

# The Forester

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Forest Park Civic Association

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## Forest Park

FPCA commits every year to make sure every neighbor receives a printed copy of the Forester and it is mailed along with the annual membership drive forms. This year we had a large group of volunteers that came to the Schoedinger Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services on Karl Road to stuff over 2800 envelopes that were addressed to everyone in the Forest Park neighborhoods. Having such a fantastic turnout of volunteers made the work go fast, completing it in just over 2 hours. Folks got a chance to meet new neighbors, enjoy some snacks, all while working for a cause that supports their homes and their community.

A special thanks to Mike Stone, Andy Hunt and Cheryl Lutman for then taking the many, many tubs to post office on Monday morning to be mailed. I was impressed that I received my envelope 2 days later on Wednesday, so both FPCA and the Post Office deserve kudos for fast work. Thanks to Schoedinger Advantage for the use of their facility.

Remember it's only \$30 and if all of Forest Park would join, FPCA could do so much to keep the area safe and support/provide activities for the neighborhood. If you cannot locate your membership form, you still have a chance to join or renew your civic membership. We have put a copy on page 10 of this issue or go to [fpcivic.org](http://fpcivic.org) to join online. Please consider and Be Part of the PARK!!!!

## Your Neighborhood



### Save the Dates.....

**Saturday May 17th,**  
FPCA Community  
Garage Sale

Flyers will be passed out at Karl & Satinwood on Saturday Morning.  
Details, pg 11

**FPCA Meeting**  
**Tuesday May 13, 2025**

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

**FPCA Gathering at GABBY's**  
Saturday June 7th  
Join us for food, drink & music-6 pm

**Northland Independence Day Parade**  
"249 and Counting"

FPCA will be doing Bikes/Trikes  
Details in June Forester  
Friday July 4th

**Columbus Symphony**  
**at Woodward Park**  
Free Concert & Ice Cream on the  
grass by Nature Preserve  
July, details in June Forester

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Articles for the next Forester, JUNE 2025 issue, items are due by MAY 16 2025.

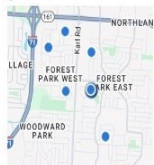
The June Forester will be published and posted at [fpcivic.org](http://fpcivic.org) website, & delivered to homes by the first week of June.

If you can help with delivering the Forester in your neighborhood, contact Rita Woeste at [rwbuckeye@gmail.com](mailto:rwbuckeye@gmail.com)

## Happy Forest Park

Client with his cooler!

Congrats Richard!



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## Forest Park: House, Condo: sales history 1995-2024

	# sold	Ave List \$	Ave Sold \$	Price % Change	Lowest	Highest	Ave \$/SF	Days On Market Ave	Median
1995 Condos	17	\$38,741	\$35,856		\$21,500	\$95,000	na	76	41
1995 Houses	167	\$99,257	\$97,189		\$55,000	\$126,000	na	62	40
2005 Condos	29	\$67,735	\$64,811	81%	\$25,000	\$112,500	\$73	104	70
2005 Houses	237	\$192,636	\$132,188	36%	\$67,000	\$179,900	\$81	74	54
2010 Condos	16	\$62,519	\$53,514	-17.4%	\$23,500	\$90,000	\$57	143	110
2010 Houses	143	\$104,898	\$94,547	-28.5%	\$27,000	\$150,250	\$60	84	56
2015 Condos	23	\$67,329	\$64,852	21.2%	\$25,099	\$195,365	\$69	42	38
2015 Houses	232	\$113,673	\$108,513	14.8%	\$26,000	\$158,000	\$66	46	20
2020 Condos	Update - next month								
2020 Houses	If you need to know sooner: call/ text								
2024 Condos									
2024 Houses									

Brought to you by: Michael Bishop, the cooler, Real Estate Agent  
Howard Hanna 614-600-4554



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## Monthly Financial Report - March 2025

