 2023 and our numbers are growing every month! INPREM Food Panty is the first and longest-established fresh produce pantry in Central Ohio. We are open Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. We have no zip code restrictions. No appointment is required. Please bring a photo identification and a current piece of mail with your address on it to access our drive through pantry. We welcome you to come once a week for fresh foods. We operate only with the help of volunteers and donations. We would love to have you volunteer or make a donation. Please give us a call if you need further information. We look forward to hearing from you!



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Forest Park Night at GABBY's
Saturday June 8, 6 pm—??

Forest Park Civic Meeting
Tuesday June 11, 2024

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

Epworth United Methodist Church
5100 Karl Rd

Columbus Symphony Orchestra

Free concert at Woodward Park
Sunday July 14, 7 pm

Join us: 60th "Diamonds of Columbus" Northland Community Independence Day Parade 10 AM-July 4th

Steps off at 10am from the parking lots north of
Karl & Morse Rds
Procession travels north up Karl Road towards
Dublin-Granville Road (1.7 miles)



The Forest Park "Bikes & Trikes" tradition continues

Decorate your bikes, tricycles,
scooters & meet us at:
parking area in front of the Woodward Park
Middle School at **9:15 am** on July 4th.
We will judge bikes based on 2 categories:

1. "Diamonds of Columbus"
2. PATRIOTISM

Parents or guardians must register participants and sign a waiver. Children five years of age and under must be accompanied by a parent or older child during the parade. The children will join the parade with the Forest Park group after judging & the awards are presented. All children will need to wear a helmet if riding a bicycle.



If you would like to judge the Bikes & Trikes or help with the Forest Park Float:

Email: volunteerfpca@gmail.com or
andrea@yellowumbrellahomes.com

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Articles for the JULY, 2024 Forester are
due to editor by JUNE 14 , 2024.

Our JULY 2024 Forester will be delivered to
homes by the first Sunday, JULY 7. Don't
forget to mail or pay online membership
dues. 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
at rwbuckeye@gmail.com



2024 GABBY's Summer Band Lineup

Saturday June 1st – Shaun Booker Dammit

Friday June 7th - Wildcard

Saturday June 8th – Forest Park Night with
Alexander Band

Friday June 14th – Uncle Fester

Saturday June 15th – Mustangs

Friday June 21st – Linden and Melvin

Saturday June 22nd – Megabeth

Friday June 28th – Astrocat

Saturday June 29th – Elderly Brothers

Friday July 5th – Trifecta

Saturday July 6th – Control the Wheel

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Monthly Financial Report - April 2024

<u>Income</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Household Membership	\$4,980.00	\$4,980.00	\$14,400.00	\$9,420.00
Business Membership	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$750.00	\$675.00
Forester				
Advertising	\$565.00	\$565.00	\$7,600.00	\$7,035.00
Additional Donations	\$291.67	\$291.67	\$750.00	\$458.33
Supplemental Security	\$591.67	\$591.67	\$1,600.00	\$1,008.33
Beautification	\$256.67	\$256.67	\$700.00	\$443.33
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$170.00
Mulch Sale	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00	\$6,000.00	\$2,900.00
Welcome Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.16	\$0.16	\$2.00	\$1.84
Other	\$1,080.00	\$1,080.00	\$1,800.00	\$720.00
Total Income	\$10,940.16	\$10,940.16	\$33,772.00	\$22,831.84
<u>Expenses</u>				
Membership				
PayPal Fees	\$43.01	\$43.01	\$100.00	\$56.99
Annual Mailing Printing	\$280.00	\$280.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,020.00
USPS Bulk Mail Permit	\$1,995.00	\$1,995.00	\$2,000.00	\$5.00
Outreach Day	\$95.34	\$95.34	\$100.00	\$4.66
Forester				
Printing	\$985.00	\$985.00	\$9,850.00	\$8,865.00
Delivery Instruction Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Bags	\$870.75	\$870.75	\$1,500.00	\$629.25
Supplemental Security	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$11,000.00	\$10,250.00
Beautification				
Island Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Neighborhood Beautification	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Committees				
Welcome	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Social	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$400.00
Parade	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$110.00
Mulch Sale	\$4,446.20	\$4,446.20	\$4,000.00	(\$446.20)
Office Expenses				
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
NCC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$185.00	\$185.00
Banquet	\$159.40	\$159.40	\$80.00	(\$79.40)
PO Box	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$256.00	\$256.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Total Expenses	\$9,724.70	\$9,724.70	\$33,131.00	\$23,406.30
Net	\$1,215.46	\$1,215.46	\$641.00	(\$574.46)

April, 2024
Treasurer Report
Submitted by
Cheryl Lutman

167 household memberships

1 business membership -
Yellow Umbrella - Thanks,
Andrea!

