



The Forester



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Forest Park Civic Association

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The hole is not on my side of the ship

My cabin is fine. Everything in my space is clean and neatly put away. Why should I care about a hole in the other side of the ship? Why should I bail out water? I did not make the hole. I cannot even see the hole. I do not have the means to fix the hole even if I wanted to. This is a good analogy for Forest Park.

We need all hands on deck. We need everyone doing what they can to help us plug the hole and bail the water that can sink us all. We all need to add our voices yelling for help. Until help comes to take care of the stuff we cannot we need to do it.

Whether we want to admit it or not whatever goes on around us effects us. That is why we join together to help push back at the decay and blight that would grow if we allow it. If you look historically at neighborhoods, once people stop helping each other they sink.

We have very good news to share. Your efforts pay off. Due to the number of people who have joined this year and people giving extra donations toward security we can add one more night to the security runs in December. As a result of your contributions we have one of the safest neighborhoods in Columbus and the safest neighborhood on the north end. This is a statistical fact. It may feel like we have more crime, but we do not.

We have cleaned up Tamarack Circle and are well on our way to organizing the business owners to take of it themselves. We are bringing pressure on the landlords to do what they ought to be doing. The place looks a lot better. I am starting to shop there in support of their efforts.

You would not believe the types of businesses that we would have in our area if it were not for the development committee. In addition many who are here would look terrible. 161 used to look overgrown and down right awful. We are getting compliments for our efforts.

The landscaping has never looked better.

It was directly due to the efforts of Forest Park and other Civics that this much progress has happened on Morse Road over the past 9 years. Northland Village is looking great with the addition of the Dog Shelter. Everyday something new appears. With every ground breaking and ribbon cutting I hear the same thing from the city, county, business owners and developer, "**This would not have happened without such a well organized community.**"

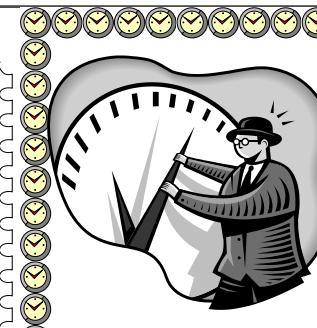
Next year Forest Park will celebrate 50 years of existence. We are adding signage to reflect that. We will be having a 50th anniversary banquet. We plan to have a special entry in the parade. We will have an anniversary February edition of the Forester. Sound exciting? Offer to help!

There are forces against us. Without the effort of many we would have sunk long ago. The task is still great and never ends. We need your help. There is strength in numbers.

George Schmidt

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 GENERAL MEETING
 OCTOBER 11, 2011
 By Carol Overfield

The meeting was called to order by President, George Schmidt, at 7:00 at Oakleaf Village. The minutes from our last meeting were presented and approved. Dan Hartzell presented the treasurer's report. It was approved.

The Y Service Club did a clean up on Tamarack Circle. There were 17 people who cut and trimmed the grass, picked up trash and did some painting. There was a meeting to try to get all business owners involved in keeping it clean.

There will be a 50th anniversary banquet in May.

Assistant City Attorney Brandon Shroy talked about what we can do about the problems in our area. We need to target the areas that police can help with crime. One of the most effective ways in gathering information is to go to the right agency to handle the problem. The Club Escape on 161 was in violation of code when it re-opened. But someone has to prove it's an adult entertainment establishment. The code enforcer is who to call for high grass and trash in yards. A police presence helps curb the panhandlers on 161. The signs in the right of way at Forest Park Plaza are illegal. A suggestion was made to send a letter to the violator of code infractions letting them know the problem and offering to help solve it.

Some problems presented to Dick Graham and Officer Clinger were food trucks in our area. They are not allowed to have awnings or tables and chairs and cannot park overnight. There has been trash left out too long for bulk pickup. Business trucks are being parked on Sandalwood Place.

Earl Miller said his welcoming committee needs new folders. They also need more people to go visit new residents.

Mike Stone is heading up the nominating committee. Dan Hartzell is leading the budget committee. This committee will include Susan, Mike, Dan, and Carol.

Some other comments were: Want security information in the Forester. What happened to the street lights? Area 13 (on our map) is not getting the Forester.

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GABRIELLE SUAREZ	657-3843	17	XX	XX		XX	XX			EAST
BROOKE ENTINGH	985-3396	13				XX	XX	XX	XX	EAST
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JUSTIN HILL	436-0178	13	XX	XX	XX				XX	EAST
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BLOCK WATCH

By Ken Gilbert

The Forest Park Block Watch holds their meetings on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at Epworth Methodist Church, 5100 Karl Rd. All Forest Park residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. The November meeting (Nov 22) will be fairly short. There will be a discussion with Officer Clinger and John Biteman about keeping safe and secure during the holidays--both inside and outside the home. We'll also have a time to share current neighborhood concerns. There will be no December meeting. We'll have information in the December Forester on plans for 2012.

