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Forest Park Civic Association

JUNE 2026

It's Parade Time



JUNE 2026 FPCA Meeting
Tuesday June 9, 2026 7 pm

Epworth United Methodist Church
5100 Karl Road

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



Live Alexander Band Music,
bring a covered dish
Join your Forest Park
Neighbors for a
summer evening of
food, music, and fun.



Join FPCA & your Neighbors
Northland Community
Independence Day Parade
10 AM-Saturday, July 4th

Theme:

"250th Anniversary of America"

It's a 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:
"250th Anniversary of America"
2. Originality

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 float right at Woodward Park after judging
& the awards are presented.

We ask all children to wear a helmet if
riding a bicycle.

FPCA could use some fresh faces to help with our Float
or join us to judge the bikes and trikes contest
Contact Mary or Rita at forester@fpcivic.org for more
information

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Articles for the next Forester, July 2026, are due to editor by Wednesday June 17.

The July 2026 paper issue will be delivered to homes on or near the first Sunday of July. 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

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Monthly Financial Report - April 2026

<u>Income</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Household Membership	\$3,810.00	\$3,810.00	\$13,500.00	\$9,690.00
Business Membership	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$750.00	\$675.00
Forester				
Advertising	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,400.00
Additional Donations	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$500.00	\$465.00
Supplemental Security	\$372.50	\$372.50	\$800.00	\$427.50
Beautification	\$87.50	\$87.50	\$200.00	\$112.50
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
Mulch Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00
Welcome Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$2.00	\$1.91
Volunteer Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
City of Columbus Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$635.00	\$635.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,865.00
Total Income	\$6,615.09	\$6,615.09	\$30,627.00	\$24,011.91
<u>Expenses</u>				
Membership				
PayPal Fees	\$33.37	\$33.37	\$180.00	\$146.63
Annual Mailing Printing	\$630.00	\$630.00	\$280.00	(\$350.00)
USPS Bulk Mail Permit/Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,195.00	\$2,195.00
Outreach Day	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Yard Signs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Forester				
Printing	\$2,170.00	\$2,170.00	\$9,315.00	\$7,145.00
Bags	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,370.00	\$2,370.00
Incentives	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
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	\$500.00	\$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	\$100.00	\$100.00
Mulch Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
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	\$276.00	\$276.00
Software Upgrades	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Total Expenses	\$3,833.37	\$3,833.37	\$35,218.40	\$31,385.03
Net	\$2,781.72	\$2,781.72	(\$4,591.40)	(\$7,373.12)

April, 2026
Treasurer Report
Submitted by
Cheryl Lutman

BE A
PART OF
THE
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We are still looking for some delivery folks in Forest Park East off Judwick and another area off Green Apple. If you can help contact Rita at forester@fpcivic.org.

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May 2026 Outreach Report

Submitted by Outreach Committee Chair: Michael Cote - michaelcote@fpcivic.org



1. The North YMCA hosted the Third Annual One Columbus Culture Day on May 1, 2026. Many residents in Forest Park celebrated a fun-filled evening of dance, music, and international food sponsored by the City of Columbus, Department of Neighborhoods, New American Program. The New American Program is an initiative designed to help immigrants and refugees integrate into the community by fostering economic, civic, and cultural engagement. Our celebration of diverse cultures is a hallmark of what makes Columbus such a vibrant and welcoming city.

2. Northland High School held its Second Annual Culture Festival, May 8, 2026. Many residents of Forest Park joined students, parents, faculty, administrators, and staff to enjoy a memorable evening of dance, musical performances, cooking demonstrations, and a delicious international meal! The students of NHS demonstrated a level of talent, hospitality, and enthusiasm that exemplifies the richness and diversity of cultures that makes Northland such a wonderful place to live. Northland High School makes Northland proud to be the international gateway to Columbus. Go Vikings!

