

# The Forester



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#### **Forest Park Civic Association**

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## **2012 Forest Park Civic Association Board**

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2012 President - Mike Stone receives gavel from Past President - George Schmidt.

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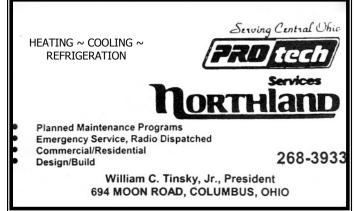
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## FOREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 14, 2012 By Carol Overfield

The meeting was called to order by President, Mike Stone, at 7:00 at the Epworth Methodist Church. The roll call was taken. Board members present were: Mike Stone, Ken Gilbert, Dan Hartzell, Carol Overfield, Mary Sguerra, Susan Buttermore, Ed Vanasdale, George Schmidt, Earl Miller, Cate Gilbert, Barbra Brooks, Linda Ridenour, Joan Toops, Scott Prigan, Linda Whitmore, and Becky Wardlaw.

The minutes from our last meeting were approved as presented. The treasurer's report was presented by Dan Hartzell. It was approved.

Dan Sayre gave a presentation about the sale of the Sequoia Swimming Pool. It is for sale for \$285,000. It sits on 3 ½ acres.

Officer Clinger gave a report on the crime in the area. There was a burglary on Blue Ash this week. The investigation is ongoing for the shooting at the store on Tamarack Circle. There will be a coordinators meeting next Tuesday at 1120 Morse Road. There will be a meeting of the Tamarack Circle businesses on March 13 at 9:00 at the Dairy Queen.

There will be a planning meeting of the board on Saturday February 25 at Donatos from 12:00 to 2:00.

The security report was given by Ed Vanasdale. Burglaries have increased during the daytime. He will meet with the officer from US Protection on Friday.

The Outreach day will be in July. The Forester deadline will be Thursday.

The NCC banquet will be March 23 at Villa Milano.

The block watch is starting a group patrol. They would like to have reflective vests. There was a motion to increase the \$100 budget to \$200 so these vests can be purchased. The next Block Watch meeting will be February 28. The Community Crime Patrol will speak. The speaker at the March meeting will be a police dispatcher.

Earl Miller gave a report on the Welcome committee.

George Schmidt gave a report on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There will be a meeting on Friday. The Outback Steak House will furnish the meals including steak, chicken, and a vegetable dish. We will sell 240 tickets at \$10.00 each. It will be at the Columbus Baptist Temple on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. The Northland Jazz Band will perform. The Y Service Club will bus tables for tips. We will try to get some business sponsorships. Mary Sguerra will donate mementos. We adjourned at 9:00.

