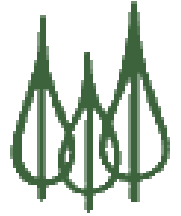




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Forest Park Civic Association

JULY 2026

Happy 250th Birthday USA



See you at the PARADE!!

**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)

Support the Forest Park and Northland Community by helping pass candy out at the parade or just join us on Karl Road to view the parade.

Contact Mary or Rita at forester@fpcivic.org for more information

Forest Park will sponsor

“Bikes & Trikes”

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

We ask that children wear helmets. Parents will be asked to sign a waiver. Treats & water will be supplied for Participants.

Children will join the parade with the Forest Park float right at Woodward Park after judging & the awards are presented.

Beautification Awards are BACK!!



Recognize Your Neighbors or Yourself with your front yard look. Go to page 2 for details.

JULY 2026 FPCA Meeting Tuesday July 14, 2026 7 pm

Epworth United Methodist Church
5100 Karl Road

FYI: at our May FPCA meeting, we had guest speakers who wanted to put a store/gas station at the old bank location at Satinwood & 161. Since their discussion with the folks who attended the meeting, they have decided NOT to proceed with this build

Northland High School Reunion News - Go to page 5

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

The August 2026 paper issue will be
delivered to homes on or near the first
Sunday of August. It will also be available at
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If you can help with delivering the Forester
in your neighborhood, contact
Rita Woeste at forester@fpcivic.org

We want to see your Beautiful Front Yards

Recognize your neighbor (or yourself) for your Green Thumb skills in your front yard. Do you have a neighbor who goes above and beyond to landscape their yard? With gorgeous flowers and a thoughtful design?

Nominate them for the 2026 Forest Park Beautification Contest! This year the competition will accept nominations through **August 1st** for both Forest Park East and West. Proud of your own gardening skills?

Self-nominations also accepted. **Email nominations to Eileen Kunkler, Area 7 representative, at kunkler85@gmail.com.** Include the address and if possible, a photo. Awards will be announced later in August. Multiple nominations can be submitted by the same individual.



Forest Park Business Memberships—2026

Home, Services

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Howard Hanna Real Estate Services
614-818-7636

Cindy Fenstermaker
AO Real Estate
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Restaurants/Entertainment

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614-885-7043

Angie's Pizza
5767 Karl Road
614-818-5767

Shopping, Services

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Martin's Dumpster Hauling Services
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Martinsdumpster13@yahoo.com

Monthly Financial Report - May, 2026

<u>Income</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Household Membership	\$2,250.00	\$6,060.00	\$13,500.00	\$7,440.00
Business Membership	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$750.00	\$600.00
Forester				
Advertising	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,400.00
Additional Donations	\$40.00	\$75.00	\$500.00	\$425.00
Supplemental Security	\$195.00	\$567.50	\$800.00	\$232.50
Beautification	\$0.00	\$87.50	\$200.00	\$112.50
Garage Sale	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$175.00	\$170.00
Mulch Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00
Welcome Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.10	\$0.19	\$2.00	\$1.81
Volunteer Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
City of Columbus Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$255.00	\$890.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,610.00
Total Income	\$2,820.10	\$9,435.19	\$30,627.00	\$21,191.81
Expenses				
Membership				
PayPal Fees	\$6.30	\$39.67	\$180.00	\$140.33
Annual Mailing Printing	\$0.00	\$630.00	\$280.00	(\$350.00)
USPS Bulk Mail Permit/Postage	\$3,130.00	\$3,130.00	\$2,195.00	(\$935.00)
Outreach Day	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Yard Signs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Forester				
Printing	\$0.00	\$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	\$1,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$12,000.00	\$9,750.00
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	\$4,386.30	\$8,219.67	\$35,218.40	\$26,998.73
Net	(\$1,566.20)	\$1,215.52	(\$4,591.40)	(\$5,806.92)

MAY, 2026
Treasurer Report
Submitted by
Cheryl Lutman



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Garden notes for July 2026

Here are some summer gardening guidelines for the hot months of summer.

Water *deeply*, not constantly

Shallow, frequent watering creates weak roots. Rule: Water early morning, 2–3 times a week but soak the soil 6–8 inches deep. Why: Plants drink before the heat spikes, and less water evaporates.

Mulch: your plants sunscreen

Mulch keeps soil cool and moist. Add 2-3 inches of mulch (wood chips, straw, shredded leaves). Mulching cuts evaporation by up to 70% and prevents soil from baking (especially clay soil).