Income	MTD	YTD	Budget	Remaining
Household Membership	\$30.00	\$13,230.00	\$14,400.00	\$1,170.00
Business Membership	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$750.00	\$300.00
Forester				
Advertising	\$970.00	\$7,830.00	\$7,600.00	(\$230.00)
Additional Donations	\$5.00	\$913.34	\$750.00	(\$163.34)
Supplemental Security	\$5.00	\$1,443.34	\$1,600.00	\$156.66
Beautification	\$5.00	\$653.34	\$700.00	\$46.66
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$170.00	(\$105.00)
Mulch Sale	\$330.00	\$6,658.00	\$6,000.00	(\$658.00)
Welcome Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
T-Shirts	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)
Interest	\$0.10	\$1.83	\$2.00	\$0.17
City of Columbus Grant	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	(\$2,500.00)
Other	\$0.00	\$1,963.50	\$1,800.00	(\$163.50)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,345.10</b>	<b>\$36,018.35</b>	<b>\$33,772.00</b>	<b>(\$2,246.35)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Membership				
PayPal Fees	\$1.94	\$74.09	\$100.00	\$25.91
Annual Mailing Printing	\$1,418.00	\$1,698.00	\$1,300.00	(\$398.00)
USPS Bulk Mail Permit	\$0.00	\$2,195.00	\$2,000.00	(\$195.00)
Outreach Day	\$0.00	\$95.34	\$100.00	\$4.66
Forester				
Printing	\$985.00	\$9,850.00	\$9,850.00	\$0.00
Delivery Instruction Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Bags	\$0.00	\$1,967.25	\$1,500.00	(\$467.25)
Supplemental Security	\$750.00	\$11,943.75	\$11,000.00	(\$943.75)
Beautification				
Island Maintenance	\$0.00	\$3,766.03	\$500.00	(\$3,266.03)
Neighborhood Beautification	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Committees				
Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Welcome	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Social	\$0.00	\$207.00	\$500.00	\$293.00
Parade	\$0.00	\$231.00	\$300.00	\$69.00
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$51.96	\$110.00	\$58.04
Mulch Sale	\$0.00	\$4,621.68	\$4,000.00	(\$621.68)
Office Expenses				
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$14.39	\$50.00	\$35.61
Insurance	\$0.00	\$508.00	\$450.00	(\$58.00)
NCC	\$0.00	\$185.00	\$185.00	\$0.00
Banquet	\$0.00	\$159.40	\$80.00	(\$79.40)
PO Box	\$268.00	\$268.00	\$256.00	(\$12.00)
T-Shirts	\$0.00	\$948.90	\$0.00	(\$948.90)
Pending Transfer	\$373.06	\$373.06	\$0.00	(\$373.06)
Other	\$446.60	\$8,504.98	\$100.00	(\$8,404.98)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,242.60</b>	<b>\$47,662.85</b>	<b>\$33,131.00</b>	<b>(\$14,531.83)</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$2,897.50)</b>	<b>(\$11,644.50)</b>	<b>\$641.00</b>	<b>\$12,285.48</b>

March, 2025  
Treasurer Report  
Submitted by  
Cheryl Lutman



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## *The Art of Writing*

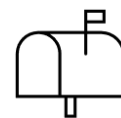
When was the last time you sent or received a handwritten card from someone you care about? Social media can be great for keeping in touch, but it can also create symptoms of social anxiety, all from the comfort of your own couch.

The price of postage has only gone up 5 cents. It's hard to find anything so cheap these days. I think we all like to get mail that isn't a bill or advertisement (GO AWAY CLEAN CHOICE ENERGY)!!

We can take steps to deepen our relationships with each other offline and feel less reliant on social media and screens:

- Update your phone's address book and erase any old numbers you no longer need or that no longer work. Save information like birthdays, family names, addresses, and email addresses to everyone's contact cards.
- Add surprises like a handwritten note, stickers, photos, and drawings in birthday and holiday cards.
- Consider writing a letter to someone who is serving in the military, incarcerated, or in the hospital. Check out [veteran.com/military-pen-pals/](http://veteran.com/military-pen-pals/), [writeaprisoner.com](http://writeaprisoner.com), and [penpalsforlife.com](http://penpalsforlife.com) for more information. It is easy to create a virtual or in person PO box if you do not want to use your home address.
- A letter to your state's Senator and Representative lets you share what you think about current events and gives you a chance to explain why you feel that way. Their job is to represent you, so help them do it! Use [legislature.ohio.gov/members/district-maps](http://legislature.ohio.gov/members/district-maps) to find your district's contact information.