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*Limit 5 boxes or paper bags, please.

Here are examples of materials that crime prevention experts including the National Crime Prevention Council and the Columbus Division of Police recommend you dispose of by shredding:

- Address labels from junk mail and magazines
- Bank statements, canceled and voided checks, ATM receipts
- Birth certificate copies
- Computer CDs, floppy disks and tape cartridges containing financial or other confidential data
- Credit and charge card bills, carbon copies, summaries and receipts
- Credit reports and histories
- Documents containing names, addresses, phone numbers or e-mail addresses
- Documents containing maiden name (used by credit card companies for security reasons)
- Documents containing passwords, PIN numbers or Social Security numbers
- Driver's licenses or items with a driver's license number
- Employment records and resumes
- Expired passports and visas
- Legal documents
- Investments, stocks and property transactions
- Items with a signature (leases, contracts, letters)
- Medical and dental records
- Outdated identification cards (college IDs, state IDs, employee ID badges, military IDs)
- Pre-approved credit card applications
- Receipts with card or checking account numbers
- Report cards
- Tax forms, pay stubs, benefits statements
- Transcripts
- Travel itineraries, used airline tickets, luggage tags
- Utility bills (telephone, gas, electric, water, cable TV, Internet)

To learn more about identity theft, visit the Federal Trade Commission ID Theft Web site at <http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft>.

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	Month		Year-to-Date		Budget	
	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses
Membership	\$ 278.00	\$ -	\$ 7,886.00	\$ 1,898.14	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 2,000.00
Business Membership	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Supplemental Security Split	\$ 417.00	\$ 980.00	\$ 13,359.00	\$ 9,493.75	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00
Interest	\$ 0.45	\$ -	\$ 2.70	\$ -	\$ 9.00	\$ -
Directory Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,285.00	\$ 6,046.42	\$ -	\$ -
Forester	\$ 1,030.00	\$ 1,666.22	\$ 9,940.00	\$ 15,018.33	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Ouback fundraiser	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 200.00
Garage Sale	\$ 115.00	\$ 78.96	\$ 260.00	\$ 172.87	\$ 300.00	\$ 190.00
Additional donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ -
Island Maintenance & Improvement	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ 420.00		\$ 400.00
Island Flowers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 200.00
Liability Insurance/Bond	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 450.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 5.00		\$ 300.00
Northland Community Council	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105.00		\$ 400.00
Treasurer Expenses	\$ -	\$ 7.92	\$ -	\$ 62.43		\$ 175.00
Beautification Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 140.00	\$ 116.85		\$ 700.00
Outreach Day	\$ -	\$ 91.82	\$ -	\$ 91.82		\$ 1,000.00
July 4th Bikes/Parade Floats	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 108.09		\$ 400.00
Blockwatch	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 100.00
YMCA Senior Day	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 244.00
50th Anniversary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17.99		\$ 900.00
Area Development/Pride	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 1,400.00
Total Income & Expenses	\$ 1,840.45	\$ 2,884.92	\$ 33,732.70	\$ 33,556.69	\$ 39,559.00	\$ 39,559.00
Net Income (Loss)		\$ (1,044.47)		\$ 176.01		
General Fund Balance at end of month		\$ 15,711.62				



WHO TO CALL

At our last General Meeting, the subject of who to call when you see something that doesn't seem right came up. An example was; cars parked in yards. You might also have neighbors who park their car up over the curb, to get mostly out of the street. Another example, is trash at the curb for long periods of time, trash stacked in the driveway. I know I have seen all of the above in just the last two days. It has become an everyday occurrence even if the people are violating city code.

The city of Columbus has a system set up for you to call in your concerns, complaints, or questions. If you have an AT &T home phone line, you can just call 311. If you use a different carrier for home service, call 645-3111. You can also go to the website:

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If you have access to the internet, go to the website below for the city of Columbus Code Enforcement. The website has frequently asked questions you may want to find out about.

<http://development.columbus.gov/content.aspx?id=22646>

Are You a New Neighbor? or Do You Have New Neighbors?

The Welcome Committee has a folder of helpful information and coupons for new residents. Contact me if you are new. One of us on the committee or your Area Rep will visit.

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Forest Park Elementary School News

By Fran Compton, Volunteer

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Students who have been PEAK free the first quarter of this school year will be entertained at a party Thursday, Nov. 3. On Nov. 7 – 11, students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will participate in a national testing program to evaluate how each child in these grade levels compares to others from across the nation.

