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Forest Park Civic Association

MAY 2026



CONGRATS

Michael and Katie!!

Michael Cote & Katie Van Mercetta were recognized in April as FPCA's Outstanding Volunteers at the Northland Community Council Banquet. Go to Page 6 & 7 to read why they are so important to FPCA and the Forest Park neighborhood.

Proud to call them our neighbors!!!



Mark Your Calendar

MAY 2026 FPCA Meeting Tuesday May 12, 2026 7 pm

Epworth United Methodist Church
5100 Karl Road

Guest speakers invited to FPCA May Meeting:

1. Representatives from a group who wants to turn the old Chase Bank at Satinwood/Rt 161 into a convenient store/gas station have been asked to present their ideas & answer questions for residents
2. Columbia Gas wants to convert a plot of land on Cleveland ave, by Northland Plaza, south of Rt.161 into a refilling station. Reps will be here to present their idea & answer questions for residents

Upcoming Events in Forest Park

Northland Market –vendors, food, music
Saturday May 9, 10-1pm
Northland HS Parking Lot, 1919 Northcliff

Forest Park Community Garage Sale & Listings Saturday MAY 16, 2026

You have the garage sale, FPCA puts together the advertisement, maps & listings
Flyers available morning of May 16 at the islands
Karl and Sandalwood

FPCA Night at Gabby's on the Patio Saturday June 6 - 6pm-??

Live Alexander Band Music, bring a covered dish

Semiquincentennial Parade
Get Ready, its only 2 months away
Northland Parade, July 4, Karl Road
Prepare your Bikes & Trikes
& help us create the FPCA Float
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- Bonnie Freeman.....614-356-0816
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8. Vacant
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Francine Dillard....614-882-2717
13. Linda/Harold Bozeman
...614-565-9976
14. VACANT.....

City Code Enforcement : Call 311

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Mary Sguerra, Michael Cote,
Katie/Daryl Van Mercetta,
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Ken Gilbert, Scott Biggs

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Email Lowell at

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Advertisements can be emailed (camera
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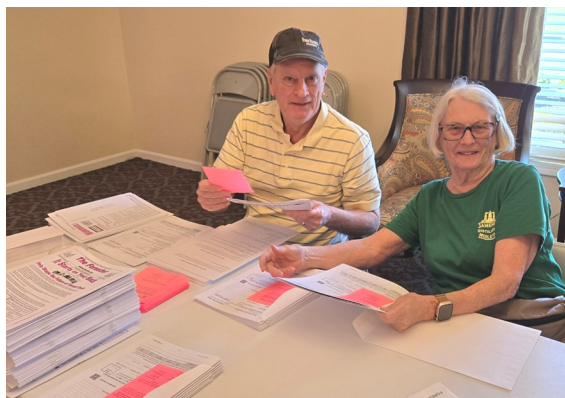
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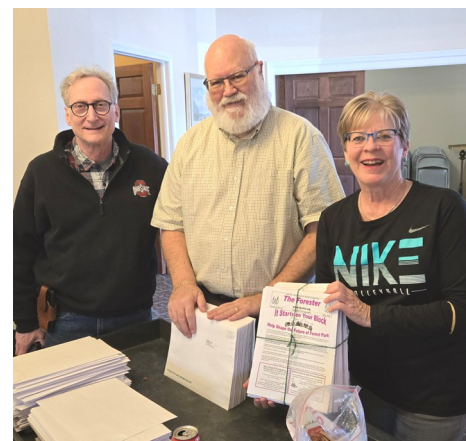
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YMCA, Gabby's Bar

Articles for the next Forester, June 2026,
are due to editor by Thursday May 21.
The June 2026 paper issue will be delivered
to homes on or near the first Sunday of
June. It will also be available at fpcivic.org.

If you can help with delivering the Forester
in your neighborhood, contact
Rita Woeste at forester@fpcivic.org



We appreciate all of the neighbors who
showed up at Schoedinger Funeral
Home to help us stuff over 2800 large
envelopes to mail our April Newsletter
& membership form.



