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Forest Park Civic Association

JUNE, 2025

Join FPCA & your Neighbors

Northland Community Independence Day Parade 10 AM-Friday, July 4th

Theme: "249 & Counting" 1 more year and
the USA will celebrate its Semiquincentennial Birthday

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,
wagons or 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. Theme: "249 & Counting"
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

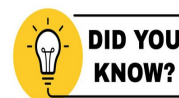
FPCA Gathering at GABBY's

Meat, condiments will be provided, bring a
covered dish to share while meeting neighbors
and enjoying music of the
Alexander Band



Thanks to the Volunteers who
helped deliver bags of Mulch on
a very Rainy Day in May. See
how much was delivered on
page 5.

FPCA has a Grant Writing Group who was awarded
funds to promote activities showcasing our diverse
neighborhood. Read more on
page 8 about plans for a food
feast, the New American
Multicultural Party on June 28th.



Save the Dates.....

FPCA Meeting Tuesday June 10, 2025

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

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 5 details next month

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Articles for the next Forester, JULY 2025 issue, items are due by JUNE 14, 2025.

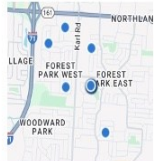
The July Forester will be published and posted at fpcivic.org website, & delivered to homes by the first week of July.

If you can help with delivering the Forester in your neighborhood, contact Rita Woeste at 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									

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Monthly Financial Report - April, 2025

<u>Income</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Household Membership	\$4,980.00	\$4,980.00	\$13,500.00	\$8,520.00
Business Membership	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$750.00	\$675.00
Forester				
Advertising	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,030.00
Additional Donations	\$161.67	\$161.67	\$950.00	\$788.33
Supplemental Security	\$356.67	\$356.67	\$1,450.00	\$1,093.33
Beautification	\$46.67	\$46.67	\$650.00	\$603.33
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
Mulch Sale	\$2,385.00	\$2,385.00	\$6,500.00	\$4,115.00
Welcome Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$2.00	\$1.91
City of Columbus Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$2,168.06	\$2,168.06	\$2,000.00	(\$168.06)
Total Income	\$10,643.15	\$10,643.15	\$33,577.00	\$22,933.85
<u>Expenses</u>				
Membership				
PayPal Fees	\$84.77	\$84.77	\$75.00	(\$9.77)
Annual Mailing Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$280.00
USPS Bulk Mail Permit/Postage	\$2,012.00	\$2,012.00	\$2,195.00	\$183.00
Outreach Day	\$154.11	\$154.11	\$150.00	(\$4.11)
Forester				
Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,865.00	\$8,865.00
Bags	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,160.00	\$2,160.00
Supplemental Security	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$11,000.00
Beautification				
Island Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Neighborhood Beautification	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Committees				
Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Welcome	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Social	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Parade	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Mulch Sale	\$3,767.40	\$3,767.40	\$4,700.00	\$932.60
Office Expenses				
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$508.00	\$508.00
NCC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$185.00	\$185.00
Banquet	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$159.40	\$159.40
PO Box	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$268.00	\$268.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Total Expenses	\$7,018.28	\$7,018.28	\$36,705.40	\$29,687.12
Net	\$3,624.87	\$3,624.87	(\$3,128.40)	(\$6,753.27)

April, 2025
Treasurer Report
Submitted by
Cheryl Lutman



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Martindumpster13@yahoo.com**Happy PRIDE month!**

As a licensed independent social worker, I am committed to ongoing professional development through continuing education classes. Attending healthcare conferences is one meaningful way to fulfill this requirement. Alejandro Varela served as the keynote speaker at the 2024 Equitas Health Institute Transforming Care conference.

He spoke about the importance of advocating for one another and being supportive allies, even when we may not share the same experiences. It can be incredibly impactful when young people advocate for the dignity and respect of older generations. This principle also applies to supporting the LGBTQ+ community.

Taken from the National Association of Social Workers website: "People who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or gender expansive, queer and/or questioning, intersex, asexual, and two-spirit (LGBTQIA2S+) are members of every community, and contribute significantly to society every day."