Mulch sales in April were
\$3,100, though I deposited
another \$2,850 the first of
May. That means, so far, the
mulch sale raised
\$5,950. Expenses were the
mulch purchase of \$4,126.20
and printing the order forms
was another \$320. Profit to
date is \$1,503.80.

The annual mailing & permit
fees were \$2,195 and pizza
for the stuffing party was
\$98.25. I owe Mike an
additional \$200 due to a
bank error.

Rita bought bags for \$870.75
and Ed purchased NCC
banquet tickets for \$159.40.

Whew! Memberships keep
rolling in, though at a slower
pace. If your check hasn't
cleared your bank yet, please
bear with me! I probably
have another 70-80 to work
through.

If you have any questions,
please let me know!

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Forest Park Civic Association Meeting

Date: May 14, 2024 **Location:** Epworth United Methodist Church
Meeting called to order @ 7:05 PM by Ed Vanasdale
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Attendance was taken via roll call.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Ed Vanasdale - ed1vanasdale@gmail.com

Cheryl Lutman was thanked (by S. Biggs) for the outstanding work she has done thru the April/May time period—Tax season, mulch sale, and membership—Whew!! Thank you, Cheryl.
Andrea and Laura were again applauded as FPCA Volunteer of the Year! They were honored at the NCC banquet last month.

Guest Speaker:

INPREM Holistic Community Resource Center
(5757 Karl Rd./Hempwood Dr. is the cross street)
Alex Abrokway-Clotney (CEO)

This is Alex's 2nd time at the FPCA meeting. The purpose is to bring services and access to the basic needs of immigrants, refugees, and people of FP. They are open 7 days a week. They have served 321 zip codes since their inception in 2013. They served 65,000 families in 2023. Northland has been identified as a food desert. There are no major grocery stores on the 161 corridor. The cost of living, and cost of groceries is going up in the Northland area. The library is no longer providing lunch for kids this summer. There is a large need for families this summer. They are looking to improve and increase their services that they provide: health care, day care, after-school care, computer lab, etc. They are looking for a place to house their future services. To contact Alex for volunteer opportunities check out their website <https://inprem.org/>

Vice President Trevor Secord - tsecord@une.edu

No Report/See NCC Report

Secretary Lou Bernard - loubernard3@gmail.com

Attendance:

- Officers/Committee Chairs Present: EV, TS, LB, CL,RW, DVM, KVM, SL, CA, EM, AP, KG, SB
- Officers/Committee Chairs Absent: MS, LH, DP
- Area Reps in Attendance: 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 13
- Area Reps Absent: 1, 6, 8, 9, 10, 14 (Area 14 remains vacant)
- Total meeting attendance: 31
- Reviewed minutes from April, a change was made to make sure the name of Schoedinger states the correct name of Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services by Schoedinger-North; minutes were approved and entered into the official records.
- Attendance Sheet thru May will be available online.

Treasurer Cheryl Lutman - cllutman17@gmail.com

- April was a busy month! Still busily processing incoming memberships, but here's where we are at the end of April: 167 household memberships, 1 business membership - Yellow Umbrella - Thanks, Andrea!
- The mulch sale raised \$5,950. Expenses were the mulch purchase of \$4,126.20 and printing the order forms was another \$320. Profit to date is \$1,503.80. (plus \$478 was delivered at the meeting from S. Biggs.)
- The annual mailing and permit fees were \$2,195, and pizza for the stuffing party was \$98.25. Mike Stone is owed an additional \$200 due to a bank error.
- Rita bought bags for \$870.75 and Ed purchased NCC banquet tickets for \$159.40.
- Memberships keep rolling in, though at a slower pace. If your check hasn't cleared your bank yet, please bear with us! Cheryl probably has another 70-80 to work through.