3. Don't fertilize during extreme heat

Fertilizers push new growth which is more likely to be scorched. Pause any feeding when temps stay above 90°F, which allows plants to focus on survival, not growth.

4. Give afternoon shade to heat-stressed plants

Even sun-lovers get crispy. Take out a few of your colorful umbrellas and put them to use in the garden. You can give your sun loving plants a break in the mid-afternoon sun.

5. Water the soil, not the leaves

Wet leaves + hot sun = burn spots. Always water at the base of the plant. It prevents disease (mildew) and evaporation.

6. Trim lightly, not aggressively

Heavy pruning shocks plants in heat.

7. Choose heat-tolerant varieties

Some plants simply thrive in heat. Look for varieties labeled **heat-tolerant**, **drought-resistant**, or **full sun**. Means less work for you!

8. Container plants need extra care

Pots heat up fast and dry out twice as quickly. Water daily in heat waves; use larger pots to keep roots cooler.

9. Watch for heat-stress signals

Plants tell you when they're struggling. **Signs:** Wilting at midday, crispy edges, yellowing, blossom drop. Provide shade relief during mid-day (see #4). See #10.

10. Don't overreact to midday wilt

Some plants wilt in the afternoon but perk up at night. **Rule:** Only water if they're still wilted the next morning. **Why:** Prevents overwatering, which is just as deadly.

It's going to be a hot summer! Make sure to take care of the gardener by staying hydrated, wearing sunscreen, and hold off working in the heat of the day.



Don't forget to nominate someone for their beautiful front yard landscape.
Happy Gardening, Lisa Dove forestparkgardener@gmail.com

Northland Alumni Reunion activities & a CAR SHOW

Saturday August 1st, the Northland High School Alumni Foundation will be having it's **24th NNSAF Annual All-Classes Reunion at Flanagan's** (Sawmill Rd & I-270), from 6:30 to 11pm. Reconnect with old classmates and celebrate Viking Pride.



Saturday August 2nd, NNSAF will be hosting their 5th Annual **Classic Car Show at Northland HS from Noon to 3pm**. **All are welcome, Admission is FREE** (donations accepted & appreciated), and entering a car is only \$15. There will be food, tours of the school, 50-50 raffle and many prizes donated by local businesses.

Two Day, Two Epic Events. Zero reasons to miss out. Join us for the ultimate weekend of reunions, rides and local prizes

Chores Program

Program Guidelines

The Chores Program assists seniors and disabled persons with minor repairs to their homes. These repairs must be for the safety or health of the senior or disabled person. Applicant and property criteria for participation in this program are outlined below.

Eligibility

Persons applying for Chores services must be: 60 years of age or older or physically disabled age 55 or older; with income at 80% or less or HUD area median income (AMI) as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines; the homeowner; and a resident of the City of Columbus. You must have owned and occupied the home for a minimum of one year prior to apply for funds. The home repair must be \$2,000 or less, including supplies and labor.

HUD Income Guidelines Columbus, OH MSA

HOME Limits Effective June 1, 2026

Family Size	80% AMI	Family Size	80% AMI
1	\$62,450	5	\$96,350
2	\$71,400	6	\$103,500
3	\$80,300	7	\$110,650
4	\$89,200	8	\$117,750



NOTE: Total yearly household income includes the income of all adults 18 years of age and older living in the home; Family size includes all persons living in the home.

Eligible Activity Minor home repair and maintenance work for seniors and/or physically disabled persons requesting assistance. The home repair must be \$2,000 or less including supplies and labor, and must be for the safety or health of the senior or disabled person.

Housing Contact Information

Housing Division

Office: 614-645-9614

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Intake Line

Office: 614-645-8526

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<https://www.columbus.gov/Services/Housing-Assistance-Programs/Housing-Programs/Chores-Program>



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026

Back to the neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors. Forest Park is encouraging streets to plan cook-outs, gatherings on your block this year. Someone volunteer their front lawn and a grill while the rest of the neighbors shows up with a covered dish. It's a great way to connect with neighbors.

Come on, you know at least one of your neighbors, talk to them, send out an invite to 5 other neighbors and you have a NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT.

If you email security@fpcivic.org, they will let our police liaison know and possibly they will stop by for a visit, and a hotdog.



Hello Forest Park!