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| MARAH MORRIS      | 596-6880 | 16  | XX           |        |              | XX                 | XX      |               | XX          | EAST           |
| GABRIELLE SUAREZ  | 657-3843 | 17  | XX           | XX     |              | XX                 | XX      |               |             | EAST           |
| BROOKE ENTINGH    | 985-3396 | 13  |              |        |              | XX                 | XX      | XX            | XX          | EAST           |
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| DARIUS OWENS      | 825-4749 | 13  | XX           | XX     |              |                    |         |               | XX          | EAST           |
| RASHAWN THOMPSON  | 396-7636 | 16  | XX           |        | XX           |                    |         |               | XX          | EAST           |
| CHANEL AYERS      | 704-3034 | 15  |              |        |              | XX                 | XX      |               | XX          | EAST           |
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|   | Inco | ome      | Expenses |                          | Income |          | Expenses |            | Income |           | Expenses |           |
| Membership                                |      |          |          |                          |        |          |          |            | \$     | 8,000.00  | \$       | 2,000.00  |
| Business Membership                       |      |          |          |                          |        |          |          |            | \$     | 200.00    | \$       | -         |
| Supplemental Security Split               |      |          | \$       | 1,347.50                 |        |          | \$       | 1,347.50   | \$     | 12,000.00 | \$       | 12,000.00 |
| Interest                                  | \$   | 0.38     | \$       | 2.00                     | \$     | 0.38     | \$       | 2.00       | \$     | 5.00      |          |           |
| Forester                                  | \$   | 660.00   | \$       | 1,440.72                 | \$     | 660.00   | \$       | 1,440.72   | \$     | 13,295.00 | \$       | 17,000.00 |
| Garage Sale                               |      |          |          |                          |        |          |          |            | \$     | 250.00    | \$       | 100.00    |
| Additional donations                      |      |          |          |                          |        |          |          |            | \$     | 1,550.00  |          |           |
| Island Maintenance & Improvement          |      |          |          |                          |        |          |          |            |        |           | \$       | 500.00    |
| Island Flowers                            |      |          |          |                          |        |          |          |            |        |           | \$       | 100.00    |
| Liability Insurance/Bond                  |      |          |          |                          |        |          |          |            |        |           | \$       | 450.00    |
| Miscellaneous                             | \$   | 500.00   |          |                          | \$     | 500.00   |          |            |        |           | \$       | 300.00    |
| Northland Community Council               |      |          |          |                          |        |          |          |            |        |           | \$       | 300.00    |
| Treasurer Expenses                        |      |          | \$       | 83.81                    |        |          | \$       | 83.81      |        |           | \$       | 150.00    |
| Beautification Awards                     |      |          |          |                          |        |          |          |            |        |           | \$       | 300.00    |
| Outreach Day                              | \$   | 270.00   |          |                          | \$     | 270.00   |          |            |        |           | \$       | 400.00    |
| July 4th Bikes/Parade Floats              |      |          |          |                          |        |          |          |            |        |           | \$       | 200.00    |
| Block watch                               |      |          |          |                          |        |          |          |            |        |           | \$       | 100.00    |
| 50th Anniversary                          |      |          | \$       | 17.82                    |        |          | \$       | 17.82      | \$     | 1,500.00  | \$       | 2,400.00  |
| Area Development/Pride                    |      |          |          |                          |        |          |          |            |        |           | \$       | 500.00    |
| Total Income & Expenses                   | \$   | 1,430.38 | \$       | 2,891.85                 | \$     | 1,430.38 | \$       | 2,891.85   | \$     | 36,800.00 | \$       | 36,800.00 |
| Net Income (Loss)                         |      |          | \$       | (1,461.47)               |        |          | \$       | (1,461.47) |        |           |          |           |
| Bank Balance at end of month \$ 11,953.29 |      |          |          |                          |        |          |          |            |        |           |          |           |

## FOREST PARK BLOCKWATCH 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. On February 28, members of the Community Crime Patrol will be speaking and answering questions. We hope to setting up a citizen's patrol in our area in the coming months. On March 27, our speaker will be a Columbus Police dispatcher, talking about the job and about the best ways to communicate issues with the police. On April 24 Dick Graham, our City of Columbus Neighborhood Liaison, will be speaking and answering questions. He'll be able to help us with non-crime issues that can make our neighborhood a better place to live, such as zoning, code enforcement, city services, and the like. This talk was rescheduled from our January meeting. We  $^{\parallel}$ hope to see you at our next meeting. Block Watch Tip of the Month: Be careful warming up your cars in the winter. You may think that nothing can happen if you step inside for "just a minute", but an unlocked car with the keys inside can be stolen in less than 30 seconds. It's not a good way to start the day



## **Hello friends**

By Mike Stone - President

I hope the year is going well for you and your family. At our house, my wife is excited for successfully sticking to her new year's health resolution. She's been losing pounds faster than my son and daughter have been losing basketball games!

I'm also excited because for the first time in at least 8 years, all 26 FPCA board positions are occupied. It's a passionate group, and willing to provide guidance, assistance and advocate for you. And in this, our 50th year of serving Forest Park, will be a year to remember.