Public Relations Mary Sguerra - marysguerra@howardhanna.com

- Saturday, May 18th is the Forest Park Community Garage Sale. If you want to participate please have your entry form turned in by Wednesday, May 15th. We are looking for 2 volunteers to hand out the Garage Sale List at the Forest Park East and Forest Park West islands at Karl Rd & Sandalwood from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. If you can help out please contact Mary Sguerra at 614-506-7540. An ad was paid for and placed in the Columbus Dispatch for the Garage Sale and it will run Thursday, Friday & Saturday. The charge was \$51.96 and the invoice was emailed to Cheryl Lutman, Treasurer.

- Mary rec'd a phone call from a very concerned resident on Satinwood regarding the constant speeders on that street. He wanted to know what we could do about it and could we get speed bumps. (Erin will contact Patrick to see where he is with the speed bump committee.)
- Daniel Purdy (who helped with mulch delivery) will maintain the grass and mulch spreading on the Forest Park east and west islands. We may need some additional mulch.

Forester Editor Rita Woeste - forester_ed@fpcivic.org

- Articles and pictures for June Forester need to be to Rita by May 17th, for delivery around May 26th or 27th.
- Articles and pictures for July Forester need to be to Rita by June 14th, for delivery around June 23rd or 24th.

Supplemental Security

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

Business Representative Sheridan Landon - slandon52@gmail.com

Cynthia Alkire - 1classicy@gmail.com

No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welcome Committee Chair Laura Hayes - hayeslaura2@gmail.com

- 3 houses sold in April, in area 2 and area 11. 2 homes were purchased by a company and may be rentals, and not sure if someone will be living in them yet. Will hold off delivery to those homes.
- Thank you to the FPCA board for allocating funds to the welcome committee! We have approximately 150 folders still, and don't think we'll need to order more this year. The funds will go towards adding additional materials to the folder and looking into hosting an event for new neighbors.

Volunteer Coordinator Erin Materu - volunteerfpc@gmail.com

Thank you to all who volunteered at the Mulch Sale. Scott did an amazing job and it was a huge success! I am getting guest speakers lined up for our meetings. If you have any suggestions or requests please let me know. I also have 2 thank you cards for us to sign for 2 of our long time volunteer members.

Membership Coordinator Mike Stone - msto0103@yahoo.com

Please remind your neighbors about becoming members. We need to blast the membership on social media! Mike will start to tally area rankings and advertise that on social media and in the Forester. Let's staff those food truck events to get more members. We will continue to raise membership awareness in the future months.

Social Activities Andrea Philipsen - andrea@yellowumbrellahomes.com

- Thank you to all who attended the first social event of the year on 5/1 at North YMCA featuring The Peach Cobbler Factory. Next events on May 16th and June 11th! A tent with tables and chairs to be set up at each event so you can enjoy in the shade!
- Financial Literacy course on May 29th, 10am at North YMCA with State Bank!
- Get ready for International Fest July 27th, 2-5p - mark your calendars now - live entertainment (two dance troupes!) and foods to be sampled from across the world! @ North YMCA
- Accepting candy donations for 4th of July parade and Trunk or Treat. All donations to Andrea Philipsen, please.
- FPCA t-shirts were designed and ordered for all FPCA officers, committee chairs, area reps, and Forester delivery people. We will have extras available for purchase as local FPCA events this summer.

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Support our Local Business Members!!

If you know of a business who would like to advertise in the Forester or just become a FPCA business member, have them contact Forester Editor, 614-785-1555 or email forester_ed@fpcivic.org for information.

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1. NCC is looking for volunteers for the 4th of July parade. Look for info in this Forester or show up at Casa Mezcal on the 3rd Tues. of each month from 7-8 pm.
2. Columbus Police - we had a small rise in gun shootings and car jacking in the area
3. Nat'l Night Out - Aug. 6th. We are registered with the YMCA to host. Trevor is applying for grant money for us.
4. May is National Bike Month - get out and ride.
5. The CEO from the Columbus Library system is retiring after 30 years. They are doing a national search to replace him.
6. Northland HS completed a STEM competition in Atlanta, and represented the area and the school system extremely well. Congratulations Vikings!!!!

NCC Development Representative

Ed Vanasdale - ed1vanasdale@gmail.com

April 24, 2024 meeting. 2 cases were heard, but neither were in the immediate FP area.

Website Administrators

Scott Biggs - sbiggs@mail@yahoo.com

Dave Paul - dwpaul@fpcivic.org

The website continues to be updated with monthly events. Typically, these are also shared on our official FPCA Facebook page and then shared on the Forest Park Neighborhood page. Andrea Philipsen continues to promote FPCA events on Facebook. Ashley Howard has volunteered to help us with social media, including our Instagram account which is not currently updated.