Forest Park Business Memberships—2025

Home, Services

Mary Sguerra
Howard Hanna Real Estate Services
614-818-7636

Cindy Fenstermaker
AO Real Estate
614-323-3173

Restaurants/Entertainment

Sequoia Pro Bowl
5501 Sandalwood Blvd
614-885-7043

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Moegling Home Remodeling
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Justin.moegling@gmail.com

Martin's Dumpster Hauling Services
614-600-9426
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Monthly Financial Report - March, 2026

Income	MTD	YTD	Budget	Remaining
Household Membership	\$90.00	\$13,440.00	\$13,500.00	\$60.00
Business Membership	\$75.00	\$225.00	\$750.00	\$525.00
Forester				
Advertising	\$670.00	\$7,155.00	\$7,500.00	\$345.00
Additional Donations	\$0.00	\$459.17	\$950.00	\$490.83
Supplemental Security	\$0.00	\$819.17	\$1,450.00	\$630.83
Beautification	\$0.00	\$191.67	\$650.00	\$458.33
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$275.00	\$100.00
Mulch Sale	\$0.00	\$5,185.00	\$6,500.00	\$1,315.00
Welcome Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.10	\$1.15	\$2.00	\$0.85
Volunteer Grant	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
City of Columbus Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$3,541.06	\$2,000.00	(\$1,541.06)
Total Income	\$835.10	\$31,692.22	\$33,577.00	\$1,884.78
Expenses				
Membership				
PayPal Fees	\$0.00	\$178.75	\$75.00	(\$103.75)
Annual Mailing Printing	\$1,117.00	\$1,117.00	\$280.00	(\$837.00)
USPS Bulk Mail Permit/Postage	\$0.00	\$2,012.00	\$2,195.00	\$183.00
Outreach Day	\$0.00	\$154.11	\$150.00	(\$4.11)
Forester				
Printing	\$1,035.00	\$7,930.00	\$8,865.00	\$935.00
Bags	\$0.00	\$1,560.60	\$2,160.00	\$599.40
Supplemental Security	\$1,000.00	\$11,918.75	\$12,000.00	\$81.25
Beautification				
Island Maintenance	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$1,000.00	\$880.00
Neighborhood Beautification	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Committees				
Grant	\$0.00	\$2,490.42	\$2,500.00	\$9.58
Welcome	\$0.00	\$276.75	\$500.00	\$223.25
Social	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Parade	\$0.00	\$119.60	\$300.00	\$180.40
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$103.92	\$60.00	(\$43.92)
Mulch Sale	\$0.00	\$3,862.72	\$4,700.00	\$837.28
Office Expenses				
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$99.00	\$50.00	(\$49.00)
Insurance	\$0.00	\$540.00	\$508.00	(\$32.00)
NCC	\$0.00	\$165.00	\$185.00	\$20.00
Banquet	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$159.40	\$159.40
PO Box	\$276.00	\$276.00	\$268.00	(\$8.00)
Other	\$25.00	\$156.50	\$100.00	(\$56.50)
Total Expenses	\$3,453.00	\$33,081.12	\$36,705.40	\$3,624.28
Net	(\$2,617.90)	(\$1,388.90)	(\$3,128.40)	(\$1,739.50)

March, 2026
Treasurer Report
Submitted by
Cheryl Lutman

BE A
PART OF
THE
PARK!

You received the Annual Membership Form in the Mail with your April Forester. There was also a small pink survey form included.

When you mail in your \$30 membership please fill out the survey to help support future needs of the neighborhood.

If you have concerns, questions for FPCA Feel free to send those comments to
forester@fpcivic.org
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We Love our Dogs & Warmer Weather

As warmer weather returns, it's great to see more neighbors out enjoying walks — both with and without their dogs.

This is a friendly reminder for all dog owners to keep pets under control at all times and to always clean up after them. Keeping our neighborhoods safe and clean helps everyone enjoy the season.

The Forest Park Civic Association does not make or enforce rules or laws. All residents are under local, state and federal laws and regulations, including those that cover pets.

In Columbus, dogs must be securely leashed or under "direct control" when off the owner's property, in accordance with Columbus City Code 2327.11 and Ohio law. While a physical leash isn't always required, "direct control" means your dog must stay with you and respond immediately to voice commands like sit and stay. At the first sign of aggression, dogs must be leashed right away. Violations may result in penalties.



