



The Forester



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Forest Park Civic Association

January 2010

Make This Your Civic Association

On January 16 the Forest Park Civic Association Board will be having a retreat. I think it is the first of its kind. The purpose is to listen to each other and gather the best group wisdom in order to reshape the association. Look at the list of names on page 2 of this Forester. Contact your area representative or any one on the list. Give us your ideas on what you would like to see in Forest Park. I promise we will discuss all ideas. I promise that your ideas will be treated with the same respect that mine are treated. It might surprise you to know that although I have volunteered many hours for many years I do not get my way all the time.

A civic association must be relevant to its members. The only way we can know what is relevant to you is if you tell us. Please let us know!

The board will focus on these general categories:

- Security
- Social interaction
- Neighbor helping neighbor
- Community building
- Local government
- Aesthetics
- Development

Think about these categories and give us your ideas. It is proven that a strong civic association creates a better standard of living. Would it not be better if we improved in all of these categories?

Please make a commitment to join the association in 2010. Just as important, make a commitment to make a difference in one of **these areas. We will be much stronger if we stand together. Benjamin Franklin said it, "We must hang together or surely we will all hang separately."** Make a commitment to attend at least one general meeting. Give us your input and learn what we are about. The general meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday, quarterly: January 12; April 13; July 13; and October 12. Let us know what you would like to address at these meetings.

At our retreat we will discuss the plans for 2010. The calendar will be set. The membership drive will be planned. Our vision will be focused. The fun stuff will be scheduled. Responsibilities will be taken. All of these folks will be taking up this effort with no pay. This is a 100% voluntary organization.

This all works only if you get involved and make this your civic association.

George Schmidt.

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FORST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2009
By Carol Overfield

The evening started at 6:30 with a potluck dinner at the home of George Schmidt. There was a short meeting following the dinner.

The minutes of our last meeting and the treasurer's report were approved.

Representatives from the water and electric companies will be at our general meeting in January.

Our fundraiser at Max and Erma's last month netted \$140.00. Dick has talked to The Outback Steakhouse near Sawmill Road about a fundraiser dinner that would be in our neighborhood.

Board members will meet at Donatos on January 16 from 10:00 to 2:00 for a brain storming session. We will try to come up with some new ideas for membership.

Mary Sguerra has agreed to become our new public relations officer.

Membership income totaled \$18,240.00 this year. The most productive areas were 1, 2, 4, 9, and 10.



General Meeting

Our next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00pm at Epworth United Methodist Church on Karl Road. City Attorney Richard Pfeiffer will be there to fill us in on what the city is working on, in particular abandoned housing. He will swear in the new officers for 2010.

It will be 'Utility' night. AEP will put new meters in every house in Forest Park this year. It is mandatory. A representative will be at our meeting to tell us what that means for us.

The Water Department will also be there to tell us how we can get a discount on our water bill. If you are a senior citizen you do not want to miss this.

The agenda will include anything you want to discuss.

FOREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Treasurer's Report
November 2009

Description	Current Month				Year-To-Date				Budget	
	REVENUE	Budget %	EXPENSE	Budget %	REVENUE	Budget %	EXPENSE	Budget %	REVENUE	EXPENSE
MEMBERSHIP & OTHER:										
Membership & Equipment		0.0%			7,725.20	101.6%	1,864.60	77.7%	7,600	2,400
Supplemental Security Split		0.0%	416.00	3.6%	11,587.80	101.6%	8,661.00	76.0%	11,400	11,400
GENERAL:										
Blockwatch									0	100
Directory									0	1,200
Island & Sign Maintenance			30.00	3.3%			1,165.00	126.6%	0	920
Island Flowers									0	50
Interest Income	0.80	8.0%			7.38	73.8%			10	0
Liability insurance/Bond			430.00	102.4%			430.00	102.4%	0	420
Miscellaneous			15.69	3.9%			107.21	26.8%	0	400
Northland Community Council					50.00		355.00	118.3%	0	300
Technology							141.95	47.3%	0	300
Treasurer Expenses							123.26	123.3%	0	100
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Printing & Supplies			1,372.00	8.9%			16,548.83	106.8%	0	15,500
COMMUNITY EVENTS:										
Beautification Awards							100.00	83.3%	0	120
Easter Egg Hunt							345.66	98.8%	0	350
Garage Sales (2)					250.00	62.5%	492.75	123.2%	400	400
Halloween Party									0	400
July 4th Parade: Bikes & Trykes									0	150
Max and Erma's Outing	72.33				358.21		7.00		0	0
Welcoming Committee									0	100
YMCA Family Day									0	300
YMCA Senior Event									0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS:	1,196.13		2,462.58		31,583.59		32,271.15		37,410	37,410
			Net Income \$ (1,266.45)				\$ (687.56)			
Bank Balance at end of month			\$ 10,088.57							
Directory Reserve Fund as of 11/30/09			\$ (1,600.00)							
Technology Reserve Fund as of 11/30/09			\$ (40.45)							
General Fund Balance at end of month			\$ 8,448.12							