OLD BUSINESS

Scott Biggs (Area 5 Rep, Mulchmaster) FPCA Mulch Sale Report – May 2024

1. The 2024 Mulch Sale was a success. We sold 1,140 bags of black mulch and 240 bags of brown mulch. This includes 100 extra bags of black and 50 extra bags of brown that were ordered on delivery day in addition to the online and mailed pre-orders.
2. Bags were purchased from Ohio Mulch for \$2.99 and sold for \$5 a bag, which included delivery to Forest Park homes on May 4, 2024.
3. A lot of people paid the extra PayPal fees online, and some people gave tips or additional contributions.
4. We ordered 50 extra brown bags and had 30 left over. After a week of slow sales, the last 21 brown bags were sold at a discount to clear the inventory.

5. In 2025, we will order more extra black bags and fewer extra brown bags.
6. Special thanks to the people who delivered the mulch and those who used their vehicles to do so. We would like to see more people involved next year.
7. Thank you to Sequoia Pro Bowl for allowing us to use its parking lot for mulch storage and delivery headquarters.
8. Thank you to Mary Sguerra who bought 130 bags of mulch and donated them to the FPCA to mulch the landscaped Welcome Islands at Karl Rd. and Sandalwood Blvd.
9. Thank you to Forest Park east residents Homer and Sandra Santos of Martin's Dumpster Hauling Services for again donating their time, muscle and large trailer.
10. Thank you to Forest Park West resident Justin Moegling and his assistant Mike of Moegling Home Remodeling. His large trailer was in use at a job site so he rented a trailer from U-Haul with his own money and they worked all day delivering. He declined reimbursement and said was happy to help.

Laura Hayes – Grant Research Committee

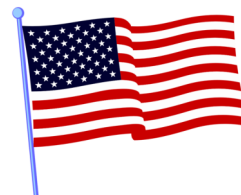
- A. During the budget meeting our president Ed asked if anyone was willing to research grants.
- B. I have found a few people interested in looking into grants we may be eligible for. If anyone else is interested in being involved please text/email me (614-736-8812). We will find a day in June to get together for a few hours to discuss grants. Thanks.
- X. Forest Park Night sponsored by Gabby's – June 8th, Saturday, 6:00 pm -??, bring a dish to share with people.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/IDEAS

- Ashley Howard (Satinwood) Helping out with social media. Looking to expand our SM presence (esp. Instagram)
- Bob Hinebaugh is so excited and proud to see the young people stepping into all of the FPCA positions, and Bob says, "They are SAVING Forest Park!"

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Meeting minutes submitted by Lou Bernard, Secretary, FPCA



Hello Forest Park! Did you know that we are the only neighborhood in Columbus that hires its own security company to perform patrols? This is made possible by the support of you and your neighbors. Thank you for your support! If you haven't had a chance to submit your Forest Park Civic Association Membership form yet, it's not too late! The membership is only \$30 for the year for the entire household and the money has a direct impact on your immediate community.



We haven't been receiving many vacation requests lately but expect to receive more during the summer as the school year ends. The security company hasn't run into any issues during their most recent patrols but we have received reports of suspected gunfire, suspicious vehicles, and noise complaints. It's sad to say that the sounds of gunfire has become all too common but while we may be a little desensitized to it, we should still report it to the police when we hear it. If you ever find a shell casing or a round (bullet) in the neighborhood, report it to the police. If it's an emergency, call 911; non-emergencies can be reported by calling 614-645-4545. As noted before, each and every incident should be reported.



If you have any summer vacation plans, don't forget to turn in your Supplemental Security House Check form to Daryl Van Mercetta by emailing it to dvanmercetta@gmail.com. You can also mail the form to 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, OH 43229 or fill it out online at fpcivic.org. We will ensure that the security company, and only the security company, has the information and can perform additional patrols in your absence.

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

BLOCKWATCH REPORT: Hello Forest Park! In case you missed it in last month's Forester, you can now join a Forest Park Block Watch email list by emailing ForestParkBlockWatch@gmail.com. We hope to use that as a tool to distribute information on a more regular and a more immediate basis rather than waiting until our monthly block watch meetings. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Epworth Church on Karl Road. This meeting directly precedes our code enforcement meeting and Civic Association meeting. Participation is key to make the Block Watch successful and our neighborhood more safe. We hope you can join us!