There is a reason why autographed sports items, books, and art are so valuable. I know people who have gotten tattoos of their loved ones' handwriting. Those tiny marks are precious and unique to the writer and the reader.



Ziggy Cicchella, LISW  
Altandrotherapy.com

PS: You can practice your handwriting by copying this sentence over and over. It contains all 26 letters of the alphabet: The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.



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## NCC Notes April 1st Meeting



1. First, NCC is still without a president. The Vice President is currently running the meetings.
2. CPD: The police have been stretched a bit due to protests at the Easton Tesla dealer including counter protests. There have been four robberies at the Sheetz on 161—mostly from people who left their car running. For National Night Out, there will be local sign-up sheets in mid-April. Sign ups on the national website do NOT go to CPD. Homicides are down—none this year as of April 1 in our district.
3. They are working on homeless camps in the area, excepting the one along the off ramp from northbound I-71 to 161, as that is ODOT's responsibility.
4. Our city attorney's office is working on issues as they come up. FACT and Consider biking reminded us of issues with invasive plants, especially honeysuckle and Bradford pears (there was a recent Dispatch article about the latter). April is Earth Month and May is Bike month.
5. Karl Rd Library reminded us that they have regular programming for financial advice, Goodwill technical and career development, James Center cancer information, and an ASL study time. They also have a number of "Culture Passes" for events and museums around the city. See their website for more information. The Rock and Roll exhibits at the Main branch will continue until mid-May. They include free pinball!
6. NABA highlights included a nod to the recent quarterly lunch that went well, and a note that the 161 Cleanup Days will start soon. There will be a Tech Recycle April 12 at 4538 Indianola. Our city liaison, Devin Deal noted that there will be a training session for folks to be community advocates on the new 10 year Parks and Recreation plan on April 29. He can be reached at [DDDeal@Columbus.gov](mailto:DDDeal@Columbus.gov).
7. The April roundtable was a lively discussion about expanding the border of the Northland Community Council to include areas north of Central College Rd, west of Hoover Reservoir. A committee has been formed to study this.
8. Dues will be the same for this year as last year. The Parade Committee will be setting up zoom meetings shortly (see the website [www.northlandparade.org](http://www.northlandparade.org) for more info) to plan the parade. 2025 Parade Theme: 249 and Counting!
9. We also had visits from the North Branch of the Y, who will be giving regular updates, the Woodward Park Rec Center Manager (who spoke last month at FPCA), and our State Representative [Munira Abdullahi](#) Tel: (614) 500-0103. Email: [munirayasin13@gmail.com](mailto:munirayasin13@gmail.com)
10. A final note, the NCC Banquet has been postponed to a later date due to planning issues.

## **FOREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING**

Date: April 8, 2025

Location: Epworth United Methodist Church

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 PM by Ed Vanasdale

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance was taken via roll call.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**President** Ed Vanasdale - edlvanasdale@gmail.com

1. Ed will be stepping down from the role of president this year. He took on the role, for the second time, after the death of our late president, Scott Prigan. He will assume the role of past president in 2026.

Ed wanted to thank everyone for the great work on Saturday at the membership envelope stuffing.

**Guest Speaker:** None

**Vice President** Mark Bell - MarkBellncc@insight.rr.com

Wanted to also thank everyone for the great job on Saturday.

**Secretary** Lou Bernard - loubernard3@gmail.com

Attendance:

Officers/Committee Chairs Present: EV, MB, LB, CL, MSg,

RW, DVM, KVM, SL, LH, EM, MSt, TS, KG, DP, SB

Officers/Committee Chairs Absent: QM, AH

Area Reps in Attendance: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13

Area Reps Absent: 2, 6, 8, 10, 14

Total meeting attendance: 30

2. Reviewed minutes from March; no changes or corrections needed, minutes have been approved and were entered into the official records.

Attendance Sheet thru April: online

**Treasurer** Cheryl Lutman - clutman17@gmail.com

- This is the last report for this fiscal year. We were 39 households shy of our target of 480.
- Mulch sales have begun, and we did get a few online orders in March.
- We did get a few business memberships this year, but not the 10 we were shooting for.
- Our two big expenses this month were the printing of envelopes and data sheets for the membership drive, printing the *Forester*, and paying for security patrols. We have renewed our post office box.

While we did end the year in the red, there were some extraordinary expenses that pushed us over. The Board has worked to trim expenses, the grant committee is working hard to find funds that way, but again, the biggest way to support us is with your household membership.

**Public Relations** Mary Sguerra - marysguerra@howardhanna.com

Just a quick reminder that we have our Spring Forest Park Community Garage Sale on Saturday, May 17, 2025. Please turn in your garage sale entry form by Wednesday, May 15th.

**Forester Editor** Rita Woeste - forester\_ed@fpcivic.org

- *Forester* Articles for May Issue due to me by Friday, 4/18/25
- Articles in May for the JUNE issue are due by Friday, May 16 (make sure Rita has info for Bikes/Trikes and any other details for the Northland 4th of July Parade).
- Thanks to Mary for finding a new delivery person for Larkwood in FPE, and Lou for finding new delivery people, although they have not been assigned an area.

Area that need delivery folks for the Forester

- FPW - **area 2**, 1262-1324 Pegwood Ct. (23) & 1344-1387 Pegwood Dr. (13)
- FPE - **area 11**, 1655-1774 Pin Oak (29) 1608-1632 Sienna Ln. N (4) 4970-5029 Sienna Ln. (15) special instructions for 4975 Sienna Ln.
- FPE - **Area 12**, 2307-2425 Green Apple Ave. (29); 5262-

5297 Blackgum Pl. (13); 5272-5301 Sweetgum Pl. (8) DO NOT Deliver to 5288 Sweetgum Pl.

- FPE - **Still uncovered** 1800-1868 Coghill Dr. (12), 1837-1872 Dandridge Dr. (9), 1841-1872 Judwick Dr.(8), 4901-4991 Lyle Rd. (16)

### **Supplemental Security**

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Katie Van Mercetta - kvanmercetta@gmail.com,

Dan Yandrich (CPD Liaison Officer) -

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1. Officer Yandrich was not able to be in attendance tonight (scheduled vacation) so we do not have a report from him for this month, but based on the crime map it looks like there has still been a lot of theft from vehicles and properties in the apartments north and south of us, but Forest Park itself has been quiet and safe.

2. Other than a few vacation request house checks (all secure), our security patrols have fortunately been uneventful with the exception of a deer that was hit by a car on Tamarack and reported by the patrol officer to Ohio Div. of Wildlife.

Remember to keep your house and vehicles locked up and do not have anything visible in your vehicle that would tempt a thief.

### **Business Representative**

Sheridan Landon - slandon52@gmail.com *No Report*

**Civic Action Officer** *Position Vacant* - 311 Meeting 6:30-7:00 before every FPCA general meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Welcome Committee Chair**

Laura Hayes - hayeslaura2@gmail.com

1. Welcome new neighbors! It's been a busy spring.

Laura has been supporting the grant committee and our web administration team and will have an update on welcome folders shortly!

**Volunteer Coordinator** Erin Materu - mmateru@hotmail.com

1. Thank you for approximately 30 volunteers that made the bulk mailing for the 2025 Membership.
2. We are now gearing up for the mulch sale in May.
3. We still have 2 openings for delivery persons of the *Forester*.
4. Also, we had over 20 people request a tree. We had overflow requests after the deadline, so we will definitely reapply in the next round.

Also the city is asking to meet with the *New American Grant* team to see where we are at before the five is the second installment of the money.

### **Membership Coordinator**

Mike Stone - msto0103@yahoo.com

1. Thanks to the wonderful 30 volunteers that helped us, we tied the FPCA time record of two hours to get almost 3,000 envelopes processed. Andy Hunt and Mike successfully delivered them to the post office Monday and everybody should be receiving them soon. Mike personally appreciates everyone who invested the time to make the endeavor successful.

We can all help facilitate the success of the membership by keeping it a current topic with our neighbors and Forest Park friends. Please remind people about the membership campaign. You can even offer to collect their membership yourself and save them the stamp!!

**Social Activities** Tiffany Smith - tsmith1599@yahoo.com

Looking for information on the 4th of July parade. Members of the civic association met with Tiffany after the meeting to get her up to speed on her role in the FPCA parade planning.

**NCC Representatives** Ken Gilbert - kgilbert78@att.net,

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See full report in the *Forester*.