While June's visibility efforts are appreciated and certainly better than nothing, there is a lot of frustration with "rainbow capitalism", the disingenuous effort to tap into the purchasing power of LGBTQ+ consumers.

Here's how to show support all year round:

-Educate yourself on relevant issues and share this knowledge with others. Learn about the importance of using correct gender pronouns (such as she/her, he/him, they/them) and consider adding your pronouns to your email signature or when you introduce yourself.

-It's worth noting that many languages and cultures have used gender-neutral pronouns for generations; Examples can be found in historical texts as far back as 1611 and works by Shakespeare.

-Get involved with local organizations that support the community by volunteering or donating. It is free to spread the word if someone else's work resonates with you.

-Start conversations that promote understanding and openness—discussing what parts of your identity are important to you can foster connection and empathy. We often have more in common than we realize!

Remember, being an ally isn't just about holding a belief—it's about taking action consistently. It's the thought that counts and a little goes a long way.

Ziggy Cicchella, LISW
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Thank you to our Mulch Sale volunteers

Thank you to our small but dedicated group of 2025 Mulch Day delivery volunteers. Thirteen people showed up on a rainy Saturday morning on May 3 to deliver 1,260 bags of mulch (over 25,000 pounds)

to our neighbors across Forest Park East and West.

All proceeds from the fundraiser are used by the FPCA for expenses that benefit our neighborhood.



Volunteers under the direction of Mulchmaster and Area 5 Rep-Scott Biggs included FPCA officers Erin Materu, Rita Woeste, Daryl Van Mercetta, and Mary Sguerra. Also generously dedicating their muscles, time, and vehicles were Max Materu, Kofi Oduro, Paulissen Owrsu-Ansah, Ed Uppenkamp, Chris Toth, Justin Moegling, James Adkins, and Michael Wagner.



Extra special gratitude to Mary Sguerra, who personally purchased and donated 150 bags of mulch for the large landscaped east and west welcome islands at Karl Rd. and Sandalwood Blvd. Mike and Diane Wagner purchased and donated five bags of mulch to the island landscaping. Justin Moegling of Moegling Home Improvement again this year dedicated his van, large trailer and his muscles

to serve our neighborhood. Thank you to Sequoia Pro Bowl for allowing us to use its parking lot for our mulch storage and distribution.



Thank you to the many households that supported the Forest Park Civic Association by ordering bags of mulch in the 2025 Mulch Sale.



Photos Cutline: Volunteers delivered 25,000 pounds of mulch throughout Forest Park East and West.

FOREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

Date: May 13, 2025

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 No Report**Guest Speaker:** Brandon Thomas - Karl Rd. Library Branch Manager

Brandon lives in the Northland Area and is back working at the Karl Rd. branch.

- May 31st - Beginning of Summer Reading Challenge, but the BIG KICK OFF is June 2nd from 11am-1 pm, there will be a bouncy house and other fun stuff.
- Reading Buddies is coming back this summer.
- Summer Programs: (pick up a calendar at the library)
- JUNE: Balloon Art with Picasso (the Turtle), Baby and Me Yoga (BYOB-bring our own baby-babies not provided!), Baby Splash Time outside, and more.
- JULY: Foxes and Folklore (real foxes), Steel Drum Band from Trinidad (2-3 pm), DJ workshop, Young Scientist - Owls and Owl Pellets, and more
- Free Breakfast and Lunches for youth this summer @ the branch.
- In July - **at the Main Library branch** - Columbus Book Festival: Saturday July 12, 2025, 10 am-6 pm; Sunday, July 13, 2025, 10 am-5 pm

NEXT MONTH'S SPEAKER: The City of Columbus *Forester*, Rosalie Hendon. She'll be happy to address any issues of concern about tree maintenance, planting, and updates on the urban forest master plan. Thank you Michael Cote for arranging this.

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

Mark introduced Harold and Linda Bozeman (Area 13). They will be taking over for him as Area 13 Area Reps since he has now accepted the position of Vice President. Welcome to Harold and Linda, we look forward to working with you and thank you for volunteering!

