



The Forester



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Forest Park Civic Association

April 2008

HOME VALUES ARE SECURE By Joe Testa

Home values are secure in Franklin County. I feel the need to write this because the national news about the real estate market has been so overwhelmingly negative lately. While there are certainly more foreclosures here than we have seen, overall home values are still appreciating -- more slowly than in the past, but they are still appreciating.

The valuation process is largely dependent upon "arms length sales," which means normal transactions between willing buyers and sellers. A distressed sale, such as a foreclosure, is not a true indication of the market since the owner is not entering the sale willingly. Appraisal standards prevent the use of such sales as comparable sales.

In areas where there are several foreclosures, however, the value of the other properties might be adversely affected, but that would show up in the other regular sales. We review the regular sales to set the overall market values and then individually review any foreclosure which need consideration separate and apart from the general market.

One issue that might seem to support the perception that things are bad is the comparison of our real estate market to the recent past. We have enjoyed a strong appreciating real estate market in Franklin County for many years. County auditors are required to reflect that market and adjust our values accordingly every three years.

For 2005, our last update, we saw an annual average residential countywide rate of appreciation of 6.26 percent. That meant that not only were homeowners investments secure, they were building equity rapidly and could expect to see a healthy profit from a sale.

While still preliminary at this point, the next three-year period (which ended in December 2007) reveals averages in the 1 percent to 1 1/2 percent range per year. Certainly not the great growth in equity we used to see, but it is not in decline. Values almost exclusively are not dropping here as is reported elsewhere. Normal sales are still coming in at a little higher than the previously appraised values. We do see indications that there may be a very few small pockets to the contrary, but not remotely enough to affect the countywide market.

What it means is that your investment is still as secure as ever. If you put your home on the market now you can likely expect to take longer to sell and you probably can't realistically expect to tack on 6-7 percent per year on the selling price as the average homeowner could previously.

Some publications have recognized the stability of our market. "Forbes Magazine" is recently ranked us the third most stable housing market in the U.S. They looked at the local economy, affordability and inventory as well as new construction and foreclosures in their analysis.

Additionally, "PM Mortgage Insurance's Market Risk Index" ranked us among the least risky area to see home prices decline in the U.S. These analyses make sense because we know intuitively that real estate is location specific.

We are developing more features on our Web site to help you more easily track the actual sales in your neighborhood and easily compare how well they are holding value.

They will be released throughout the year as well as the "tentative value" mailer for the 2008 update later this summer.

I am concerned that some people, frightened over the bad news they receive daily, might sell themselves short on their equity and unknowingly give away some of the hard-earned profit that they are entitled to receive. They purchased their home, properly maintained it and improved it over the years. For most of us, that is our most significant financial asset. Be proud of what you have accomplished and know that even in the face of all the bad national news, the residential market in Franklin County remains strong.

Joe Testa has served as Franklin County auditor since 1992. He can be reached by e-mail at joe_franklin@countyohio.gov.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2007

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For any other information please call Arline Ries at 885-2883. Advertisements can be mailed or dropped off at 5700 Sandalwood Blvd., Columbus, OH 43229.

Foresters are available at the Karl Road Library, Donatos Pizza and Dairy Queen in Forest Park East and Sequoia Pro Bowl and PRIZM BEAUTY SALON in Forest Park West. There is no February Forester.

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F.P.C.A. SECRETARY'S REPORT ~ By Carol Overfield**Board Meeting - March 11, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President Dick Buttermore at 7:07 p.m. at Epworth Methodist Church. Board members present were: Dick Buttermore, David Paul, Carol Overfield, Dave Kienzel, Lyn Denney, Paul King, JoAnn Jeck, Terry Ferguson, Cynthia Alkire, Kit Race, Mary Sguerra, Carol Pence, Bea White, Judy Bryant and George Schmidt.

Mary Sguerra made a motion to accept the minutes from our last meeting. It was seconded by George Schmidt and passed unanimously.