On election day, Nov. 8, fourth grade students will be transported to the Ohio Theater to experience the Columbus Symphony. For all students, breakfast and lunch will be served in their classrooms. Fifth graders on Wednesday, Nov. 9, will benefit from many local accountants who will bring games and activities to build the students' understanding of "real world and life skill choices" in the financial aspects of their lives now and in the future.

Awards presentations will be on Nov. 11, for grades 4 and 5 at 1:30 p.m., grades K and 1 at 2:00 p.m. and grades 2 and 3 at 2:30. All students will receive their grade cards that day.

Vital parent-teacher conferences for all grades will be held Thursday, Nov. 10 from 3:45 – 7:15 p.m. and on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the same times. Parents should make reservations with the teachers ahead of time by completing the conference request form which children brought to their homes on Friday, Oct. 28.

For all grades the picture "re-takes" will be Thursday, Nov. 17.

Visitors from other schools will observe classes on Tuesday, Nov. 29, as part of the "Professional Rounds." Principals and teachers visit classes in 20 minutes segments to observe the classroom teaching and activities and then give written feedback for instruction improvement. Mrs. Rhonna McKibbin, principal of Forest Park Elementary School, will participate in this program that "often leads to small but important changes," she says.

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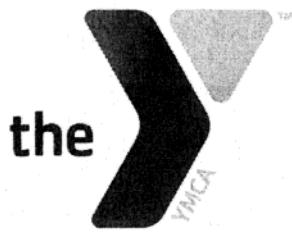
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FOR-MEL WOMAN'S CLUB

By JoAnn Jeck

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Seasons will begin in January. More details to come.

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-All games played at the North YMCA

-Monday and Wednesday nights

Volleyball

-All games at the North YMCA

-Sunday afternoon

Basketball

-May travel to other branches

-Sunday afternoon

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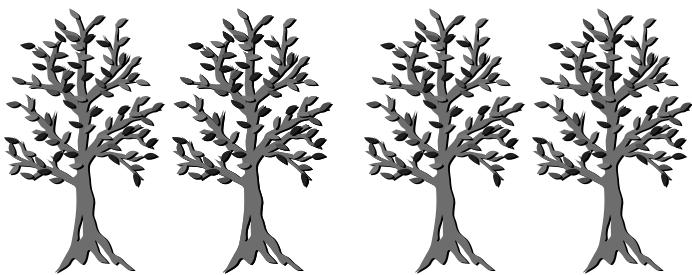
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For further information on The Forester, please call Susan Buttermore at 885-1434 or email to:

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Black Friday Drop & Shop Childcare Services

Are you planning to hit those early morning sales the day after Thanksgiving? Do you have children 12 and under whom you prefer not tag along? If you answered, "Yes" to these questions, then YMCA North is offering a helping hand by offering childcare on Friday, November 25, 2011 from 5:30am to 12:00 noon for a nominal fee. Drop your children off, then shop 'til you drop. Please contact the Y's member services desk at (614) 885-4252 for additional information. This service is open to the community and limited to the first 50 children registered. Registration begins, Monday, October 10th and closes on Friday, November 18th without exception.

Breakfast With Santa

YMCA North's "Breakfast With Santa" is around the corner. This year's celebration will be on Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 8:30 to 11:30am.

Featured will be a special presentation by BalletMet and variety of talent from throughout Central Ohio. Also included are a breakfast buffet, terrific door prizes and games and crafts for the entire family. Local vendors will be available as well to present some unique shopping opportunities. Registration for "Breakfast With Santa" will begin October 17th and remain open until Wednesday, November 30th. Information will be available at our Member Services Desk beginning, Monday, October 17th.