AUGUST MEETING and NCC PICNIC INFO: Instead of our usual meeting in August, we will be attending the annual NCC Picnic on **August 12th** at Blendon Woods Park, Dogwood Area. NCC has the pavilion for the entire day, so feel free to come out early and enjoy all that the park has to offer. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. NCC will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and brats, please bring a dish to share. At 7pm, they will have a very brief meeting.

Secretary Lou Bernard - loubernard3@gmail.com

Attendance:

- 1 Officers/Committee Chairs Present: EV, MB, LB, CL, MSg, RW, DVM, SL, LH, EM, MSt, KG, QM, DP, SB, AH
- 2 Officers/Committee Chairs Absent: KVM, TS
- 3 Area Reps in Attendance: 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13
- 4 Area Reps Absent: 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, 14
- 5 Total meeting attendance: 30

Reviewed minutes from April, no changes or corrections needed, minutes have been approved & were entered into the official records. Attendance Sheet thru April: Online

Treasurer Cheryl Lutman - clutman17@gmail.com

- 166 household memberships so far, with a big stack still to go. If your check hasn't cleared yet, please stand by as Cheryl is still processing checks and more memberships are coming in through PayPal. One renewed business membership.
- Our mulch sale so far has garnered \$2,385, with the check

payments still to process, so we don't have a grand total yet.

- Thanks to Mike S. for getting the annual mailing to the post office when he did, we didn't have to renew our permit—instead we got two years for the price of one! The postage was \$2,012. Finally, food for the stuffing party was \$154.11. Thanks, Ed for arranging that.
- Our other expense was \$1,000 for our security patrols.
- Acceptance of the treasurer's report has been tabled until more information has been received about membership numbers.

Public Relations

Mary Sguerra - marysguerra@howardhanna.com

- Saturday is the FPCA Spring Community Garage Sale. From 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., someone will be passing out a list of households at the Karl Rd. entrances.
- June 7th - Forest Park at Gabby's - Join the FPCA & neighbors (6:00-9:00 p.m.) from across Forest Park for community fun at Gabby's. No registration necessary. Just show up and enjoy! Bring a side dish/dessert. Main course provided. Live music!

Forester Editor Rita Woeste - forester_ed@fpcivic.org

- We have a delivery person moving and will finish their route in June and need a new delivery person for FP East, all of the Arrowwood Loops, E/W/N, and the Court. Total of 51 homes. Thanks Manny for all of your help over the years of delivering the *Forester*.
- Rita wants to do a raffle for members who read the printed *Forester*. Just click the QR code inside the next *Forester* to enter – \$50 was approved for gift cards!
- Deadline for the JULY issue is June 16th. We want to have the July *Forester* out to delivery folks by Monday June 30th so there may be one more reminder of the July 4th Parade, Bikes & Trikes, etc.

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Citizen's Police Academy applications are being accepted; search for "CPD Citizen's Police Academy" for the online application. See report in the *Forester*.

Business Representative

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Civic Action Officer Vacant**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Welcome Committee Chair**

Laura Hayes - hayeslaura2@gmail.com

Laura would like to step down as Welcome Chair; she plans to spend her energy with the Grant Writing Team. She will be working with Erin to fill the position.

Volunteer Coordinator Erin Materu - mmateru@hotmail.com

- Thank you to all who volunteered in the rain to distribute mulch and those who purchased it. It was very well organized and Scott did an amazing job!
- We are reviving an old program in Forest Park called "Teen Helpers Work List". This list will be featured in the next
- *Forester* and will have names of kids who can cut grass, pull weeds, dog walking, babysitting, snow shoveling, ect. A resident named Derek Billingsley has volunteered to be the point of contact to add kids to the list. Erin will work with Derek to get this up and running.
- We have selected a date for the New American grant party on 6/28 at the Woodward rec center.

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Membership Coordinator Mike Stone - msto0103@yahoo.com

- Mike gave the Board the volunteer attendance list from the Envelope Stuffing event. Thanks Dave for creating it!!
- Area Reps and other board members - We should have some data to work with regarding membership. Over the next two weeks (hopefully much sooner) Mike will put out some breakdowns to show nearby neighbors that you can see about membership.
- Mike will begin sending out electronic updates regarding our progress to the community. We will do a "membership countdown" to keep the topic clear and present throughout the summer.