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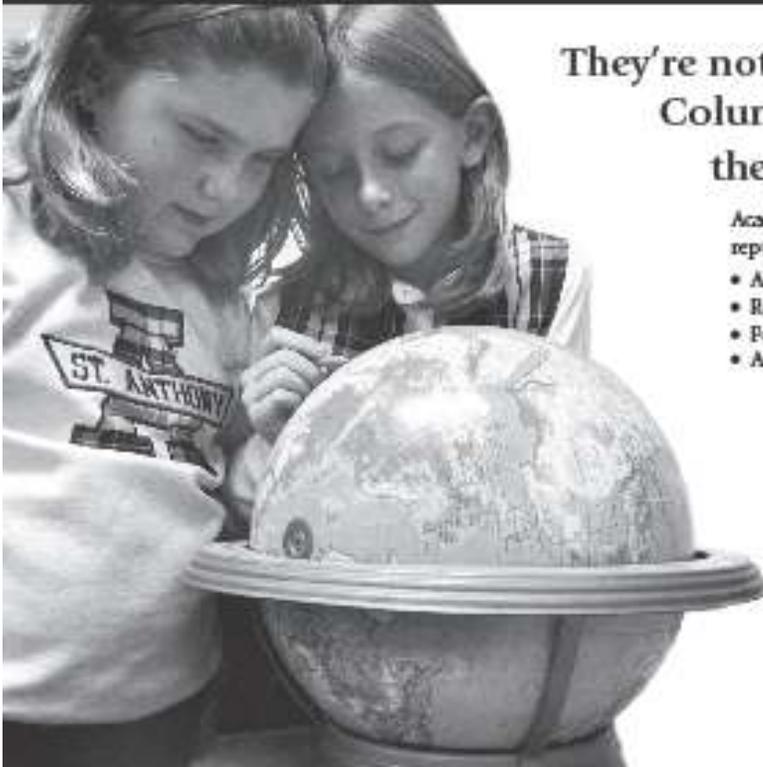
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(Please refer to the maps in your Forest Park Directory to identify your 'Area'.)**

It is not generally well understood that \$12 out of your \$20 membership dues goes toward hiring off-duty uniformed Columbus Police Officers in Police Patrol Cars to patrol Forest Park exclusively ! This is our Supplemental Security Program and we are the only Civic Association in Columbus that does it.

From the bulk membership mail-out we do every Spring, we gratefully receive a reliable 25% response rate from residents who take membership by sending their \$20 to us through the mail.

Of the remaining 75%, when we knock on their door during the summer, over 50% of them take membership ! But we have never been able to knock on every last one of those doors. Every year we are able to knock on fewer and fewer doors.

This door knocking job is done by 'Section Reps' (covering about 8 households) during the summer. Of late, the Area Representative's job of finding residents to be Section Reps has become more difficult. As a direct result, we are unable to put as many Supplemental Security Police Patrols on our streets as we have in the past. In the last decade, we have gone from a high of \$27,000 in membership dues to a present \$18,000.

It becomes obvious that we need Area Representatives who are able to commit themselves to this task.

The FPCA Recruitment Committee is reviewing previous volunteers and actively working to fill these vacancies.

Willing and able residents can however, still come forward and volunteer for any of these positions. If you are interested in any specific position, or if you want to find out additional information about the position, please contact either Recruitment Chairman Dick Buttermore at 885-1434, or Co-Chairman Mike Stone at 844-6893.

You're needed !

2010 TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULE FOR FOREST PARK

2010 Refuse Collection Schedule for Forest Park (Ruby)								
New Year's Day 1/1/10	Marlin Luther King Day 1/18/10	President's Day 2/15/10	Memorial Day 5/31/10	Independence Day 7/5/10	Labor Day 9/6/10	Columbus Day 10/11/10	Thanksgiving Day 11/25/10	Christmas Day 12/24/10
WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON
Questions? Call Columbus City Call Center at 311 or 645-3111. Or visit the website at refuse.ci.columbus.oh.us It is expected that free Yard Waste pickup will resume in mid-April.								

We will let you know as soon as possible about yard waste pickup.



2010 POSTAL SCHEDULE

The following dates are from the United States Postal Service. There will be no mail delivery these days.

New Years Day	Friday	1/1
MLK Jr. Day	Monday	1/18
Presidents Day	Monday	2/15
Memorial Day	Monday	5/31
Independence Day	Monday	7/5
Labor Day	Monday	9/6
Columbus Day	Monday	10/11
Veteran's Day	Thursday	11/11
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	11/25

Christmas Day falls on Saturday and the 24th is the holiday for government workers.

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Forest Park Elementary School News
By Fran Compton

Activities at Forest Park Elementary School return to a more normal routine when school resumes on Monday, January 4 after the Winter Break. There will be quarterly assessments in grades 1-5 the week of Jan. 11-15. After the test results are known, the staff will analyze and utilize the test data to plan interventions for students who may be struggling academically. Every child that has academic needs will receive special help so that academic excellence will be achieved. The second grading period ends Jan. 15 with report cards sent home Wednesday, Jan. 27. The awards program will be on Friday, Jan 29 in the afternoon. There will be no school on Jan. 18 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

December, however had many special activities. "Even though there were only three weeks of school in December, it was a very busy month", says Mrs. Rhonna McKibbins, principal. The Winter musical program on Dec. 3 featured 1st and 2nd grade students and the fourth-fifth grade choir singing, students playing hand chimes and the instrumental students performing music celebrating the winter/holiday season. "The gym was packed. We were so pleased to have so many families attending!" says Mrs. McKibbins. All students were able to attend a performance of the "Nutcracker" at the Ohio Theater on Dec. 17, thanks to some Title 1 government funds and many contributions from parents. There was no school on Dec. 9 so that staff could participate in the Columbus City Schools Professional Development Day.





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1801 White Pine Ct. --- Huge 4 Level Split w/4 BR's, 2.5 BA's, family rm w/WBFP, 2 car garage. Quiet court. \$149,900

2009 YEAR END FOREST PARK HOME SALES REPORT

STYLE & NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD	AVERAGE LIST PRICE	AVERAGE SOLD PRICE	RANGE OF SOLDS (Low-High)
2 STORY 26	\$121,194	\$117,471	\$ 58,000 - \$156,500
SPLIT 32	\$112,833	\$107,035	\$ 38,000 - \$157,000
RANCH 34	\$115,293	\$111,260	\$ 34,000 - \$141,000
BILEVEL 2	\$130,171	\$127,700	\$119,900 - \$142,000
TOTAL SOLD 94	* (FYI - 37% of the homes SOLD this year were bank owned or short sales)		

CURRENT MARKET WATCH

The following homes are **For Sale** with Real Living HER:



		Asking:			Asking:
5352 Torchwood LpW	Split/3BR	119,500	2155 Sumac Loop E	2-Sty/4BR	134,900
1968 Northcliff Dr E	Ranch/3BR	124,900	1801 Larkwood Pl.	2-Sty/4BR	144,900
5540 Sandalwood Blvd	Ranch/3BR	124,900	4988 Tamarack Blvd	2-Sty/3BR	144,900
5237 Arrowood Lp W	Ranch/3BR	126,999	5803 Satinwood Dr.	Split/3BR	145,000
5329 Avalon Ave	2-Sty/4BR	129,900	1801 White Pine Ct.	Split/4BR	149,900

Real Living HER homes In Contract

5821 Satinwood Dr.©	Ranch/3BR	109,900	5320 Torchwood LpE©	2-Sty/4BR	126,500
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(C)=In Contract Contingent (E)=I/C w/Escap clause

All Homes SOLD since 11/12/09

		Asking:	Sold Price:
5733 Satinwood Dr.	Split/3BR	74,900	75,000
5455 Blue Ash Rd.,	Split/3BR	99,500	87,000
1637 Sandalwood Pl	Split/3BR	99,000	99,000
5756 Satinwood	Ranch/3BR	109,900	104,000
2259 Tuliptree Ave	2-Sty/4BR	104,900	104,900
5215 Avalon Ave	2-Sty/3BR	124,850	121,000
1205 Vinewood Dr.	Ranch/3BR	129,900	121,000
5722 Sandalwood Blvd	Ranch/3BR	129,900	128,000
5311 Arrowood Lp E	Ranch/3BR	129,500	129,500

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