Officer Hicks was able to attend our June Forest Park Civic Association meeting, and his report is included in the minutes. He said that kids have been gathering for "teen takeovers," which is when large groups of teens get together for unsanctioned events leading to fights and property damage in places like parks, public spaces, etc. He advised that if anyone sees a bunch of teens show up and start gathering in groups, to call the police non-emergency number at 614-645-4545 and let them know that teens are gathering and more continue to show up. The goal is not to apprehend people, but to keep large fights from breaking out. When reporting crime, it's important to take note of the individual's description, including clothing and especially their shoes. It's easy for someone to ditch a hat or change their shirt but no one thinks to change their shoes.



He also mentioned that there have been 2 incidents recently with people being robbed when trying to make sales on Facebook Marketplace. To help combat this, the City of Columbus has established five monitored Internet Purchase Exchange Zones at Division of Police (CPD) sub-stations to help buyers and sellers complete in-person transactions safely. To find these locations, simply search online for Safe Exchange Zones.

As a reminder, keep your garage doors closed when not working in or around them. This also applies to sheds, cars, and house doors. Thefts remain common and, while we can't keep the criminals from criminal activity, we can do our part to protect ourselves and neighbors. We must all also remember to not park in a way that blocks the sidewalks. More people are getting outside to enjoy the nice weather and a lot of kids are out playing. Forcing people to detour into the street is not only an inconvenience but also puts people's safety at risk. For complaints of or issues with dirtbikes, motorcycles and other motorized vehicles, contact the police non-emergency line.



If you're a paid member of the Forest Park Civic Association and are planning on traveling, don't forget that Supplemental Security protection is included in your membership. Simply fill out the form below and return it to security@fpcivic.org or mail it to 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, OH 43229. The form can also be filled out online at fpcivic.org.

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

Safe Exchange Zones

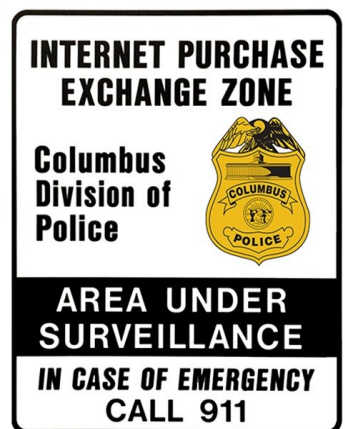
In response to concerns about personal safety while making a sale or purchase utilizing an online auction or person to person exchange, the City of Columbus, Department of Public Safety has created five (5) monitored Internet Purchase Exchange Zones around the City. These zones will be located at Columbus 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: June 9, 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 No Report

Guest Speaker: Duane Hicks (CPD Liaison Officer) -
dhicks@columbuspolice.org

1. Gave crime stats for the area.

See full report in *Forester*

Vice President Mark Bell - markbell@fpcivic.org No Report

Secretary Lou Bernard - secretary@fpcivic.org

Attendance:

Officers/Committee Chairs Present: AH, QM, MB, LB, CL,
MSg, RW, EV, SL, LV, MSt, DP

Officers/Committee Chairs Absent: DVM, KVM, KG, SB

Area Reps in Attendance: 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 11, 13

Area Reps Absent: 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14

Total meeting attendance: 33

2. Reviewed minutes from May, starting and ending times were added to 2 events; minutes have been approved and were entered into the official records.

Attendance Sheet thru June: Online

Treasurer Cheryl Lutman - cheryllutman@fpcivic.org

1. 202 paid memberships received. Cheryl has about 80 to process, and will be working on them this week, along with the garage sale fees. This also reflects Cynthia Fenstermaker's business membership renewal.

2. Expenses are as expected, with the exception of the additional, unplanned fee when we dropped the membership mailing off at the post office.

Please do not drop off your membership renewal envelopes in Cheryl's mailbox unless you have arranged this in advance.

Community Concerns/Announcements/Ideas

Dr. Tina Geygan, principal of Horizon Science Academy and a life-long Forest Park resident came to announce a program promoting their school and inviting Forest Park residents to a community event on June 30th! Mark your calendars for the Summer Community Event. 10 am -1pm, 2350 Morse Rd., Horizon Middle School. Join them for a fun day of games, crafts, open-enrollment, and free food & prizes!