Security Report was given by Dave Kienzel. There have been no major problems in our area the last couple of months. John Mancini is the new liaison officer for the 18th precinct. His telephone number is 645-1418.

Membership was reported by Dave Paul. The new directories are ready to be passed out along with membership cards. We will begin the membership mail-out next month.

Welcome by Carol Overfield: The welcoming committee met in January. We have eight people doing the welcoming. We would like to have more residents to serve on this committee.

Northland Community Council report was made by Lyn Denney. The Reserve is a new member of NCC. Vaud Villities might be moving from the old theater building at Northland into the old Penney's store. They would also like to have a free ad in The Forester. Banners of all the civic associations in NCC are going up at Columbus Square Shopping Center. The Northland Area Business Association golf outing will be August 4.

Development by Dave Paul: National Church Residences are looking at the property of the old Howard Johnson's and Elephant Bar. NY Hookups are asking for a variance on Cleveland Avenue. NCC

NCC is opposing this.

Northland Village: Menards is buying a lot for their new store.

Block Watch: Had a meeting in February Two hundred and twenty households have joined. Fifty-five have joined the business watch on 161.

JoAnn Jeck congratulated Dave Kienzel for his talk at the For-Mel Women's club.

Dick Graham, our City Liason Officer attended out meeting. Call 311 or go to 311.columbus.gov for problems. His phone number is 645-7371.

The Easter Egg hunt will be March 22 from 10:00 to 12:00 at the YMCA. Mike Stone is chairman of this event.

George Schmidt suggested using the YMCA for more events. A senior citizen event would be a good idea.

Kit Race thinks the islands need to be spruced up with more flowers. Will talk to Oakland Nursery to see what would grow good in that area.

We adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008
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Epworth United Methodist Church
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SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2008
9:00 A.M. ~ 5:00 P.M.

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TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2008
7:00 P.M.

Epworth United Methodist Church

FAMILY DAY @ YMCA

AUGUST
DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

FALL F.P.C.A. GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
9:00 A.M. ~ 5:00 P.M.

F.P.C.A. GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 14, 2008
Epworth United Methodist Church
7:00 p.m.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

DATE AND TIME TBA

If you would be willing to help on any of the above functions, please call Dick Buttermore at 885-1434. We always need volunteers and welcome help in any of the above areas.

Hope to hear from anyone that would like to help.

AREA NEWS

NORTHLAND ANIMAL SHELTER

By Mark S. Froehlich

1. The proposed facility will be a state-of-the art shelter using all available techniques and devices to address noise and smell concerns are addressed;
2. It will be located on a portion of the site that otherwise would not be readily used for other purposes;
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COLUMBUS FIRE COMPANIES RESPONDED TO A FIRE AT 5596 IRONWOOD COURT ON SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2008 AT 7:01 P.M.

The fire originated in a bedroom. The cause of the fire was determined to be a child playing with a lighter, therefore, it was ruled accidental. Damage was estimated at \$16,000.

There were no injuries reported.

There were smoke detectors present, but they did not operate.

The incident involved approximately 35 firefighters. The last firefighter left the scene at approximately 8:29 p.m.

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NOTES FROM NORTHLAND By Cecilia Marrone

Spring is just around the corner and Spring break will be here before you know it! A large contingent of our amazing band will be boarding buses and heading south to Disney World for Spring Break accompanied by our director Mr. Rick Eckler and our esteemed principal Mr. Duane Bland as well as a multitude of other adult chaperones. The students have worked hard to raise the money to go and the band parents have been amazing in their support (as always). We wish them a wonderful, fun and SAFE trip!