Please remember that your neighbors — adults and children — may not be comfortable around dogs. Even if your animal is friendly, it may appear intimidating to others when out walking or even when your dog is on your own property. Please be neighborly and considerate.

As with all issues, we recommend first getting to know your neighbors and talking with them about any dog issues you have. If that does not resolve the issue, you can contact the City of Columbus at (614) 645-3111 or submit a request at www.columbus.gov/311 for assistance.

Dangerous Animals: To report a dangerous animal—one that may pose a risk to people, other animals, or property—call (614) 645-3111 or submit a request through the city's 311 system.

Report Animal Cruelty: If you suspect an animal is being abandoned, neglected, or mistreated, please contact Columbus Humane at 614-777-PETS (7387) or www.columbushumane.org/cruelty-report. Their team can investigate or direct you to the appropriate resources.

Dog Licenses: In Franklin County, all dogs over three months old must be licensed and wear a valid registration tag—whether they are kept indoors or outdoors. Licensing not only ensures compliance with the law, but also greatly increases the chances of being reunited with your dog if it becomes lost. Dogs four months and older must have a current rabies vaccination before a license can be issued.

Thank you for helping keep our community safe, respectful, and enjoyable for everyone this season.

Homeowner Assistance: Emergency Repair Program

The City of Columbus offers critical support to residents through its Emergency Repair Program, designed to address urgent housing issues that threaten the health and safety of occupants. This program provides grants of up to \$7,500 to eligible homeowners for repairs that correct dangerous conditions such as loss of heat, electrical failure, damaged water or gas lines, or other emergencies identified by a Code Enforcement Officer or Housing Division staff.

To qualify, applicants must own and live in a single-unit home within Columbus city limits for at least one year and meet income guidelines at or below 50% of Area Median



Income. The program focuses strictly on emergency repairs, meaning any additional home improvements must be funded separately.

Approved repairs are completed by contractors, with payments issued directly after inspections confirm the work meets required standards. No repayment is required for awarded grants.

Residents can apply online, by email, fax, or mail through the City's Housing Division Homeowner Services Center. For more information or assistance, contact the intake line at (614) 645-8526.

NCC April 2026 Report

There was no regular meeting of the Northland Community council in April. Instead, the 2025 Awards Banquet was held, at Villa Milano. Katie Van Mercetta and Michael Cote were honored as Forest Park's Volunteers of the year. The NCC also recognized Dedicated Civic



Volunteer Service. Our own Ed Vanasdale was honored for his work with various aspects of community service in the Northland area. The leaders of the Northland Development Committee were also honored for their service: Bill Logan and our own Dave Paul. We were nominated for Civic of the Year, but did not win.

Next meeting is Tuesday May 5, at 7 pm at Westerwood.

Submitted by Ken Gilbert

April 2026 Outreach Report

Submitted by Michael Cote

Friends of Woodward Park will be kicking off Earth Day 2026 with a community event at Woodward Park and Nature Preserve on **April 25, Saturday 2:30 - 4:30**. Keep Columbus Beautiful will be providing litter pickup tools, safety vests, buckets and trash bags for about twenty volunteers to use during the Woodward Park Cleanup event. The Friends of Woodward Park is a newly formed group of volunteers from the Forest Park and Karmel - Woodward Park neighborhoods who are working with the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department to enhance and sustain the beauty and conservation of Woodward Park and Nature Preserve. Anyone interested in learning about the Friends of Woodward Park and helping with the Cleanup event on April 25 please contact:

Joanne Salyer, Karmel - Woodward Park Civic Association, Karmelwoodwardparkbw@outlook.com and/ or Michael Cote, Forest Park Civic Association, michaelcote@fpcivic.org

The North YMCA will be hosting The One Columbus Culture Day sponsored by the Columbus Department of Neighborhood's The New American Program on **Friday, May 1, 4:30 - 7:30**. This free event will offer international food, music, live performances, and valuable community resources.



Northland High School will be hosting its Inaugural Northland Market on Saturday **May 9, 2026 10 am - 1:00 pm**. The faculty and students of NHS have organized a fun-filled community event with music, games, local vendors, and food trucks. A table and chairs have been reserved for the Forest Park Civic Association. This is a prime opportunity to meet members and friends of the NHS community and introduce them to what our civic association does for the Forest Park community. We'll need volunteers to dress up our booth and table with the FPCA banner and welcome flags. We'll also need copies of the FPCA "brag sheet" and membership forms to distribute and sign up new members.

Katie Van Mercetta - FPCA's 2026 Northland Community Council Volunteer Recipient

Katie Van Mercetta is an integral part of the Forest Park community and the Forest Park Civic Association (FPCA). She has been instrumental in helping set up Google Workspace for nonprofits; thus, helping the FPCA remain relevant in the digital age.

She was the driving force to reestablish our membership database and continues to keep its data updated. Membership database upkeep is essential to maintaining membership data, making sure the FPCA goals and initiatives reflect our community and membership needs/ demographics, and to meeting our membership drive goals, which is vital to our ability to continue to serve our community.



Katie (along with her husband Daryl) are their Area Representatives and have served as Supplemental Security Officers for many years. Within her role as the Supplemental Security Officer, Katie writes the monthly supplemental security column in The Forester.

In addition to her numerous roles within the Forest Park Civic Association, she continues to volunteer for critical FPCA activities from National Night Out, to helping at the 4th of July parade, to sitting at the membership table at various events. She (along with Daryl) have helped with mulch delivery (FPCA fundraiser) over the last several years.

It is through Katie's dedication to the Forest Park community and FPCA that essential components of FPCA continue to function year after year. We are proud to recognize Katie's hard work and contribution to our community via essential and often laborious work.

Hello Forest Park!

We were lucky to have Officer Hicks join us at our April meeting and he went over stats for the precinct he oversees, Precinct 18, which is not exclusive to but includes Forest Park. There were a total of 898 incidents for the whole precinct, not just our neighborhood, and a majority of them were domestic violence calls followed by car thefts. He urged people to remember to keep their car doors locked, don't leave your cars running, and don't leave valuables in your car. Surprisingly, he said that most crimes occur between 3pm - 11pm on Wednesdays and not in the middle of the night or on weekends as most people assume. If you want a more detailed description of the crimes on your street, you can do so at communitycrimemap.com.



There has also been an update to the law regarding stealing packages from porches aka "porch pirating." It is now considered a felony, which carries heavier consequences than a misdemeanor. You may have seen signs placed at our entrances informing people of the same over the holidays. Many of the signs are in the process of being replaced and if you would like a sign for your front yard, please reach out to security@fpcivic.org and we'll see if we can accommodate your request.

Likewise, if you have any questions or concerns that you'd like to pass on to Officer Hicks, you can do so by reaching out to the same email address.

The membership drive is upon us and one of the benefits of being a member is Supplemental Security. The membership is only \$30 per year for the entire household and is essential to keeping our civic association alive. If you're traveling or otherwise away from your home for a period of time, you can notify Daryl Van Mercetta via email at security@fpcivic.org, via mail at 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, OH 43229, or by phone at 513-479-2416. He will submit your information to our security company who will then conduct additional patrols in your absence.

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

Michael Cote - FPCA's 2026 Northland Community Council Volunteer Recipient

Michael Cote is incredibly involved in Forest Park and the greater Northland Community. He has brought a passion for community, human connection, and civic engagement to the Forest Park Civic Association (FPCA).

It is through his leadership and natural collaborative nature that the FPCA was able to hold the FPCA New American's Party in June of 2025, which was part of the Civic Integration Seed Grant through The City of Columbus: Department of Neighborhoods. Some highlights of Michael's contribution to this event include acquiring the venue, securing speakers and guests from local and city government departments and nonprofit organizations, 2 chefs for catering, and a soundengineer/DJ.



Michael currently serves as the FPCA's Outreach Chair, which was a position created specifically for Michael due to the vital role he serves within our community. His role as the Outreach Chair is exemplified by his engagement and involvement with many community leaders and organizations—including Gille Community Center, Northland High School Community Campus School, and multiple local and city government leaders. We are proud and honored to have Michael as part of the Forest Park Civic Association and as a neighbor in the Forest Park Community.

FOREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

Date: April 14, 2026

Location: Epworth United Methodist Church

Meeting called to order @ 7:06 PM by Ashley Howard, Quentin Monden

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance was taken via roll call.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Quentin Monden - quentinmondend@fpcivic.org,

Ashley Howard - ashleyhoward@fpcivic.org

We would like to recognize the FPCA Members/Volunteers who were honored at the NCC banquet last Tuesday.

Volunteer of the Year Recipients

- Katie Van Mercetta
- Michael Cote

Ed Vanasdale was recognized as a Dedicated Civic Volunteer Service Recipient

Dave Paul, who is the chair of the NCC Development Committee, was recognized for his 15 years of work dedication on the NCC Development Committee and as chairman of the committee.

Special Thank You! To everyone who helped with our Membership Envelope stuffing on Saturday. Please be on the lookout for the membership applications in your mail. Remember that this year you can pay by check or via PayPal. Following up from our December community survey, it was identified that there were a couple areas where we wanted more specificity from the community than we had in our original survey, so we have included a bright pink slip of paper with 2 questions in the membership envelopes. These can be returned with your membership application. If you are not mailing in an application, you are welcome to email me a copy or picture of your completed survey.

Guest Speaker: None

Vice President Mark Bell - markbell@fpcivic.org

Thank you again not only to the volunteers who stuffed envelopes, but also — and especially — to the organizers, whose planning made the event run flawlessly.

Secretary Lou Bernard - secretary@fpcivic.org

Attendance:

Officers/Committee Chairs Present: AH, QM, MB, LB, MSg, RW, DVM, KVM, EV, SL, LV, MSt, KG, DP, SB

Officers/Committee Chairs Absent: CL

Area Reps in Attendance: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 12, 13

Area Reps Absent: 1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 14 (Areas 6, 8, 14 are VACANT)

Total meeting attendance: 24

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 - cheryllutman@fpcivic.org Absent

The fiscal year-end report was sent to all Board members. We ended the year in the red. If we could have collected on our arrears advertisers, plus had a couple more memberships, we would have made it. One of our arrears advertisers did send the remainder of their balance due, but it was a small amount relatively speaking.

A couple of items: The \$25 is for the Statement of Continued Existence filing with the Ohio Secretary of State's office. This needs to be filed about every 5 years.

The remaining invoices from Paul, printer, for the annual mailing

printing have been paid, but those checks have not yet cleared, so they will be on the next budget year. In addition, we still have the actual cost of postage and our bulk mailing fee that needs to be paid.

The Treasurer's Report was voted on and accepted.

Community Concerns/Announcements/Ideas

161 Neighborhood Clean-up has started. They are held the 2nd Saturday of the month through October. Meet behind the Jiffy Lube (1800 Dublin-Granville Rd.) from 9:00-9:30 AM to receive supplies. Clean-up is from 9 AM until Noon. For more information visit Nabal61TaskForce.org

Columbus Dog Policy requires leashes (maximum 6 feet) in public, with strict poop-scoop rules and voice control in designated areas. See the city's website for more information.

Public Relations Officer

Mary Sguerra - marysguerra@fpcivic.org

Community Garage Sale - May 16th - the sign up form will be in this month's *Forester*.

The 4th of July Float - Mary is looking for people to work with her. If you are interested, please contact Mary.

Forester Editor Rita Woeste - forester@fpcivic.org

June *Forester* articles must be sent to Rita by Thurs. May 21st.

The new bags for *Forester* delivery are liked by many of the stuffers and delivery people.

Canva will hopefully be the new platform for creating the newsletter. Rita has a new summer project - learn Canva!

We are still looking for *Forester* delivery people in FP East, if you are interested contact Lou or Rita.

Supplemental Security Officer

Daryl Van Mercetta - darylvanmercetta@fpcivic.org,

Katie Van Mercetta - kvanmercetta@fpcivic.org

Officer Hicks gave an update of the 18th precinct for the last 90 days.

- He pointed out that there still is a significant amount of vehicles that are getting stolen, especially in the AM when people start their cars up and leave them unattended.
- Many cars are getting broken into with the vandals looking for guns.
- The Baymont Hotel on Morse is being shut down and boarded up for being a nuisance and many code violations.

See report in the *Forester*.

Past President

Ed Vanasdale - edvanasdale@fpcivic.org - No Report

Civic Action/311 Officer

Ed Vanasdale - edvanasdale@fpcivic.org

2 main issues for our area:

- People want to put in a mini-mart and gas station at the corner of Sandalwood and the access road (the old Chase Bank site).
- Columbia Gas wants to put a refilling station by Northland Plaza on Cleveland Ave.
- We are trying to get both groups to attend the May FPCA meeting to field your concerns/questions. We will keep you posted as more info comes in.

The hotel next to the old Chase Bank site is being leased by the homeless shelter board as transitional housing before residents move out into the community on their own. There have been NO incidents coming from that property.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Representative

Sheridan Landon - sheridanlandon@fpcivic.org - No Report

Welcome Committee Chair

Latia VanDyke - latiavandyke@fpcivic.org

Welcome Folders for new residents were brought to the meeting and were given to the area representatives for distribution.

Volunteer Coordinator VACANT

Membership Coordinator

Mike Stone - mikestone@fpcivic.org

- Membership mailing is done. The USPS has enacted more fees causing our mailing to increase, making the new mailing fee to just below \$3000.
- Thank you to resident Andy Hunt for providing the use of your truck to help get all of the membership envelopes to the post office.
- Signs for Membership drive for Board, Chairs, and Area Reps will be delivered in the next week or so.

Social Activities VACANT

NCC Representatives

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NCC Development Representative

Ed Vanasdale - edvanasdale@fpcivic.org

- Full report is on the website @ <https://www.fpcivic.org/development-reports/>
- Parade meetings are taking place at the YMCA at 7 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Grant Writing Committee Chair

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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

National Night Out (NNO): Proposed shifting from a YMCA-hosted event to neighborhood-focused front yard parties. The board will explore grants to provide small stipends for local

hosts. The Board will be meeting to create guidelines for residents who are interested in participating.

Community Events:

Family Picnic: The board aims to reinstitute this event and will begin recruiting a coordinator. We welcome ideas

Beautification Committee: While prizes are budgeted, the program is currently on hold. The Association is actively seeking a volunteer Chair to manage the program and oversee the award process.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HEAD UP THESE 2 PROJECTS, FPCA Board members will help.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/IDEAS

The Mulch Sale has been cancelled this year due to a lack of volunteers to help distribute the mulch to homes. We will work on building a volunteer base and hopefully bring it back next year. Sorry for the inconvenience.

~Scott Biggs, The Mulchmaster, Area 5 Representative

Leah Lewis from Columbia Gas was at the meeting to let us know that they will be back at the May meeting to explain the new project on Cleveland Ave.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:12 PM

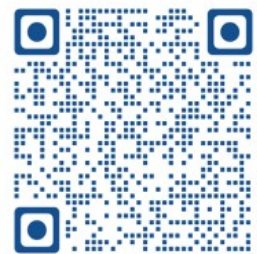
Meeting minutes submitted by Lou Bernard, Secretary, FPCA



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP ON 161!

All supplies provided at supply pickup from 9-9:30am. Clean up lasts from 9 to noon.

DATES:
April 11
May 9
June 13
July 11
Aug 8
Sept 12
Oct 10



JOIN US!

2ND SATURDAYS
APR-OCT

From 9AM - Noon

MEET BEHIND JIFFY LUBE
BEFORE 9:30A
1800 Dublin Granville Rd.

Find more information at
Nab161TaskForce.org



The History of Weather Prediction

Weather prediction has evolved from ancient observation methods into high-stakes data-driven science. Before the 15th Century, forecasting was based primarily on observing the stars, clouds, and nature.



I can hear the pre-historic conversation... “Put on your heavier fur skin pelt, Urgle. I looked out the cave this morning and the leaves are upside down; it’s going to rain.” “Nah, I don’t think so.”

The use of written records began our ability to recognize weather patterns, lunar cycles, rain/monsoon periods, etc. As far back as 650 BCE, Babylonians recognized that haloes in the clouds meant rain was on the way. These agrarian sayings, or Weather Lore, are still remembered today! Examples Below:

- Red skies at night, sailor’s delight, Red skies in morning, sailors take warning
- Ring around moon, rain coming soon
- Rain before 7 Clear by 11
- Swarm of Bees in May is worth a load of hay
- When wind is from the East, it’s not good for man or beast.

Most weather watchers were limited to their local area. Travel and exploration was generally local, and minimal. For those who ventured out into the sea, the risk was high. Even the great Odysseus was blown off course by storms (ok, Zeus sent them), which set up his adventures to try and get home 20 years later, after the Trojan War.



Between the 15th and 19th centuries, during the Renaissance and Age of Reason, scientific methods and instruments were developed, as we tried to make sense of the world around us. Tools such as the hygrometer - *humidity* (da Vinci), the thermometer-*temperature* (Galileo), the barometer-*pressure* (Torricelli), and the anemometer-*wind speed* (Alberti) were developed to help explain and predict local weather. The impact on the local economy and global exploration was very important. Sailors knew to stay in port an extra day or get out to sea early, and farmers knew when the best time would be for planting or harvesting. Explorers like Columbus and Magellan, used the “modern” tools to explore for trade routes to India, China and to map the Earth.

In the mid-19th century the Communication Revolution, beginning with the invention of the Telegraph (1835), allowed us to connect local weather to a wider, global platform. We now had the ability to find out how “traveling” weather could impact our area. Robert FitzRoy, a UK Naval Office, was the first person to coin the word “forecast” and published daily weather predictions in *The Times* (1861).

Fast forward to today, with Satellites, Radar, and Supercomputers, and we can predict with timely accuracy our incoming weather (whether we like it or not). As weather prediction became a global enterprise, it affected our economy, our ability to travel, as well as our backyard outdoor events.

Lisa Dove,



Forest Park Neighbors:

It’s almost Graduation time! If you would like FPCA to recognize your graduating son or daughter in our June Forester issue, send us your child’s name, and school to forester@fpcivic.org. Deadline for entries is Weds. May 20th.



SATURDAY MAY 9, 2026

NORTHLAND Market

AT 10:00AM - 1:00PM

1919 NORTHCLIFF DR. COLUMBUS, OH 43229

FOOD, GAMES, MUSIC, MARKET



SIGN UP TO BE A
VOLUNTEER



SIGN UP TO BE A
VENDOR

FOR QUESTIONS, EMAIL
RGRICE@COLUMBUS.K12.OH.US

Gabby's Tavern 2026 Summer Band Lineup

1887 Tamarack Circle North

Fri. May 29th –Shaun Booker Dammit
 Sat. May 30th –TBA
 Fri. June 5th –Linden & Melvin
Sat. June 6th –Forest Park Night w/Alexander Band
 Fri. June 12th - The Mustangs
 Sat. June 13th –TBA
 Fri. June 19th –GTM (Good Time Music)
 Sat. June 20th –Outpatient 5
 Fri. June 26th –Sparky Brewer
 Sat. June 27th –Wildcard w/ Bushman



FOREST PARK SPRING COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE Saturday, May 16, 2026



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 16 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 13th** 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 16 9-3pm

Name _____ Email: _____

Address _____

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 deadline: Wednesday May 13, 2026

NEIGHBORHOOD Update!



Real Estate Services

May. 2026



Memorial Day - May 25th

MARY SGUERRA

CBR \$25 MILLION CLUB
FOREST PARK RESIDENT

818-7636

Dear Neighbors:

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 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**:

1444 Ironwood Dr. Split/3BR 309,999

Howard Hanna homes In Contract

5092 Riverbirch Dr N Split/3BR 329,900

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

All Homes SOLD

Homes sold since 3/30/26

		Asking Price:	Sold Price:				
5575 Karl Rd.	Ranch/3BR	229,900	215,000	1685 Norma Rd.	Split/3BR	315,000	320,000
5479 Rockwood Rd	Ranch/3BR	250,000	190,000	1905 Denise Dr	Split/4BR	319,900	319,900
1469 Sandalwood Pl	Bilvl/3BR	255,000	252,650	5486 Pine Bluff Rd	Split/4BR	350,000	345,000
4979 Lyle Rd.	Split/3BR	285,000	293,000				

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 4/15/26. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer



**I KNOW FOREST PARK!
I LIVE IN FOREST PARK!
I SELL FOREST PARK!**