Public Relations Officer

Mary Sguerra - marysguerra@fpcivic.org

1. 4th of July Parade: Pat Kelly will be our driver. Kenny Wiseman donated a trailer for our float. We are looking for volunteers to walk with the float and pass out candy. If you are interested in helping in any way, contact Mary. Volunteer positions: Bikes-n-Trikes, walking, float decorating, and more! Thank you to Dairy Queen on Schrock Rd. for donating coupons for the kids.

August 4th - National Night Out! Look for more info. later.

Forester Editor Rita Woeste - forester@fpcivic.org

1. June 16th is the deadline for July *Forester* articles, ads, and photos.

2. Blue Ash Rd. Substitute Delivery Person: We are looking for a delivery person for July and August only.

3. Judwick Dr. and Green Apple Ave. : Still looking for delivery volunteers.

4th of July Parade: Bikes-n-Trikes: Rita is looking for volunteer judges. Contact Rita and/or meet at Woodward Park MS by 9:30 to help judge.

Supplemental Security Officer

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Katie Van Mercetta - kvanmercetta@fpcivic.org

See report in the *Forester*.

Past President

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Civic Action/311 Officer

Ed Vanasdale - edvanasdale@fpcivic.org No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Representative

Sheridan Landon - sheridanlandon@fpcivic.org

1. Sheridan has been calling past business members to talk to them about renewing their memberships. At this point, no one has renewed.

2. Latia has offered to help him in this process.

We are still waiting for invoices to be sent out to past business members requesting renewal (*See October 2025 minutes*).

Welcome Committee Chair

Latia VanDyke - latiavandyke@fpcivic.org

We are currently awaiting the purchase of new "Welcome" folders so that additional materials can be printed. The process has been delayed while Staples verifies FPCA's tax-exempt status. Laura has volunteered to assist with assembling the folders once printing is completed. Because we are behind schedule, Latia will coordinate with Area Representatives to deliver the completed folders to their homes when they become available. We apologize for the delay and appreciate everyone's patience.

Volunteer Coordinator VACANT

Membership Coordinator

Mike Stone - mikestone@fpcivic.org

1. Current Standing: We have 258 memberships in so far, and more are still rolling in.

2. Target Outreach: Our next big focus is reaching out to folks who were members in the past two years but haven't renewed yet.

3. Action Plan: Mike is going to coordinate with our Area Reps to connect with these past members directly.

Bright Spot: We already have 33 members who haven't been with us for the last two years, which is a great sign for our future growth.

Social Activities VACANT

Continued on page 9.....

.....FPCA meeting minutes continued
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 See report online and in *Forester*.

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

Outreach Committee Chair
 Michael Cote - michaelcote@fpcivic.org

1. INPREM Food Pantry Gala - Saturday, June 13th - 4:00-8:00 PM - \$35 - Woodward Park Recreation Center. Fundraiser to move location and to continue operation supporting families in the FP area. If you would like to make a donation, you can do it online at <https://inprem.org/>

- 2. Gillie Senior Community Center** -
 100 Morse Rd, Columbus, OH 43229
- **2 Celebrations 1 Fun Event:** Join us on June 18th at 11:30a as we honor all father figures and celebrate the Juneteenth holiday. Great fun to be had by all!
 - **250th RED WHITE and BLUE:** Come join us at the Red White & Blue cookout on July 2nd starting at 11:30am and help us celebrate the 250th!

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

1. FPCA's current listserv/email service will be discontinued in the coming months, our web host will no longer provide this service. Dave Paul is researching alternative solutions for both FPCA and the Northland Community Council (NCC) to ensure continued email communication capabilities.
2. Looking for additional Social Media administrators. Do you know your way around Facebook and Instagram? Help the FPCA keep neighbors informed and engaged with posts about upcoming events and news. Our website/Facebook page is always - always being updated with new and upcoming info! Please check it out!! Please subscribe/follow us.

Beautification Committee:
 Eileen Kunkler - kunkler85@gmail.com (Area 7 Rep)
 Submissions for the Beautification Awards Program are due by August 1, see details in the *Forester*. Eileen is seeking volunteers to assist with the program, including a few individuals to serve as judges, with at least one judge representing the west side of FP. Eileen will also gather info. on past award recipients and the prizes that have been offered in previous years.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/IDEAS
 CommUNITY Cares Paradigm Shift: New program developed by Tina Mathews described her new venture that involves exploring community events for the younger and diverse community of Forest Park. She took questions at the end.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM
 Meeting minutes submitted by Lou Bernard, Secretary, FPCA