### HOW TO HELP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES...

I think the most difficult job the association has is trying to connect with the 3,000 homes it represents. I want to close the communication gap which happens when people miss the island signs or monthly Forester. With that in mind, I ask that you mail me your email address so that we can put you on the Forest Park News List. We use it sparingly for breaking news, quick event updates, or to raise awareness about something. We release addresses to nobody. As of now, the list is around 600 people and I'd like it to keep growing. To subscribe, please send a message to me at msto0103@yahoo.com.

#### **50TH ANNIVERSARY**

George Schmidt has never gone quietly into that good night, and we are thankful for it. The former president is chairing the 50th Anniversary Committee which is celebrating the milestones of both the neighborhood and civic association. He leads a committee of 24 people working on events. Most impressive is the May 17 commemorative banquet. Please read his section for more detail.

#### **DID YOU GET YOUR 2011 DIRECTORY?**

Last spring, FPCA distributed our newest Forest Park directory to current members. I want to make sure that we did not miss any residents in that process. This includes first time members who joined this past summer after we had the directory distribution. If you are a current member who never received a directory, please send me an email from the above address and we will try to get it corrected as soon as possible.

### **SECURITY PATROLS/ CRIME**

To our knowledge, Forest Park continues to be the only neighborhood in Columbus to hire supplemental security patrols. Don't forget that if you are an active member, you can have security personnel check your property when you leave town. Simply contact Supplemental Security Officer Ed Vanasdale (847-1494, evanasdale@insight.rr.com). Give him the necessary information, and security people will inspect your property during a shift. I am surprised by how few people use this extra blanket of security.

Please keep an eye on unoccupied houses around you. Some have fallen prey to copper thieves. Our neighborhood is most vulnerable during daytime hours. Please be vigilant, and call the police if anything looks suspicious.

#### **BLOCK WATCH COMING UP**

In another layer of neighborhood security, John Biteman continues to be an outstanding leader of our friends at the Forest Park Block Watch. The block watch is growing both in terms of numbers and collective knowledge on crime prevention. I try to regularly attend the meetings, held on the fourth Tuesday of the Month at Epworth Church (7:00 P.M.), and encourage you to do the same. You can read further details in the block watch section of the newspaper.

## Why "Y"

At the Y we are in the midst of our PHP, People Helping People campaign. My theme this year is "Help Build Our Community's Muscle." Forest Park is doing that with block watch and beautification. The Y is doing by giving young people and seniors the opportunity to belong.

Be sure to come to the Y on May  $19^{th}$  for a healthy and fun experience. Take part in the walk around Forest Park in  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, 1 mile and 2 mile walks. Walk back to the Y for the free and helpful Health Fair. There will still be plenty of time to make your way around to all those garage sales.

Now more about the PHP! Our goal this year is to raise \$63,000.00. This money is used directly to help a young person go to camp or a senior spin away in the spinner's program. This is not a free ride. Everyone pays something. At the Y there is a feeling of family. One can always see people visited. It is a place where people get help. Everyone knows that you can work-out, swim, play ball etc. Did you know it is place to gather and make friends?

Thousand s of hours of volunteering make every dollar multiply in value. You will not get a better bang for your buck than at the Y. We do not want to "buy a pig in a poke." We want you to come see for yourself how at risk people are given a boost. The best way to have the best impact on folks is to interact with them. That is what we do; gather people who care with people who have needs.

Please stay tuned for events at the Y. Come see what we are about. Consider joining us in bringing some muscle to our community.

## Forest Park 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Our committee of Betty Griffeth, Ruthann England, Mary Sguerra, Sandra Presutti, Jean Smith, Bob Hinebaugh, Toni Bishoff, Pat Snodgrass, George Schmidt and few others has been busy working on the banquet. We are limited to 240 seats. You might want to get your tickets early by emailing me at georgeschmidt@wowway.com or calling Mary Sguerra at 818-7636.

We need some help. Many of you do not like to attend committee meetings, but have expressed the willingness to help with a particular project. We have few. Use the same contact information as above if you would like to help.