Have you ever heard of the Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation? It is an organization created to honor the four chaplains of the U.S. Army Transport Dorchester on its way to Greenland during WWII in February 1943. German submarines torpedoed the ship. As the ship went down, survivors told their accounts of the four chaplains (a Methodist Minister, a Catholic Priest, a Rabbi and a Dutch Reformed Church Minister) sacrificing their own life jackets and subsequently their own lives to save the lives of the men on board. They were last seen and heard standing arm in arm praying for the lives of everyone on board and in the water as the ship sank. What does this have to do with NHS? Well, on February 3rd, the 65th anniversary of that fateful day, our Symphonic Band performed in a tribute to the Four Chaplains at the United Methodist Church on Karl Road. They performed several pieces beautifully, but none so moving as their performance of "The Light Eternal" composed by James Swearingen. Mr. Swearingen was in attendance and was moved to tears during the performance which included a hunting flute solo by Andrew Simon commemorating the moment the ship sank. The emotion in the packed sanctuary and entry hall was palpable. Mr. Swearingen was then presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation.

In other NHS news, our school, your neighborhood high school was recognized by the U.S. News and World Report Magazine in December as one of the best High Schools in the nation and received a Bronze Medal! We are also recipients of Ohio State Recognition as a School of Promise for the third year running. Our students are working hard to prepare for the Ohio Graduation Tests that the 10th graders will sit for in March as well as the ACTs and the SATs for our uniors and seniors. We wish them all luck and know they will continue the upward trend in our rankings.

As spring draws near and you begin to plan your gardens look for the information coming about a possible flower sale to benefit our PTSA's Scholarship fund and a possible mulch sale to support our Athletic Boosters. We will keep you posted or you can call the school at 365-5342 and ask to leave a message for the PTSA or Athletic Boosters and someone will call you back.

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By Arline Ries, Co-Chairman

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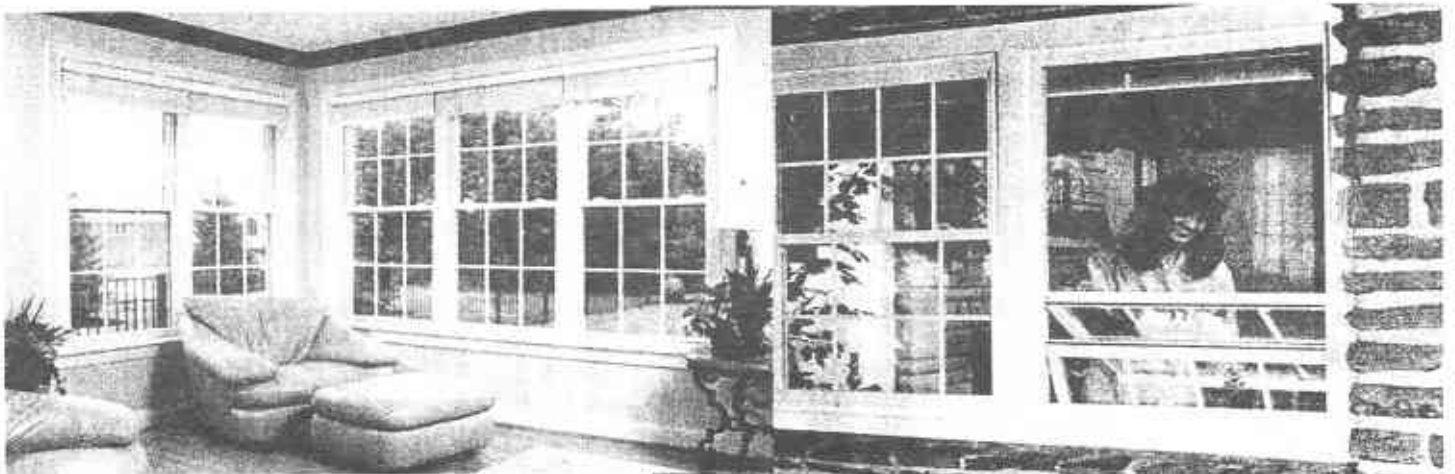
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FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED

The yard waste collection & curbside recycling in the Ruby area of Forest Park is Friday. However, if an observed holiday falls on or before your yard waste/recycling collection day a week, the collection day will be moved to Saturday. The schedule will return to normal the following week. If you have Questions: Call the Customer Service Center at 645-8774; TTY: 645-6507 or visit the website at refuse.ci.columbus.oh.us



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BRIANA COLLINS	312-2020	13					XX	WEST
JORDAN COLLINS	530-5882	14	XX		XX		XX	WEST
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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR NAME INCLUDED IN THE "TEEN WORK LIST" PLEASE CALL ARLINE RIES, EDITOR AT 885-2883 AND GIVE HER THE INFORMATION AND YOUR NAME AND JOB PREFERENCE WILL BE PRINTED IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE FORESTER.