3. Northland High School held its inaugural Northland Market, May 9, 2026. Over 80 vendors, crafters, organizations, and community groups were registered, including the FPCA. This was a great opportunity for our civic association to network with organizations, meet new Forest Park residents, and we actually signed up new members! The Northland Market was a Community Campus School initiative to promote community networking and community involvement in Columbus City Schools. NHS deserves a resounding round of applause for organizing and hosting one of the best community events ever held in Northland! With such an auspicious start we hope NHS will continue to host the Northland Market as an annual event for years to come. Go Vikings!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

1. INPREM Food Pantry will hold a Gala to fund The House of Hope, June 13, 2026, 4 - 8 PM, Woodward Park Community Center, 5147 Karl Rd. After more than a decade of serving the community, INPREM is being forced to move. The food pantry located at 5757 Karl Rd has served over 58,000 families in Central Ohio. It hopes to continue its operation in the Northland area, provided it can find a suitable location. For details, please contact hope@inprem.org

3. Rise Up CBUS will be held at Woodward Park Community Center, Thursday, June 25, 2026. The City of Columbus and Franklin County will host this free community event with food, music, and local resources from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. The purpose of the event is to promote community engagement, pride, and increased access to resources.

4. Karl Road Library will offer the following special programs for children this Summer:

- a. Chefs Battle with Cooking Caravan, 2 pm, June 15, 2026.
- b. Yoga with Baby Goats, 2 pm, June 17, 2026.
- c. Please contact the library for details and registration. 614-645-2275



The City of Columbus held its third annual One Columbus Culture Day special community event at the North YMCA yesterday, 5/1/26. Many residents of Forest Park enjoyed a fun filled event of traditional dance, international music, and delicious food sponsored by the Department of Neighborhoods, New American Program.

It's in the Bag: How to Keep Wasps and Hornets Out of Your Yard

Hanging a paper bag around your house and garden can discourage paper wasps and even yellow jackets from building nests.

The bag is made to resemble a hornet or wasp nest and will discourage territorial scouts from establishing nests. It fools them into thinking the place is already occupied! While this is not 100% fool proof, it is a low cost and low risk method of deterrence. *It is most effective in the spring when scouts and queens are looking for new nesting sites.*

How to make a fake nest: (A great project for kids too!)

- Use a small or medium-sized brown paper bag clean of any food residue
- Stuff the bag with some small plastic bags to keep the shape
- Gather and twist the top tightly to seal it. Use a rubber band or twine
- Hang it in areas where you want a buzz free zone
 - In a Tree or tall shrub
 - Under Eaves on Porches or in Garages/Sheds
 - Outdoor dining and seating areas
- You don't need more than one or two for an entire yard



We all know that wasps and yellow jackets become aggressive in the fall, right in time for our Labor Day picnics! And, I can tell you that running afoul of a yellow jacket nest last year was not a fun experience.

The paper bag "ounce" of prevention is worth more than a can of Raid® !

I put one in the corner of my front porch where I have had to remove two starts of paper wasp nests. It worked! I have not seen the wasps, and the carpenter bees have also moved on.

Happy Gardening

Lisa Dove, forestparkgardener.com

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250TH ANNIVERSARY
— 1776 — 2026 —



**Celebrate America's Birthday at the Northland Community
Parade: Saturday July 4th, Karl Road Starting at 10 AM**

Hello Forest Park!

Hello Forest Park! We received a report from our Police Liaison, Officer Hicks, and he advised that they still do not have a Crime Analyst; however, he did pull some numbers for us for the past 30 days. There were 24 criminal damages reported, which largely consisted of vehicle break-ins. We cannot stress this enough: do not leave items in plain view in your vehicle and NEVER leave a gun in your car. There has been a shocking number of guns stolen from vehicles.



Officer Hicks also advised that after a yearlong effort, the Columbus Police Gang Unit, along with a task force, was able to break up a juvenile criminal-enterprise theft ring. The leader was an adult female who had her two juvenile sons and additional family members steal vehicles nightly. She is now facing a lengthy prison sentence. This was a joint investigative effort and shows what can be done when groups work together towards a common goal!



As we move into our membership drive, don't forget that included in your membership is supplemental security. If you're traveling, or will otherwise be away from your home, feel free to submit the supplemental security request to have additional security patrols in your area. Return the form to Daryl Van Mercetta at security@fpcivic.org or mail it to 2131 Honeytree Court. You can also fill it out online at fpcivic.org. If you have any questions for Officer Hicks, you can also send those to Daryl and he will pass them along and report back.