- Help set up the historical photo gallery at the banquet
- Contact businesses for sponsorships or door prizes
- Help address and send out invitations
- Make phone calls to our original settlers to make sure they know about the event
- Be a greeter at the Banquet
- Help set up the banquet tables
- Provide transportation for our seniors who no longer drive at night
- Create the Banquet printed program.
- Help decorate for the banquet, arrive at 5:00PM on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Help us make sure that all our current and former Forest Park residents know about the banquet
- Help with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade float
- Help write articles for the Forester, investigate our history

Our next meeting is at Donatos on the Circle, 7:00PM, Friday, March 16.

George Schmidt Chair

## **Building of the Taylor House** 2113 Maplewood Drive 1972-1974

Frank hailed from Pine Bluff and Linda from Cross Creek. These are two little farm towns in the hills outside Washington, PA. There are various reasons folks moved to Forest Park, the Taylors move here to get away from some in-laws who cast a heavy shadow. Frank was working sales for Olin Mills. He soon switched to Clintonville Electric. Linda was the English Teacher at Northland High School for around 40 years.







July 18, 1972

July 30, 1972

August 5, 1972

The first question I asked was about the rock. Frank was a farmer and the farm had large rocks and stumps. While the house was being built the Taylors lived in an apartment on Schrock Road. Across the street in the field was this lovely, had to have rock. Frank solicited the favor of a tow truck owing friend and the rock was his. Seems as though the next door neighbor did not take too kindly to the rock. His first words to his new neighbor, "Sonny, why do you think you need that thing?" It was a rocky (pun intended) relationship from that point on. Later Frank added the stump you see.

The builder was Garner/Conley. Frank being 6'-3" had it put in the contract to add a row of concrete block to the basement. It did not take Frank long to notice that this did not happen. Jacks were brought in, the house raised and an extra layer of block laid. Carol Wilson was their realtor with Metzger.







September 17, 1973



June 27, 1973

Frank and Linda Taylor's daughter, Tiffany attended Avalon Elementary, Woodward Park Middle and Northland High Schools. She graduated in 1995 and lives in Westerville with her husband and daughter. Tiffany's neighborhood reminds Linda of the early days here back in the early 1970s.



August 9, 1973



July 30, 1974

## Welcoming Progress

**New Folders** - In December, out-going President George Schmidt turned over the first batch of new folders, which he had printed by the Inkwell, after securing the ads.

Content of Folders - A new supply of past inserts has been secured, several which were updated. Some great new inserts were secured and at least three more are planned to be



added soon. President Mike Stone, with help from Dave Paul and Cate Gilbert got important FPCA documents (Welcome Letter, Household Data Sheet, Volunteer Form and Descriptions) updated.

On Tuesday January 31, nine of us had a "Stuffing Party" at Donatos. We were able to fill 35 folders with all of the current material and about the same number lacking some contents.

**Making Welcomes** - Presently the list of volunteer individuals or couples and prospects to make the visits to new residents numbers 21, including 8 who are area representatives. We are thankful to have a full slate of Area Reps for the 14 areas. They are encouraged to work with volunteers or act as volunteers if no Welcome Committee member is available.

Providing Benefits - We want to be sure that all new residents get an official welcome

including the Welcome Folder with its information and coupons, plus the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Directory for those who choose to join the Forest Park Civic association for only \$25 dues for a whole year.

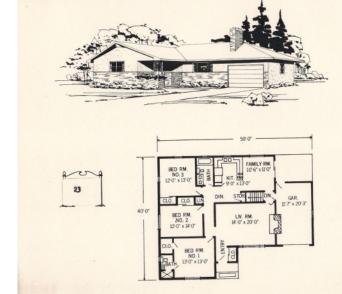
**New residents**, if you have not been contacted, please call myself or your area representative, listed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of the Forester, which is delivered in the Bag the first weekend of the month, to arrange for a visit.