Social Activities

Tiffany Smith - tsmith1599@yahoo.com *Absent* No Report

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See full report in the *Forester*.

NCC Development Representative

Ed Vanasdale - ed1vanasdale@gmail.com

See report online.

Grant Writing Committee Chair

Quentin Monden - q.monden@gmail.com

- They have had 2 meetings - April 17th and May 2nd. Quentin met with Lindora, Community Relations Coordinator, regarding the Civic Integration Seed Grant for the New American Program. They discussed our progress and plans for a kick-off event for the end of June.
- They will apply for the National Night Out Grant (Aug. 5th), and Quentin attended the informational webinar.
- They were awarded \$3425 from the Parks and Recs Dept. for the neighborhood tree grant. Laura will be talking with people who have signed up for trees about the process. Trees will be planted by FPCA volunteers in September.

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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

- Report on Mulch sale by Area 5 Rep, Scott Biggs, see article in the *Forester*.
- Ambrosia, from Woodward Park Rec Center, will set up a tent on Karl Rd on the 4th of July parade route. Kids are to be encouraged to participate in the Forest Park Bikes & Trikes competition. As an incentive, up to five bikes will be awarded (donated by WWP) to kids of different age groups judged to have the best bedazzled bikes in the parade! ~Michael Cote
- Columbus Recreation and Parks will NOT be hosting a Columbus Symphony Concert at Woodward Park or any other Community Center this year, only downtown at Bicentennial Park. ~Michael Cote
- Woodward Park Community Center is looking forward to hosting the Forest Park Multicultural Community Festival on June 28, 2025. Preliminary plans are in the works to invite dancers from the African and Nepali communities. Additional input is welcome. ~Michael Cote

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM

Meeting minutes submitted by Lou Bernard, Secretary, FPCA

Karl Rd. Library Branch Manager Featured as Guest Speaker

Brandon Thomas, the manager of Columbus Metropolitan Library's Karl Road Branch, was the guest speaker at the FPCA's May 13 meeting. Brandon shared the many programs that our neighborhood branch offers throughout the summer. Programs include the Summer Reading Challenge, Baby & Me Yoga, Baby Splash Time, Balloon Animals Art Program, DJ and Mixing Workshop, Young Scientists, and a New American Book Fair. Brandon also noted that the library provides free breakfast and lunch for kids throughout the summer. Attendees at the meeting praised the library and its helpful staff. We are grateful to have such a valuable resource in Forest Park. Learn more at the branch and at **columbuslibrary.org**.



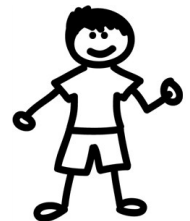
Photo Cutline: Karl Rd. Library Branch Manager Brandon Thomas and FPCA Volunteer Coordinator Erin Materu.

Forest Park Teen Workers List:

Hello neighbors. We would like to revive the Forest Part Teen Workers List. If you have a teen who would like to make some extra money while helping their neighbors please let us know!

The Forester would love to advertise their grass cutting skills, babysitting skills, pet sitting or walking, "mother's helper", snow shoveling or any other service.

Please reach out to Derek Billinsley at 614-657-8263, and let him know your child's name, age, contact information and the services they can provide. A list will be created to post in the *Forester* each month.



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Forest Park New American's Party
June 28 from 1 pm to 3 pm
Woodward Park Rec Center
5147 Karl Road

Get ready to take your taste buds on a global adventure! The Forest Park Civic Association is thrilled to announce its upcoming New American Multicultural Party. We are excited to celebrate the many cultures that make our neighborhood so unique and beautiful.

This joyful gathering is open to everyone in the community, and promises to be a feast for the senses. One of the highlights of the event will be a diverse spread of traditional foods from countries around the world. From savory samosas to sweet baklava, from spicy tacos to comforting dumplings — guests will have the opportunity to sample dishes that reflect the rich heritage of our neighbors.