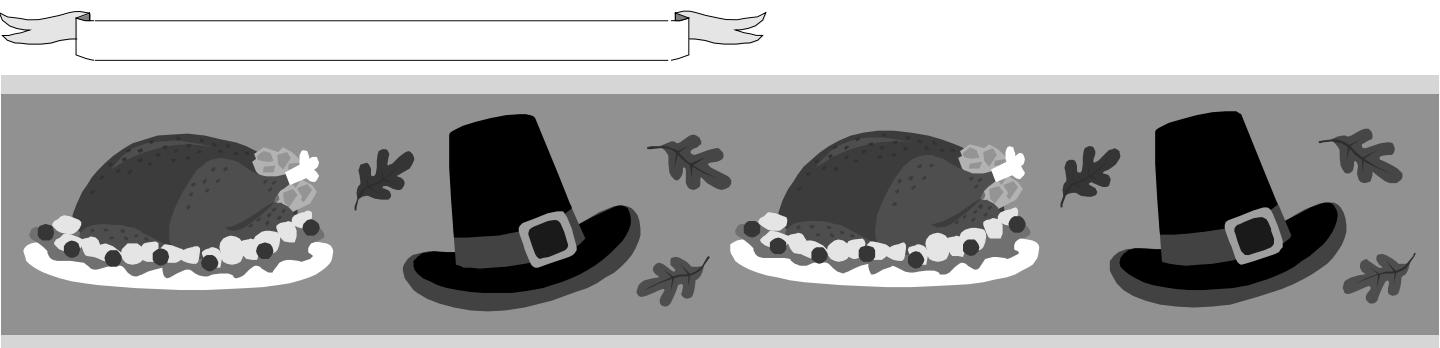
You may contact Fay Cooper, Director of Youth Teen and Family Programs at YMCA North by calling (614) 885-4252 or via email fcooper@ymcacolumbus.org .

BUSINESS MEMBERS for 2010-2011

- ◆ DONATO'S ON TAMARACK CIRCLE
- ◆ SCHMITT TREE SERVICE (ad on page 5)
- ◆ DAIRY QUEEN ON TAMARACK CIRCLE
- ◆ CS BANK corner of 161 and Karl Rd.
- ◆ SCHOEDINGER FUNERAL SERVICES on Karl Rd
- ◆ COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN LIBRAY on Karl Rd.
- ◆ MARY SGUERRA HER REAL LIVING (see back)
- ◆ KARL RD. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
- ◆ HADLER COMPANIES (Columbus Square)
- ◆ HUGHES ROOFING & REMODELING (ad on page 6)

It has been requested that we publish the US Protection's Security reports. As soon as I receive something it will be included.

**November 6 - Time Change
November 24 - Thanksgiving**





NEIGHBORHOOD

Update!



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



MARY SGUERRA

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Dear Neighbors:

The real estate market is still a bit slow but NOW is the time to BUY ! There are some great deals to be found with low, low interest rates under 5% . Give me a call and let me help you find a great deal!

I'm getting ready to close on my listings at **1472 Ironwood & 1635 Norma Rd.** & I just closed on my listing at **5178 Northtowne Blvd.**

NEW PRICE

2191 Yellow Pine Ave. --- NICE! Ranch with 3 BR's, 2 BA's, family room with WBFP & 2 car gar. Now \$94,300

CURRENT MARKET WATCH

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

		Asking:		Asking:
2191 Yellow Pine Ave.	Ranch/3BR	94,300 **	5195 Paw Paw	2-Sty/4BR
5283 Butternut Ct. E.	Ranch/3BR	107,900	5443 Driftwood Rd	Split/3BR
5641 Sandalwood Blvd.	Ranch/3BR	114,000	5245 Arrowood Ct.	2-Sty/4BR
5160 Paw Paw Rd	Split/3BR	115,000	5304 Butternut Ct	2-Sty/5BR
5087 Tamarack Blvd.	2-Sty/4BR	118,000	1609 Sugarmaple Ct.	2-Sty/4BR
1801 Larkwood Pl.	2-Sty/4BR	119,900	4982 Sienna Ln.	2-Sty/5BR
5466 Sumac Lp E	Split/3BR	119,900	5143 Northcliff Loop E	Ranch/4BR
5816 Satinwood Dr.	Split/3BR	120,000		164,000

* my new listings **new price



Real Living HER homes In Contract

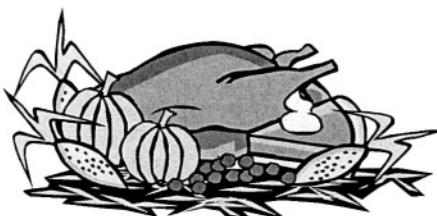
5272 Sweetgum Pl ©	Ranch/3BR	68,400
1472 Ironwood Dr. ©	Ranch/3BR	96,900
1635 Norma Rd. ©	Ranch/3BR	104,900
5250 Blue Ash Rd. ©	2-Sty/5BR	119,900

(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

since 8/19/11	Asking:	Sold Price:
1745 Ivyhill Lp	2-Sty/4BR	67,230
5516 Satinwood Dr.	2-Sty/3BR	76,000
5498 Aspen Rd	Split/4BR	89,900
5496 Sandalwood Blvd	Ranch/3BR	97,900
5298 Arrowood Lp	2-Sty/4BR	119,900
5178 Northtowne	2-Sty/4BR	127,900
1353 Redwood Ct.	Split/4BR	133,500
		124,000
		129,000



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