Officer Yandrich attended our May meeting and said that overall, crime is down in the neighborhood but car break-ins are still rampant. Specifically, people are targeting trucks that have NRA or gun advocate stickers and have been successfully stealing guns from vehicles. Please, do not leave your gun in your car. Even if someone gets into your unlocked car and doesn't steal anything, it is still important to report the incident to the non-emergency number at 614-645-4545. That number can also be used to report noise complaint, suspicious lurkers, and other non-emergency issues. Officer Yandrich can also be reached directly at 614-645-1418 or via email at dyandrich@columbuspolice.org. Please note, DO NOT call him for emergency or "time is of the essence" sort of issues. Email is best for more general matters but best practice is to call the non-emergency line, 614-645-4545, or 911 for emergencies.

The Columbus Police Department is planning to restart Project Moonlight, which is a program that has police in the local parks after dark to deter criminal activity. There is also a push to get more officers trained on bikes for better maneuverability and visibility. Finally, National Night Out is scheduled for August 6, 2024. This is a great time to get outside and socialize with your neighbors. Get to know the people in your community by planning to grill outside, have a small get together, or just sit outside to be seen and wave as people walk by. Plan a cookout with a few neighbors out in your front yard and meet someone new.

We hope to see you at the next meeting! In the meantime, look out for yourselves and each other.

Supplemental Security House Check

Forest Park Business Members and Homeowner Members only!

Use this form to have your home checked while you are on vacation. The form will be passed on to the supplemental security officer and the Security Officers. Or fill out the request on our website, www.fpcivic.org

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Vacation Dates: Depart _____ Return _____ Please notify _____

Alternate person Address _____ Phone _____

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Thank you to Sequoia Pro Bowl for allowing us to use its parking lot for mulch storage and delivery headquarters. Thank you to Mary Sguerra who bought 130 bags of mulch and donated them to the FPCA to mulch the landscaped Welcome Islands at Karl Rd. and Sandalwood Blvd.

Thank you to Forest Park East residents Homer & Sandra Santos of Martin's Dumpster Hauling Services for again donating their time, muscle and large trailer. Thanks to Forest Park West resident Justin Moegling and his assistant Mike of Moegling Home Remodeling. His large trailer was in use at a job site so he rented a trailer from U-Haul with his own money and they worked all day delivering bags.

Thank you to FPCA Vice-President Trevor Secord for bringing his truck along with Pat, Ed & Andy who also supplied trucks for delivery. Thanks to all of those who volunteered their bodies to lift and move those many bags of mulch! And special thanks to our Treasurer Cheryl Lutman who has spent many hours this past month handling membership and mulch sale payments.

It's great to be Part of Forest Park.



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Forest Park Neighbors volunteer to Stuff Membership Forms in April



Thanks to Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services by SCHOEDINGER, and Penny Cloud for the set-up and space to allow FPCA stuff all of our membership envelopes in April. This is a huge group effort arranging almost 2900 printed forms and envelopes and then the efforts of Cheryl, Mike and Andy to transport and work with the Post Office to get the packages mailed. Now we need you neighbors of Forest Park to do your part and become a member of the Forest Park Civic Association. Those dues of \$30 will do SOOOOOO much!!!

Thanks to the volunteers who stuffed that Day: Mary Sguerra, Lou Bernard, Ed & Donna Vanasdale, , Marty & Scott Biggs, Kay Biggs, Marlyna Morris, Randy Via, Mary Jenkins, Jane Dean, Ken & Catherine Gilbert, Mike Stone, Eileen Kunkler, Andy & Patty Hunt, Sandra Abrams, Daryl & Katie VanMercetta, Rita Woeste, Erin Matery, Patrick Crawford, Sheridan & Sue Landon, Enoch Blazik, Cindy Fenstermaker, Dave Paul, Penny Cloud, Andrea Philipsen



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First Saturdays

Woodward Park

Community Center 9-10 am

Meet at front picnic tables

New in 2024, WWAD will provide tracking sheets to participants to keep track of the number of steps they take during the walks. There will also be one event at WWAD sites and a weekly walking club for those who would like to continue to walk throughout the week. Participants will: • Earn 2 points for attending a WWAD event. • Earn 1 point for attending a weekly walking club event. • Receive a free t-shirt once they have earned 10 points by showing their tracking sheet to a volunteer or staff member at a WWAD event. • At the End of Year Celebration, participants can submit their tracking sheet for the opportunity to earn additional prizes. To enter the raffle for a FREE pair of On Cloud shoes, you can register by visiting walkwithadoc.org/raffle or clicking here. Winners will be notified in July!