More than just a meal, this celebration is about sharing stories, creating connections, and embracing the beauty of diversity. It's a chance for families, friends, and new faces to come together and learn more about the neighbors now to participate in the Forest Park Civic Association.

If you have a favorite cultural dish and would like to contribute to this flavorful event, we warmly invite you to join us as a food preparer. Sharing your cuisine is a wonderful way to represent your culture and bring people together. Funding is available to pay for the food you might prepare.

Please contact Erin Materu before 6/20 for reimbursement. (614)254-0712

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Fri June 6th - Shaun Booker Dammit
 Sat June 7th - Forest Park Night
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 Fri June 13th - Outpatient5
 Sat June 14th - Stella in the Can
 Fri June 20th - Astrocat
 Sat June 21st - Wildcard
 Fri June 27th - Bourbon Stew
 Sat June 28th - The Mustangs
 Fri July 4th - 4th of July Bash
 w/ Andi Jo Experience
 Sat July 5th - Linden and Melvin
 Fri July 11th - Matthew Scott Band
 Sat July 12th - Megabeth



Unwelcome Guests: *INVASIVE WEEDS – 3 MOST (NOT) WANTED!*

By now, your garden has been planted, and you are beginning to enjoy the results of your hard work in April and May.

If you have not already done so, now is the time to get your 1" of mulch down to help cool the roots of your flowering plants and conserve water in the soil. The Farmer's Almanac has predicted a relatively calm summer with average temperatures and rainfall. La Niña, has ended, and it appears that the Pacific Ocean surface temperatures appear to be returning to normal. This affects the jet stream, and is good news for us in Ohio.



While you are out in the garden, you may want to be on the look out for the below listed invasive plants, which are harmful to humans and pets. Be sure to wear protective clothing and dispose of the plant properly. I have added electronic links to the OSU Agriculture data base, for you to visit to see pictures, and more information.

POISON HEMLOCK: <https://bygl.osu.edu/node/2111>

Poison Hemlock is a deadly plant to both humans and animals. All parts of the plant are toxic: leaves, stems seeds and roots. The plant is spread by seeds in late summer, and now is the best time to look for the young plants in your garden. I have found quite a few this year in my yard, as I am only a few streets away from the 71/161 exchange.

I follow this rule: if it looks like a carrot leaf, and I didn't plant it – it's gone. Removal of the young florets is the only way to slow the spread of this intruder. Be vigilant and be careful. The toxins do not cause a skin irritation or blisters like Poison Ivy.

BITTERSWEET NIGHTSHADE: <https://weedguide.cfaes.osu.edu/singlerecord.asp?id=82>

This is very common in our area, and are toxic to both humans and animals. However, birds love the berries, so it is easily spread, if not controlled. The sap in this plant can cause a skin reaction similar to poison ivy, but for some people, it can be much worse. Best way to manage this plant is to pull the vines before they flower. If you have shrubs along a fence line, be sure to check around and under the hedge. The key is to pull it before it produces seed. Look for the distinct purple flower. Also, this has a strong smell when it is pulled.

POISON IVY: <https://weedguide.cfaes.osu.edu/singlerecord.asp?id=113>

Many of us know the rule: *Leafs are 3, let it be!* The oil from this plant (leaves and stems) cause severe blistering and swelling. If you come in contact with this plant, immediate soap and water will help remove the oil, and all clothes should be washed (separately, not with other laundry). Again, be careful around telephone poles, hedges, and fence lines. It is easy to identify this vine in the fall with its bright red leaves. Gloves and long sleeves while working in these types of areas is recommended.

Obviously there are many more plants that gardeners consider to be weeds. Weeds are simply plants that have chosen to exist where they are not wanted. If you are interested in more information about identified weeds in Ohio, please visit the link: <https://weedguide.cfaes.osu.edu>

Lisa Dove – forestparkgardener@gmail.com

THANKS Forest Park for Recycling, but please NO plastic bags

By Ken Gilbert

I've noticed this morning in Forest Park that many residents are using the blue recycling containers. That's awesome. But there's one huge problem. I've seen items for recycling being placed in **plastic bags**. Do NOT do this. It 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), and 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.

Secure Your World: Practical Insurance Insights

🎓 Graduation Season: Is Your College-Bound Student Properly Covered?

Graduation season is here! As your student packs for college, it's the perfect time to make sure they're protected—both on the road and in their new home away from home.

🚗 Auto Insurance: Ready for the Road?

1. Update Your Policy:

If your student is taking a car to campus, let your insurer know. Rates may change based on the college's location.

2. Save with Discounts:

Got a scholar on your hands? Many insurers, including American Family, offer Good Student and Away at School discounts.

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If the car stays home, your premium could drop. Ask about reduced-use options.

🏠 Renters Insurance: Dorms and Apartments Covered

1. Dorm Room Protection:

Your homeowners policy might extend some coverage to dorm rooms—double-check your limits.

2. Off-Campus Housing:

If they're renting an apartment, renters insurance is a must. It covers personal items, liability, and living expenses.

3. Liability Matters:

Whether in a dorm or apartment, liability coverage protects against accidents they may cause.

☑ Quick Tips:

- Talk to Your Agent: Ensure your student is properly covered without overpaying.
- Teach Them Coverage Basics: They should know what's protected (and what's not).
- Bundle and Save: Combine auto and renters insurance for discounts.

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Grant Committee at FPCA meeting discussing Grant Funds to sponsor the New American Multicultural Party, June 28, see Pg 8

Hello Forest Park!

Officer Yandrich was on a well deserved vacation this month and thus not at our meeting, so I do not have the official crime stats for the area, but anyone can look at the published numbers anytime by checking out the community crime map on the LexisNexis website at <https://communitycrimemap.com/> and using the map navigation tools (pan and zoom) or directly entering an address.



Car thefts and thefts of property from cars are still high, so remember not to leave anything tempting in your vehicle and please do NOT leave your vehicle idling while unattended. This is not only illegal (meaning you can be ticketed if seen by the police and if your car is stolen you are technically at fault) but has also recently led to a case further south down Cleveland Ave where a man was killed for doing so, and the owner is now awaiting trial for murder.

For those interested, the CPD is running the Citizens Police Academy classes every Wednesday (630p-930p) this year from Aug 27th through November 19th. Space is limited, so sign up now at <https://www.columbus.gov/Services/Public-Safety/Police/About-the-Columbus-Division-of-Police/Citizen-Police-Academy> or simply search "CPA" on the Columbus.gov website. Several residents have taken the course and found it to be very informative and worthwhile.

Officer Yandrich will be back at our June 10 Block Watch Meeting at 6p where you can ask him questions directly, but for him to be able to provide more complete answers about any specific events, please email him ahead of time at DYandrich@columbuspolice.org or send it to us at forestparkblockwatch@gmail.com to pass on to him.

As summer approaches and school ends for the season, please be extra mindful of kids at play in the streets. Remember, the top speed in our neighborhood is 35mph in a few places, and less than that in most. Take advantage of the long days to get out and meet your neighbors, new or old, and make good relationships with the people living nearest you because they can be your best resources for helping to keep crimes of opportunity down. For instance, having your nearest neighbor's contact info allows them to let you know that you forgot to close your garage door, or you to tell them to keep an extra eye on the house during a summer vacation, and/or someone to help hide packages quickly dropped at the edge of the porch away from the view of porch pirates.



Speaking of summer vacation, remember that as a paid member of the FPCA (only \$30/per household/year) you can submit a vacation request to have our security patrol office give your house an extra check while you're away. Simply fill out the form and return it to Daryl Van Mercetta at dvanmercetta@gmail.com, (physical mail to 2131 Honeytree Ct), call 513-479-2416, or submit it through the website.

As always, if you see something, say something, and stay safe.

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5543 Larkwood Rd.	Split/3BR	330,000	323,000
5407 Driftwood Rd.	Split/3BR	364,900	375,000
1304 Ironwood Dr.	2-Sty/5BR	384,900	398,000

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