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<p>Forest Park East Trash Pick Up Day Color: NAVY</p> <p>Trash Days: Monday July 6, 13, 20, 27</p> <p>Recycle Day: Every Friday</p> <p>Yard Waste: Every other Friday, July 3, 17, 31</p>	<p>Forest Park WEST Trash Pick Up Day Color: RUBY</p> <p>Trash Day: Wednesday July 8, 15, 22,29</p> <p>Recycle Day: Every Friday</p> <p>Yard Waste: Every other Friday, July 3, 17, 31</p>
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Gabby's Tavern
2026 Summer Band Lineup
1887 Tamarack Circle North

Saturday June 27th – Wildcard ft. Bushman
 Friday July 3rd – Lil Bit R&B Night
 Saturday July 4th – 4th of July BBQ
 Friday July 10th – Megabeth
 Saturday July 11th – That’s the Breaks
 Friday July 17th – Dan Orr
 Saturday July 18th Stella In The Can
 Friday July 24th – Good Time Music (GTM)
 Saturday July 25th – Christmas in July w/ The Mustangs
 Friday July 31st – Northland HS Reunion
 Saturday Aug 1st – Alexander Band
 Friday Aug 7th – Sparky Brewer
 Saturday Aug 8th – Wild-
 card ft. Bush- man



Celebrating Community and Commitment

This month marks a special moment as our imperfect but remarkable nation celebrates 250 years of independence. At its core is a system of shared responsibility and shared opportunity, where individuals can make a meaningful impact on their communities and, in turn, on the nation itself. While some actions attract widespread attention, it is often the countless everyday contributions of ordinary people that shape the culture, character, and camaraderie of our neighborhoods. Together, those neighborhoods help define the values and spirit of our country.

I would like to personally thank the many residents who have contributed to this year's FPCA membership drive. We are currently about halfway to our membership goal, and every membership makes a difference. Sustainability remains an ongoing challenge. While the annual membership fee remains just \$30, the costs associated with serving and advocating for our community continue to rise. To ensure that FPCA remains Forest Park's strongest voice and advocate, we must continue to expand our membership base.

I am grateful to the many households that have already joined or renewed this year. Many are recognized in this publication, while others have chosen to remain anonymous. What has especially stood out to me is the generosity shown by so many residents who contributed additional donations beyond the membership fee. That level of commitment reflects the pride, passion, and care that continue to make Forest Park such a special community.

I also know that some supporters occasionally miss a membership cycle and then return the following year. Whenever you choose to join or renew, please know that your support is sincerely appreciated. Together, we can continue strengthening the community we all call home.

Below and on the next page is the list of donors who allowed us permission to celebrate their support of FPCA. Please note that this isn't a complete list:

- Some members declined public recognition.
- Some didn't respond to our permission request.
- Others joined via PayPal but didn't complete the online form.
- There might be a lag if you joined within the past few weeks.
- And of course, there's always the chance I overlooked someone in the process.



If you fall into any of these categories and would like to be recognized, we'd LOVE to include you in the next issue. Just send me an email at msto0103@yahoo.com and I'll make sure your name is added.

And of course, if you have not yet joined, please do so by returning your maed membership form, contacting me in the above address to arrange a pickup, or (most conveniently) by joining online through Paypal at <https://www.fpcivic.org/join/>.

Thank you!!
Mike Stone, FPCA Membership Coordinator

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

Joe and Nancy	Antonelli
Pat	Adams
David and Rebecca	Adams
Patrick and Cynthia	Alkire
Mike and Patty	Allen
James and Anna	Anderson
David and Susan	Arnold
Richard and Ginni	Beightler
Mark and Tamara	Bell
Bruni	Bietz



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Derek	Billingsley
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Todd and Laure	Bowen
Andrew and Phyllis	Bukovinsky
James	Butte
Frank and Carol	Carver
Phillip and Leigh	Cascioli
Chris and Junia	Chambers



Robert and Sharon	Checkitti	Patrick & Diane	Kelly		
Terry	Chi	Dave and Becky	Kienzel		
Thomas	Chrysler	Joe and Michelle	Kujaski		
Janet	Cooper	Andrew and Karen	Lacher		
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Diana	Cruise	Cynthia	Leland		
William and Madeline	Cummings	Kathryn	Likley		
Ron and Pam	Curry	John and Jane	Lowden	Christine	Selegue
Marylou	Davis	Debbie	Luther	Mary	Sguerra
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Keith and Linda	Eaton	Terry	Matheny	John and Debra	Shupe/Sloan
Christine and Jane	Eckert	Kirk and Janelle	McClary	Kenneth	Sidle
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Bill	Fennell	Ted and Linda	McDonnell	Ellen	Simon
Paul and Cindy	Fenstermaker	Mary	McMichael-Liston	Patti	Slyth
Terry and Rowena	Ferguson	Karen	Meldrum	Isaac	Smith
Jack and Judith	Fravel/Leist	Florence/ Eric	Mensah/ Amoalco	Craig and Carolyn	Spurlock
Sam and Linda	Freeman	Curtis and Rosemary	Milner	Robert and Martha	Stamps
Corey and Ruth	Friend	Vince	Monden	Fred and Kathleen	Stith
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Maurice and Robbie	Gardner	James and Jackie	Murphy	Christopher and	Stone
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Lynn	Gaston	Rhoda	Najjar	Anthony and Ange-	Taah
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David and Jenna	Gordon	Duc	Nguyen	Fred and Gail	Taschner
Dan and Rosemary	Grassbaugh	Michael and Marilyn	Oden	Gerri	Taylor-Jordan
Lois	Grimm	Fred	Oglesbee	Richard and Judie	Tennant
Larry and Carla	Grubb	Walter and Trudy	Ohm	Bette	Thomas
Julie	Hand	Christopher and	Owens	Brian and Joan	Toops
Lee	Hannah	John and Nancy	Pawlowski	Emalou	Truske
Thomas and Cheryl	Hartman	Marquette	Peavy	Ed and Donna	Vanasdale
Juvenal	Hernandez	Carol	Pence	Wallace	Veasey
Charles	Hickman	Gary and Cathi	Rank	Diane	Ventresca
Joe and Sherrie	Higginbotham	Alan and Ellin	Ray	Denver and Lorna	Ward
Tim and Lisa	Hocker	LR	Robinson	Michael	Weaver
Ralph and Robin	Holland	Debbie	Roelle	Doris	Weiner
Richard and Rita	Hubbard	Grace	Rohrer	Rae	Wellmes
Andy and Patty	Hunt	James and Julie	Roudabush	Leo and Ginger	Werner
Nancy	Huston	Jeff and Emily	Sampson	Robert and Tina	White
Otavio and Shelia	Jackson	Don and Cheryl	Sands	Kevin and Vicky	Whittemore
Patti	Jasin	John	Schodorf	Mary Lu	Wood
Ibrahim and Fatou	Kaloko	Susan	Scott	Ellis	Yelton
Donald and Chris	Kampman	<p>We appreciate the continued support of the neighbors of Forest Park. If you have not already become a FPCA member, please consider it. The small amount of \$30 helps so much for your neighborhood.</p>			
Allen and Jo Ann	Keller				
John and Rose	Keller				

NEIGHBORHOOD Update!



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July. 2026

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FOREST PARK RESIDENT

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Dear Neighbors:

I hope everyone has a Fun and Safe summer. The real estate market is very active and you might be surprised at what the value of your house is in todays market. So, if you've been thinking about selling your house, now is the time to do it! Please give me a call and let me show you what Howard Hanna Real Estate Services and I can do for you! I still have several buyers looking for homes in our neighborhood.

NEW LISTING: (In Contract in 2 days)

1479 Cottonwood Dr - Wow! Lovely Ranch home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1st floor laundry, screened porch, full basement partially finished and a one car attached garage. **Asking \$283,000**

CURRENT MARKET WATCH

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

New listing coming soon! :)

Howard Hanna homes In Contract

1479 Cottonwood Dr Ranch/3BR 283,000

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

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

All Homes SOLD

Homes sold since 5/19/26

	Asking Price:	Sold Price:		Asking Price:	Sold Price:
5352 Hazelwood Rd Ranch/3BR	279,900	279,900	2193 Blackoak Ave Split/3BR	329,900	329,900
5806 Satinwood Dr Ranch/4BR	295,000	295,000	1452 Ironwood Dr Bilvl/4BR	339,900	329,700
2212 Blackoak Ave. Split/4BR	299,900	259,900	5513 Redwood Rd Bilvl/3BR	349,000	360,000
1444 Ironwood Dr. Split/3BR	309,999	320,000	1680 Pin Oak Dr. 2-Sty/5BR	359,900	355,000
5177 Avalon Ave 2-Sty/4BR	324,900	334,000			

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 6/15/26. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer.