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June 2024 – Forest Park Gardener

So, our La Niña showed up as expected, and drowned us in May. The good news is that we had plenty of water for our lawns, and any of the flowers that we could get planted in between the bouts of rain and storms.

Keep an eye on the sky for our cool rainy weather will exit and we'll soon be dealing with warm, hot and dry days.

Due to the amount of water, our shrubs and trees have grown excessively. Now is the time to get the pruners and trimmers out and working. Trim the shaggy Boxwoods and the Privets, Ninebarks, and Holly should be trimmed and downsized.

Shrubs, like Lilacs, Forsythia, and Viburnum should be cut back to old growth at the very least. Don't worry about pruning too much! For older shrubs, that are too large, consider taking them down to 1 foot high. And, if it has multiple trunks, take some out, and make sure that the base has air movement. I just took my 5 foot Firebush down to 1 foot, and now it looks like a Dr. Seuss character, but I'm seeing some new growth already. By cleaning out the leaf litter, you can prevent wilt and non-beneficial insect damage. These shrubs will take a severe pruning, but it needs to be done before it becomes hot and dry. They need time to recover. Shrubs that bloom in the Spring should be pruned no later than mid-June if you want them to bloom again next spring.

By the time you read this, our May 15th frost date will be long passed. It's safe to put tender vegetables and plants outside permanently for the season.

It is also time to remove the spent spring bulbs. If the leaves are not green, it is safe to trim them to the ground. Your bulb has already been storing the energy for next year. Don't pull! You may end up pulling out the bulb, and then you'll have to spend more \$\$\$ in the fall.

When mulching, make sure to do it when the ground is not wet. Normally a 1 inch layer of mulch is sufficient to protect the plant roots from drought and heat. There are some plants, like Bee Balm (Monarda) who do not like to be mulched, so keep it at least 3 inches from the plant.

Enjoy your time in the garden. Don't forget the bug spray, and watch for poison ivy AND poison hemlock when pulling weeds.

Lisa Dove – forestparkgardener@gmail.com



Membership is Progressing Still time to join FPCA

On behalf of the Forest Park Civic Association, I want to thank everyone who has already returned their membership for this 2024-2025 cycle. If you have yet to take care of the membership, please do so before you forget. You can return the form mailed to you, or join online at <https://www.fpcivic.org/join/>. The \$30 fee is critical so FPCA can continue the services you currently enjoy.

We're still in the early stage of our membership collection, and look forward to sharing "by the area" data in the July Forester. In the meantime, check media and Forester reports for future membership prize packets drawings that will take in the following weeks. Thank you so much for your continued support!!

Mike Stone
Membership Coordinator.



Fill out this membership form or go online to our website, fpcivic.org to pay for your yearly dues.

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:

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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 **\$30.00** cash ☐ or check [# _____], by mail with this form, or ☐ **use our easy PayPal** option at the Forest Park Web site:
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**

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GREAT NEWS!!

My **NEW** listing last month at **5566 Driftwood Rd.** went In-Contract in 4 DAYS and closed in May and my other **NEW** Listing at **5315 Arrowood Lp. W.** went In-Contract in 2 Days and is scheduled to close. Let me help you - give me a call today!

NEW LISTING

5315 Arrowood Loop W.-- Wow! Custom built 2 Story with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, Family Room with WBFP, Updated Kitchen and Baths, 2 car garage, Covered Patio **Asking \$325,000**

CURRENT MARKET WATCH

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

5315 Arrowood Lp. W. 2-Sty/4BR 325,000 *

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

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All Homes SOLD

Homes sold since 4/18/24

		Asking Price:	Sold Price:				
2131 Maplewood Dr.	2-Sty/3BR	185,000	185,000	1858 Dandridge Dr.	2-Sty/3BR	315,000	308,000
1923 Denise Dr.	Split/3BR	270,000	280,000	5707 Satinwood Dr.	Split/3BR	336,900	326,000
5566 Driftwood Rd.	2-Sty/3BR	276,500	313,100	5600 Cherrywood Rd.	Ranch/4BR	339,900	340,000
2209 Pine Knoll Ave.	Split/3BR	284,900	280,000	2133 Pine Knoll Ave.	Split/4BR	339,900	345,000

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 5/17/24. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer