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

Safe Exchange Zones

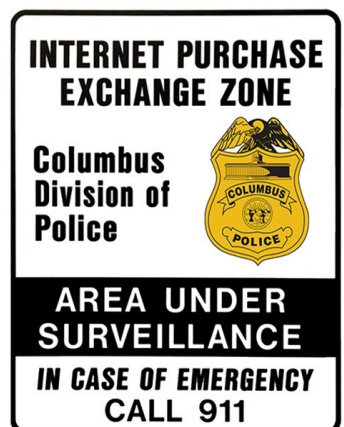
In response to concerns about personal safety while making a sale or purchase utilizing an online auction or person to person exchange, the City of Columbus, Department of Public Safety has created five (5) monitored Internet Purchase Exchange Zones around the City. These zones will be located at Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Sub-stations.

Residents will be able to conduct their transaction at any of the five locations knowing that the exchange is being recorded with a City-owned video surveillance camera. In addition, since the locations involve a police sub-station, marked vehicles could be expected to be on location at any time.

The five locations are as follows:

- Station #1 - 8118 Sancus Blvd. Westerville, OH 43081 (Far North)
- Station #3 - 5400 Olentangy River Rd. Columbus, OH 43235 (North)
- Station #5 - 1371 Cleveland Ave. Columbus, OH 43211 (Northeast)
- Station #10 - 4215 Clime Rd. Columbus, OH 43228 (Far West)
- Station #20 - 2500 Park Crescent Dr. Columbus, OH 43232 (Far East)

Each location will be signed with a placard within view of the surveillance camera. Users are encouraged to conduct their transaction near the sign for maximum coverage



FOREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

MEETING Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Location: Epworth United Methodist Church

Meeting called to order @ 7:04 PM by Ashley Howard

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance was taken via roll call.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Ashley Howard - ashleyhoward@fpcivic.org

Quentin Monden - quentinmondend@fpcivic.org *ABSENT*,

Guest Speakers: Majority of the meeting was dedicated to hearing from guest speakers and gathering information.

Columbia Gas Rep: Raquel Colon - Presented the Northern Columbus High Pressure Line project that would begin in 2027 in the vacant lot near the corner of Cleveland Ave. and Rt. 161 just north of the old Ryan Steakhouse (now Kids World). She discussed many aspects of the project: timeline, what the site is, why the site was chosen, aesthetics, security, etc. A great discussion was had, with lots of questions being answered and discussed. By an informal vote, the people present were in favor of the Columbia Gas proposal.

Mini-mart/Gas Station Reps: The parties who plan to build the mini-mart/gas station presented their plans for the site. The architects of the project did not attend and did not give a reason for their absence. The parties/owners were not made aware of the new round-about that will be going in on Satinwood below 161. A great discussion was had, with some questions being answered and discussed. Initial plans were a convenience store with 8 gas pumps and a drive thru to purchase items from store. By an informal vote, the majority of people present were NOT in favor of this proposal. Lots of questions could not be answered since information was missing for the group and revisions would need to be made to architect plans due to the round-about.

Both of these groups & their development issues are to go in front of the Northland Community Council for presentation and review. The NCC Development Committee meets at 6:00 pm on the last Wednesday of each month. Meetings are usually held at the Karl Road branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library (5590 Karl Road 43229).

Vice President Mark Bell - markbell@fpcivic.org

Mark Bell explained Forest Park's role in the NCC and all of its different organizations.

NCC is planning to create a new logo. Mark explained the process and the old and new logos were presented.

Secretary Lou Bernard - secretary@fpcivic.org

Attendance:

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

Officers/Committee Chairs Absent: QM, CL, MSg

Area Reps in Attendance: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 13

Area Reps Absent: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14 (Areas 6, 8, 14 are VACANT)

Total meeting attendance: 45

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

Attendance Sheet thru May: Online

Treasurer Cheryl Lutman - cheryllutman@fpcivic.org

Through the end of April, we have received 127 household memberships, and

Mary Sguerra renewed her business membership.

In May so far, we have processed 57 additional memberships

with one more business - Cynthia Fenstermaker and her realty services.

Thanks to Mary's efforts, we did collect one of our advertisers in arrears, so thank you, Mary!

Expenses for the month include printing for both the *Forester* and the membership mailing sheets.

Our PayPal account remains restricted, as they have asked for additional information, which we are providing. We will continue to monitor and advise.

Some memberships were turned in during this meeting.

Community Concerns/Announcements/Ideas

The last Thursday of each month is Gather at Gabby's. Come and hang out with your friends, FPCA officers, and committee chairs and chat about what is going on in FP.

June 6th - **Forest Park Night at Gabby's** - Please bring a side dish/dessert to share. They will be supplying the meat then stay and enjoy the music!

Public Relations Officer

Mary Sguerra - marysguerra@fpcivic.org *ABSENT*

REMINDER: Saturday, May 16th is the Forest Park Community Garage Sale. Please have your entry forms in by Wednesday, May 13, 2026. A list of participants will be handed out from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. on Saturday.

SAVE THE DATE - July 4th Parade at 10 a.m. We are looking for volunteers interested in walking and passing out candy in the 4th of July Parade this year.

Also looking for help with this year's float. The theme is: 250th Anniversary of America. Please contact Mary Sguerra for additional information.

Forester Editor Rita Woeste - forester@fpcivic.org

June *Forester* deadline for articles, ads, and photos is Sunday, May 17th (Monday at the latest).

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Katie Van Mercetta - kvanmercetta@fpcivic.org

See report in the *Forester*.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Representative Sheridan Landon - sheridanlandon@fpcivic.org No Report

Welcome Committee Chair Latia VanDyke - latia Vanddyke@fpcivic.org

We need to do some more printing. We have a few documents to go in the folders. Board members are encouraged to look them over before they are printed.

Volunteer Coordinator VACANT

Membership Coordinator

Mike Stone - mikestone@fpcivic.org

The membership drive is now approximately one month old, and this update summarizes current incoming membership data as well as progress toward our targets by area representative.

We are also beginning to evaluate the effectiveness of our outreach materials, including the yard signs that have been distributed. Mike wants to thank everyone who has been receptive to displaying them in their yards.

At this stage, we are behind on providing lanyards as well as producing targeted reports for each area representative to support ongoing membership collection efforts. Mike's goal is to have both completed in advance of the June meeting. At that time, he will distribute lanyards and provide the most up-to-date membership report. In all likelihood, he will also circulate the report electronically prior to the meeting and provide printed copies during the session.

If there are any questions or concerns in the meantime, please let him know.

Social Activities VACANT

NCC Representatives Mark Bell - markbell@fpcivic.org, Latia VanDyke - latia Vanddyke@fpcivic.org, Ken Gilbert - kengilbert@fpcivic.org

CPD: Precinct 1 new liaison, Rodney Mayberry - Not present due to voting. We hope to meet him soon.

Zone In Columbus: Lookout for new Zone In information being released around the end of the month.

Website: Zone-in-columbus.hub.arcgis.com

FACT & Consider Biking: Green Line received funding (roughly \$27 Million for initial costs) 12 ft wide shared use path over 58 acres. It will include several parks and amenities along the path, and a bridge over Morse and a southern section to cross St. Rt. 3.

NABA: 161 Cleanup on Saturday, June 13th. Meet at the Jiffy Lube at 9am.

City of Columbus Liaison (Devin):

Dept of Neighborhoods Meeting on Thursday, June 25th 4:30 - 7:30pm at Woodward Park

Inprem Food Pantry Fundraising Gala on Saturday, May 16th 10am at Kilbourne Run Park

NCC Picnic: Tuesday, August 11th at Warner Woods Pavillion 4747 Central College Rd.

Independence Day Parade Committee: Meeting Wednesday, May 20th and June 17th at the Karl YMCA at 7pm if anyone would like to attend.

Graphics and Code Task Force:

Property tax re-evaluations to happen in June. Suspected increase is around 8.9%.

NCC is proposing a new logo. NABA and other Northland logos changing to match.

We have received our NCC Dues Invoice.

NCC Development Representative

Ed Vanasdale - edvanasdale@fpcivic.org

After the guest speakers' presentations, Dave Paul (NCC Development Committee Chair) reviewed the role of the NCC Development Committee and Forest Park's role and responsibilities on that committee.

Grant Writing Committee Chair

Quentin Monden - quentinmonden@fpcivic.org ABSENT, Laura Hayes - laurahayes@fpcivic.org No Report

Outreach Committee Chair

Michael Cote - michaelcote@fpcivic.org See report online and in the Forester.

Website Administrators Scott Biggs - scottbiggs@fpcivic.org (Website/Facebook) Dave Paul - dwpaul@fpcivic.org (Website) Ashley Howard - ashleyhoward@fpcivic.org (Instagram/Facebook)

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

OLD BUSINESS

Community Events:

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

Do we have a volunteer?

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.

Eileen Kunkler (kunkler85@gmail.com), Area 7 Rep, has volunteered to head up this committee. She is looking for people to work with.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/IDEAS - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Meeting minutes submitted by Lou Bernard, Secretary, FPCA

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 Civic Association Membership Update

Summer has arrived in Forest Park, and with it comes graduation parties, vacations, cookouts, and all the activity that makes this neighborhood feel alive. As many of us settle into the season, I wanted to provide a quick update on the Forest Park Civic Association membership drive and ask for your continued support.

First, thank you to the many residents who have already renewed or joined FPCA this year. We sincerely appreciate it. Strong early participation showed once again that Forest Park residents care deeply about this neighborhood and the future of our community.

As we move into June, however, we are still behind where we need to be in overall memberships. Many long-time members have not yet renewed. In my experience, that usually is not a statement about the organization — life simply gets busy, the form gets set aside, and weeks pass quickly. If that sounds familiar, there is still plenty of time to renew.

Your membership matters more than ever. Forest Park continues to face the same challenges and opportunities that come with being a large, established Columbus neighborhood. Development activity around the 161 corridor will continue to shape the future of this area, and having a strong, organized neighborhood voice is essential. The larger and more engaged our membership is, the stronger our ability to advocate for Forest Park residents.

FPCA continues to support the neighborhood in many ways:

- ♦ Funding supplemental security patrols
- ♦ Working with Columbus Police and city officials
- ♦ Supporting block watch efforts
- ♦ Advocating on zoning and development issues
- ♦ Sponsoring neighborhood events and activities
- ♦ Maintaining communication through the Forester, website, and social media
- ♦ Helping preserve the overall quality and reputation of Forest Park



None of this happens without resident support.

Membership dues are currently \$30 per household annually. While costs have increased over the years, the mission remains the same: protecting and strengthening the neighborhood we all share.

I also want to mention that earlier in the membership drive, some residents may have experienced difficulties using PayPal through the FPCA website. Fortunately, those issues have been resolved, and online payments are now functioning properly. Joining online is once again a fast and convenient option.

You can renew or join online at:

<https://www.fpcivic.org/join/>

If you prefer, you may also mail in your membership form. And if transportation or scheduling is a challenge, arrangements can even be made for membership pickup.

Forest Park has always been strongest when neighbors support one another and invest in the community around them. Thank you to everyone who continues to do exactly that.

With appreciation,
Mike Stone, Membership Coordinator
Forest Park Civic Association



Forest Park East

Trash Pick Up Day

Color: **NAVY**

Trash Days:

Thursday June 4, 11, 18
Friday June 26, Mon., July 6

Recycle Day:

Every Friday

Yard Waste:

Every other Friday, June 5, 19

Forest Park WEST

Trash Pick Up Day

Color: **RUBY**

Trash Day:

Monday June 1, 8, 15
Tuesday June 23, 30

Recycle Day:

Every Friday

Yard Waste:

Every other Friday, June 5, 19

2026 Property Value Update:

<https://audr-kyhv.franklincountyohio.gov/>

Ohio law requires county auditors to update all property values every three years to reflect recent changes in the real estate marketplace. You should have received a postcard that this review will happen this summer.

Here is what to expect:

June 2026: Notice to homeowners of Proposed Property Values

July-September 2026: Property Value Reviews

December 2026: Property Values Finalized

The website has a chart of the Preliminary Tentative Value change Percentages by School District.

Note that Columbus is looking at an 8% increase.

Hugo Barragan, Community Outreach Coordinator has attended some of our past FPCA meetings and has reached out to us with this information. We may be able to secure him for the June or July meeting to answer questions. Watch our emails or social media for further information.

School District	School District Name	All Property Type Changes (Avg.)	Residential Only Changes (Avg.)
2104	OLENTANGY LSD	+10%	+10%
2307	PICKERINGTON LSD	+5%	+9%
2501	BEXLEY CSD	+12%	+14%
2502	CANAL WINCHESTER LSD	+7%	+8%
2503	COLUMBUS CSD	+5%	+8%

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

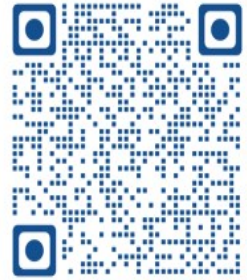
June 13

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



**Don't forget,
FPCA dues are only \$30/year
go to fpcivic.org & pay online**

INPREM HOLISTIC COMMUNITY
RESOURCE CENTER (HOUSE
OF HOPE)

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

**BIG
HEARTS
GREAT CAUSE**

BEAUTIFUL EVENING

JUNE 13, 2026
WOODWARD PARK
RECREATION CENTER



4PM

SCAN ME



Worthington Recycling Convenience Center

Our neighborhood community to the west of 1-71 has opened a drop off recycling center for the following items

- **Electronics (no TVs or monitors of any sort accepted)**
- **Oil & Antifreeze**
- **Food Waste**
- **Styrofoam (specific types)**



Location: 380 Highland Ave, Worthington OH

Check out their website for details on what is acceptable:

<https://www.worthington.org/2459/Worthington-Recycling-Convenience-Center>

NEIGHBORHOOD Update!



Real Estate Services

June. 2026



MARY SGUERRA

CBR \$25 MILLION CLUB
FOREST PARK RESIDENT

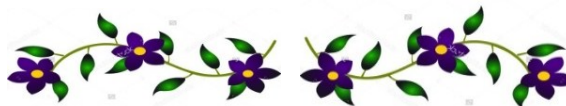
818-7636

Dear Neighbors:

Summer is right around the corner and now is the time when many people will be looking to make a move. Interest rates have come down a bit and the market is picking up. So, if you are thinking about selling a house -- now is the time to do it! Please give me a call for a personalized market analysis report for our **Forest Park area** and let me show you what Howard Hanna and I can do for you.

Thank you to all who have recently reached out to me to sell their homes. I will have a few new listings coming on the market soon. If you need help in 2026 with either buying or selling a home please give me a call and let me help answer any real estate questions.

CURRENT MARKET WATCH



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

New listings coming soon! :)

Howard Hanna homes In Contract

1444 Ironwood Dr. Split/3BR 309,999

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

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

All Homes SOLD

Homes sold since 4/15/26

		Asking Price:	Sold Price:			Asking Price:	Sold Price:
5401 Maple Canyon	2-Sty/4BR	210,000	204,000	5092 Riverbirch Dr N	Split/3BR	329,900	345,500
2191 Pine Knoll Ave	Ranch/3BR	224,900	220,000	2087 Teakwood Dr.	Split/3BR	329,900	333,000
5446 Blue Ash Rd	2-Sty/4BR	240,000	240,000	5533 Redwood Rd	Split/3BR	339,900	360,000
5644 Hazelwood Rd.	Ranch/3BR	255,000	258,500	5524 Driftwood Rd	Split/4BR	349,000	355,000
2251 Tuliptree Ave	2-Sty/3BR	314,000	300,000	1439 Firwood Dr.	2-Sty/4BR	359,800	360,000

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 5/19/26. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer