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FOREST PARK SPRING GARAGE SALE

By Arline Ries, Co-Chairman

Spring house cleaning time is here again! Your junk can be someone's treasure. Have fun and make a little money by entering the Forest Park Civic Association Garage Sale which will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Advertisements will appear in the Northland News, Worthington, Westerville and Clintonville News publications. Maps and listing of addresses of participants will be handed out to prospective buyers at the Karl Road West and East entrances on Karl Road from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on the day of the sale.

The Association charges a minimal fee of \$5.00 to participate 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 is still \$5.00 which helps defray the cost of the F.P.C.A. functions.

Please complete the following form and mail with your check of \$5.00 made payable to F.P.C.A. by Ma10 to 1969 Torchwood Drive, Columbus, OH 43229. If you have any questions call Carol at 846-3389 or Arline at 885-2883.

GARAGE SALE ENTRY FORM

Name _____ Address _____

Featured items: _____

BEREAVEMENT & GRIEF COUNSELING CERTIFICATION

The Association for Death Education and Counseling is pleased to announce that Rev. Brink K. Shaffer, a resident of Forest Park in Northeast Columbus, has been awarded the credential, Certified Thanatologist (specialist in issues related to dying, death and bereavement). This organization sets the standard body of knowledge for this certification and the credential comes after passing a challenging examination, work references and continuing education. Additionally, The American Academy of Grief Counseling also awarded Rev. Shaffer the designation of Certified Grief Counselor. Odyssey HealthCare of Columbus, a Hospice Provider, employed Rev. Shaffer as Bereavement Coordinator. He also works as an Associate Chaplain with the Mount Carmel Health System and The Ohio State University Medical Center Hospitals. Rev. Shaffer is an ordained deacon in the Reformed Anglican Catholic Church and serves the local parish of Lamb of God Anglican Church. You can reach Rev. Brian K. Shaffer at (614) 414-0500 or (614) 840-9721 or at pathway@griefsteps.org and www.griefsteps.org for grief, loss, and bereavement support.

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was such a wonderful success thanks to all of the parents, family members, staff, community members and local businesses that donated items or volunteered their time or skills. This festival could not have taken place without all of your help and support. Everyone involved had so much fun that we're doing it again next year! Unfortunately, we do not have the names of each donating family but would like to stress how much we appreciate each and every one who donated and volunteered.

Special thanks go out to the local businesses below for their support and donations.

Olive Garden

Red Lobster

Hunan House

Karl Rd. Metropolitan Library

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Sequoia Lanes

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PartyLite – Bobbi Sprague

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Tupperware – Diane Basil

Honey Baked Ham

Smokey Bones

Sam's Club – Morse Road

Girl Scout Troop # 2283

Giant Eagle – 161 location

Pet Unique – Davina Tate

An extra special thanks goes out to the following for going the extra mile for Forest Park Elementary:

Forest Park Civic Association for allowing the use of the neighborhood Marquis signs.

The Yankee Trader, Inc. – Lynette Howard, for a donation of trinket toys that accounted for the majority of prizes used for the games.

Jo and Ruth Crowell, residents of the Forest Park area, for donating trinket toys for prizes and a beautiful, more than generous, variety of baskets, which were the highlight of the auction table.

Master Food USA – Jacqueline Griffin, for a very large donation of candies.

Longhorn Steakhouse – E. Dublin-Granville Rd., Chriselda Chew, for a fabulous donation of gift cards.

DSW Shoes – for a very generous gift card donation.

Jennifer Hoffman – for an amazing contribution of her time, game supplies, prizes, arts & crafts materials, auction items, and all of the Winterfest signs.

The Forester Neighborhood Newsletter – Arline Ries, for graciously donating space in the newsletter for the Winterfest advertisement.

We would also like to thank the **Forest Park Staff** for a wonderful variety of donations, for their involvement, patience, and support throughout the planning process.

Thank you to Forest Park Principal, **Rhonna McKibbin** for donations, support, and for giving us the opportunity to share this event with everyone involved.

Thank you all again **so very much** for all of your hard work and dedication to Forest Park Elementary School!

Parent Consultants
Sheila Garrett & Bobbi Sprague

FOREST PARK EVENTS - 2008

EASTER EGG HUNT
SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2008
YMCA NORTH
1640 SANDALWOOD PLACE
10:30 A.M.

FPCA GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008
7:00 P.M.
Epworth United Methodist Church
5100 KARL ROAD

FOREST PARK GARAGE SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2008
9:00 A.M. ~ 5:00 P.M.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS
FOREST PARK EAST AND WEST
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AWARDS PRESENTED AT
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F.P.C.A. GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2008
7:00 P.M.
Epworth United Methodist Church

FAMILY DAY @ YMCA
AUGUST
DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

FALL F.P.C.A. GARAGE SALE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
9:00 A.M. ~ 5:00 P.M.

F.P.C.A. GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, October 14, 2008
Epworth United Methodist Church
7:00 p.m.

HALLOWEEN PARTY
DATE AND TIME TBA

If you would be willing to help on any of the above functions, please call Dick Buttermore at 885-1434. We always need volunteers and welcome help in any of the above areas.

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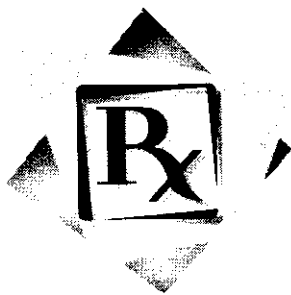
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Dear Neighbors:

Spring is here and the real estate market is becoming a little more active. Interest rates are still holding low and we are hoping for a busy spring and summer.

My listing at **2131 Honeytree Ct.** is in-contract and is scheduled to close at the end of the month and my listing at **5424 Pine Bluff Rd** had a price change to \$149,900 --- a great buy!

Let me help you find you next home whether it be a NEW BUILD or an EXISTING HOME or CONDOMINIUM. I can represent you as a Buyer's Agent. (representing your interest) with any builder or seller. at no expense to you. Give me a call for details.

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1968 Northcliff Dr E	Ranch 3BR 129.900	2155 Sumac Loop	2-Sty/4BR 149.900
5378 Maple Canyon	2-Sty 3BR 132.000	5425 Sandalwood Blvd	Split 3BR 153.000
5337 Poplarwood Rd	Split 4BR 134.900	5135 Northcliff Lp E	2-Sty/4BR 154.900
1467 Hedgewood Pl	Ranch 3BR 139.400	2157 Blackoak Ave	Ranch 3BR 155.500
2128 Lilacwood Ave	Ranch 3BR 139.900	5190 Maplewood Ct E	2-Sty/4BR 156.900
1643 Norma Rd	Split 3BR 139.900	1693 Ivyhill Lp	Split 4BR 164.900



HER Realtors homes In Contract

2131 Honeytree Ct © 2-Sty/4BR 157.500
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	Asking:	Sold Price:
1419 Boxwood Dr	Bi/vl/3BR 85,562	75,000
5725 Firwood Pl	Ranch/3BR 100,900	97,300
1869 Torchwood Dr	Split/4BR 104,900	96,000
2155 Tuliptree Ave	Split/3BR 124,900	121,500
1664 Pin Oak Dr	Ranch 3BR 124,900	120,000

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