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**NCC Development Representative** Ed Vanasdale - ed1vanasdale@gmail.com

NCC Development meeting - March 26, 2025

1 case was heard, see the report on the website under the "Development Reports" tab.

**Grant Writing Committee Chair** Quentin Monden - q.monden@gmail.com

1. The grant committee has submitted our first grant application this year for the Columbus Tree Assistance Program (TAP). The grant is issued by the Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District. Our application asked for \$2,100 in funding to plant 20 native trees, and 2 requests for mature tree maintenance, in our neighborhood on residential property. We were fortunate to receive a letter of support from our Ohio House Rep, and Forest Park resident, Munira Abdullahi. We should hear if we were selected for the grant by the end of the month. Contact Laura Hayes for questions. We will be having a volunteer meeting to help implement the *New American Grant*.

**Website Administrators** Scott Biggs sbiggsmail@yahoo.com (Website/Facebook) Dave Paul dwpaull@fpcivic.org (Website) Ashley Howard ahoward@ashleynicolecounseling.com (Instagram/Facebook)

Our social media pages (website/Facebook/Instagram) are always - always being updated with new and upcoming info! Please check it out!! Please subscribe/follow/like us.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mulch Sale Update: online orders are coming in and the order form is included in the April Forester. Deadline to order is April 18. Delivery day is Saturday, May 3 from 9 am until noon out of the Sequoia Pro Bowl parking lot. Fit volunteers are needed to lift bags of mulch! Order and pay online at fpcivic.org/mulch. ~ Scott Biggs, Area 5 Rep, The Mulch King

### **NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/IDEAS**

1. Thank you 311! I'd like to remind our neighbors the importance of taking action, no matter how small. On my way to work last week I noticed a new city tree planted on Sandalwood and Cottonwood had been struck by a car and uprooted. I put in a 311 ticket, and alerted a neighbor to see if they could help. With the support of our neighbors, and 311 the tree was replanted and staked. It's a small thing, but our actions have big impacts. Please be vigilant in protecting and caring for our neighborhood! ~ Laura Hayes, Welcome Committee Chair

2. Our guest speaker from last month extended her thanks for hosting her. She gladly reported that 15 new sign-ups from residents came in and signed up for programs. ~ Michael Cote  
Woodward Rec Center will be hosting Columbus's Earth Day celebration and are looking for volunteers. You can register at <https://columbusrecparks.com/calendar/earth-day-arbor-day-celebration-2/> or at the rec center. ~ Michael Cote

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM

Meeting minutes submitted by Lou Bernard, Secretary, FPCA

May 2025 Garden Corner

### **The Breakdown on Commercial Synthetic Fertilizers**

In the early spring, you can't walk into any garden store without seeing stacks and stacks of bags of fertilizer for your yard and your garden. Is it necessary? How can we use it? How can we use it responsibly? It would be easy to go down a deep rabbit hole here but let's start with some simple biology and chemistry.



We all know that plants need water, light, oxygen, carbon dioxide, but here are the essential nutrients in the soil, that will help new plants grow.

**Nitrogen (N) – leaf and stem growth, chlorophyll production, and plant strength**

**Phosphorus (P) – root development, flowers, fruit set**

**Potassium (K) – water regulation, disease resistance**

Calcium (Ca) – structure and development – strong stems!

Magnesium (Mg) – effective photosynthesis (chlorophyll changing water/sun to energy)

Sulfur (S) – plant growth and seed formation

The first 3 elements are found displayed on fertilizer bags that we see and their ratio is designated in a standard format: **N-P-K**. The numbers represent the percentage by weight of each of these three elements that are in the fertilizer formula.

If you want to green up your lawn, you use a formula that is heavier in nitrogen (ex: 20-10-10). For your returning strawberries and blueberries, you would look for a fertilizer that is heavier in Phosphorus (ex: 10-20-10) to promote flower/fruit production.

You also have the option to use a balanced fertilizer (12-12-12) which provides a gentle boost in your emerging plants but doesn't overstimulate growth. This is my "go to" for my spring garden.

### ***Granular or liquid? What form is best?***

It's not a question of best, but more efficient. Liquid fertilizer, when applied properly, can give a jump start because it is absorbed faster. Granular, takes a little longer because it needs to dissolve for the plants to utilize it. However, it is more cost effective, and is harder to store, if you don't use it all up when it is applied. Whichever form you use, remember to keep the fertilizer down toward the plant roots, because that is where it will do the most good.

Be Responsible! Commercial manufacturers create products that combine fertilizer with other elements (such as herbicides and insecticides). Scott's Lawn Care 4 step program or Miracle-Gro Potting Soil are examples of this type of product. PLEASE READ YOUR LABELS! Make sure that you apply the correct product for your needs. DON'T OVER PURCHASE. Make you know your square footage of what you need. That way you don't over fertilize your yard (avoiding excess runoff into our watershed), and you won't have to store it!

I do need to mention that there are Organic Fertilizers which are commercially prepared and available for use. I use a mix of organic and synthetic fertilizers for different applications.

The difference between synthetic and organic fertilizers is **the source** of the nutrients in the mix. The ratio and function of the nutrients do not change.

Happy Spring Lisa Dove (forestparkgardener@gmail.com)

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**Hello Forest Park!****Supplemental Security News**

Our Police Liaison, Dan Yandrich, won't be able to attend our Block Watch meetings for April and May but he will still be able to answer any questions and address any concerns that come in during that time. Send them to Daryl Van Mercetta at [dvanmercetta@gmail.com](mailto:dvanmercetta@gmail.com) or to Officer Yandrich at [dyandrich@columbuspolice.org](mailto:dyandrich@columbuspolice.org). Our block watch meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at Epworth Church, immediately before our 311 and civic association meetings.

Car break-ins continue to be an issue in the area so it's important to keep your car locked at all times and don't leave anything in your car—valuable or not. It's important to report any break-ins to the police at their non-emergency number, 614-645-4545, but if you don't feel comfortable for making an official report, here are some tips to avoid break-ins:

- Lock your car doors & don't leave valuables in your car
- Keep your home well lit by turning on your porch light, backyard patio lights or consider installing dawn to dusk lights.
- Get to know your neighbors so that you can report suspicious activity and keep an eye out for each other.

If you're a paid Forest Park Civic Association Member, which is only \$30/year for the entire household, included in your membership is Supplemental Security. Fill out the form below and send it to Daryl Van Mercetta at [dvanmercetta@gmail.com](mailto:dvanmercetta@gmail.com) or 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, OH 43229 or fill it out online at [fpcivic.org](http://fpcivic.org). He'll submit your request to our security company, who will perform extra patrols in your area and keep an eye out for suspicious activity.

Crime Prevention is a



Community Commitment

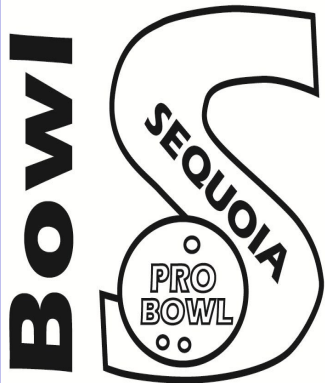
As always, if you see something, say something and stay safe everyone!

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# 1887 Tamarack Circle North

**7-11pm**

Fri May 30<sup>th</sup> – Sparky Brewer  
Sat May 31<sup>st</sup> – Linden and Melvin  
Fri June 6<sup>th</sup> - Shaun Booker Dammit  
Sat June 7<sup>th</sup> – Forest Park Night  
w/ Alexander Band  
Fri June 13<sup>th</sup> – Outpatient5  
Sat June 14<sup>th</sup> – Stella in the Can  
Fri June 20<sup>th</sup> – Astrocat  
Sat June 21<sup>st</sup> – Wildcard  
Fri June 27<sup>th</sup> – Bourbon Stew  
Sat June 28<sup>th</sup> – The Mustangs



## A Few Questions

- How many City Council representatives are there in Columbus?
- In what council district is Forest Park?
- Who is our council representative?
- How often do you have a conversation with him?
- Do you know and talk with your police liaison?
- Do you know anyone in Code Enforcement?

If you cannot answer many of these questions, don't worry. You have people in the neighborhood who can, and they are willing to support you with any problem you might be having with the city. They are the volunteers who participate in the Forest Park Civic Association.

For the organization to continue, we really need help both through finance and volunteers. Both are easy to do.

Please join by returning your \$30 yearly membership. If you have lost the form we sent, you can use the one enclosed in this newsletter (address is listed on the form). Even more convenient, you can go to [FPCivic.org](http://FPCivic.org) and join through Paypal. If you do this online, please fill out the online membership form as well.

Often, people are hesitant to volunteer because they are worried about long term commitments. However, there are numerous opportunities that are either single-day or take just a handful of days. Often these can be both enjoyable and fulfilling. Feel free to email [volunteerfpca@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerfpca@gmail.com)

## Forest Park Civic Association

## Household Data Sheet

Please return this form to the Forest Park Civic Association at  
P.O. Box 29160, Columbus, OH 43229-0160.

**Questions?** Email [membership@fpcivic.org](mailto:membership@fpcivic.org)



**Family and Address Information** (please check for accuracy) **Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please **PRINT CLEARLY**, include **First & Last Names** and update any incorrect information)

**Resident(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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residents' names:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**How did you receive this form? (Please Circle)** Mail ☐ Forester ☐ Social Media ☐ Website ☐ Welcome Folder ☐ Other ☐



### Membership in the FPCA

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

**JOIN AND PAY ONLINE >>**



### 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](http://www.fpcivic.org)**.  
(Please return this form by mail to let us know of any updates.)

☐ **Additionally**, please find enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for:

☐ *Supplemental Security* ☐ *Beautification* ☐ *The Forester Newsletter* ☐ *Where Needed*

**TOTAL enclosed:**

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### Forester Newsletter

May we acknowledge your membership in the Forester?

☐ Yes

☐ No



### Demographics

What year did you move to Forest Park? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your preferred language? \_\_\_\_\_

**Supplemental Security House Check****Forest Park Business Members and Homeowner Members only!**

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

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

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

Alternate person Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Who has key? \_\_\_\_\_

Lights on timer? \_\_\_\_\_ Location of lights \_\_\_\_\_

Radio or TV continuously on timer? \_\_\_\_\_

Location of devices \_\_\_\_\_

Will older children be in and out ? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, make and model of their car \_\_\_\_\_



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**2131 Honeytree Court**  
**513-479-2416** Email at:  
**dvanmercetta@gmail.com**



## FOREST PARK SPRING COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE Saturday, May 17, 2025

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 Saturday, May 17 9-3pm

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks out to F.P.C.A.

Featured Items:

SPACE IS LIMITED, SO LIST THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEMS

Mail to Mary Sguerra, 5395 Pine Bluff Rd. Columbus, OH 43229  
 by Weds, May 14, 2023



# NEIGHBORHOOD Update!



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On Memorial Day we remember all the sacrifices made by the men and women who died in service to our country, and a time to reflect on the true cost of freedom.

### Your Home's Value May Surprise You! Curious about the Value of your Home?

Spring has arrived & now is a great time to get your house on the market and to start looking for another home or condominium. I can provide you with a free competitive analysis of your property and show you a personalized market report for our Forest Park neighborhood.

Please give me a call - **Let me show you what Howard Hanna and I can do for you!**

### CURRENT MARKET WATCH

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

(All of my Forest Park listings are **In Contract** or **SOLD**)

**Waiting to list your house here! :)**

### Howard Hanna homes In Contract

**Looking for Buyers to help find a new house !**

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

### All Homes SOLD

Homes sold since 3/13/25

	Asking Price:	Sold Price:				
1452 Cottonwood Dr. Ranch/3BR	177,200	177,200	1737 Sugarmaple Dr. Ranch/4BR	318,900	318,900	
5496 Sandalwood Bl Ranch/3BR	265,000	277,000	1693 Sandalwood Pl Split/3BR	319,900	331,000	
5694 Lindenwood Rd. Split/3BR	275,000	260,000	1949 Torchwood Dr. 2-Sty/4BR	329,900	330,000	
2208 Pine Knoll Ave 2-Sty/4BR	275,000	260,000	2120 Teakwood Dr. 2-Sty/3BR	345,000	350,000	
5371 Blue Ash Rd. Ranch/3BR	299,900	300,000	5434 Larkwood Rd. 2-Sty/4BR	369,900	375,000	
5126 Northcliff Lp E 2-Sty/4BR	315,000	309,000				

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 4/16/25. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer



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