Earl Miller - Welcome Committee Chairman



At Stuffing Party: Front: Ken & Cate Gilbert, Earl Miller, Sue Landon Rear: Mike Stone, Eddie Jones, Donna Meredith & Joan Toops





#### 5344 Hazelwood Drive

Here's an L shape brick and stucco ranch smartly styled with a touch of contemporary... accentuated with a brick planter in the shelt-

iving room is highlighted by a beautiful fermont Marble fireplace. A Blue Star all-gas titchen includes plentiful birch cabinets...and

A spacious paneled family room is adjacent to the kitchen. Three large bedrooms are equipped with huge walk-in closets. There's a full ceramic tile bath with vanity...another full

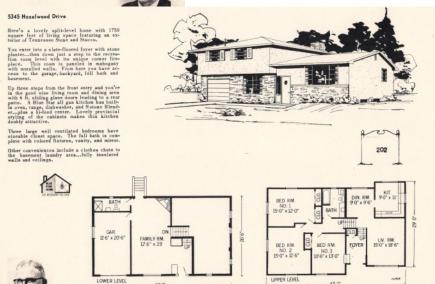
A full divided basement has a lovely woodburning fireplace. Additional storage area is found in the attached garage. Now at last... a quality home with the extra luxury feature of a hot watsharting avertem.



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## ATTENTION RESIDENTS!

This past few weeks while driving around the neighborhood, I have noticed cars blocking the sidewalk when parking in the driveway, on quite a few streets. This is a violation and the police can ticket you for parking your car that way. Remember, people do use the sidewalk, parents with strollers, small children, and people with disabilities.

Another sight is cars parked in the front yard. The driveway and street are the only places you are allowed to park at home. Also don't park your car straddling the curb.

Our trash day moved to Wednesday, (after Presidents Day). Trash day will be Wednesday until Memorial Day.

#### HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

While I was preparing this special edition Forester, I kept going to the Franklin County Auditor's website to look for dates when construction started on many homes. I have noticed on some, that the resident isn't shown receiving the Homestead Exemption on their property taxes. I have copies of the form you can prepare and mail to the Auditors office. Call me at 885-1434 for a copy.

What is the Homestead Exemption? The homestead exemption provides a reduction in property taxes to any senior or disabled citizen, regardless of income, on the dwelling that is that individual's *principal place of residence* and up to one acre of land of which an eligible individual is an owner. The reduction is equal to the taxes that would otherwise be charged on up to \$25,000 of the market value of an eligible taxpayer's homestead The website is:

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FOR-MEL WOMEN'S CLUB BY Joann Jeck

For-Mel Women's Club will meet on Monday, March 5 at 7:00 pm at the home of Barbara Brooks. Devotions by Mary Kay Geiger.

Topic will be "Helping the homeless families though the YWCA" presented by Jessica Wichtman.
If unable to attend, contact Barbara at 885-0373.

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The **YMCA North** and **Local Matters** have partnered together to bring our Northland Community fresh fruits and vegetable on a weekly basis, for a reasonable cost. For \$15 you will receive a brown paper bag full of fresh local & seasonal fruits and vegetables, local grains, local dried beans, and more. To order, just call the number listed on the flyer and leave a message. Sign up by Wednesday at 2pm for pickup at the YMCA the following Thursday. Then join us at the Y between 1 pm & 2pm for a wonderful cooking demonstration which will include a recipe for the fruits / vegetables you will be taking home.

Everyone is welcome to participate. For questions, please contact Dawn Patterson @ 614-885-4252 or dpatterson@ymcacolumbus.org. We hope to see you on Thursdays at the YMCA!

## **Supplemental Security**

By Edward Vanasdale

As supplemental security officer of the Forest Park Civic Association, my goal is to keep you informed about security issues in our community. So far this year there has been a rise in daytime burglaries in Columbus. Typically, someone will knock or ring the door bell to see if anyone is home. Since burglaries are of unoccupied homes, if you are home, it is best not to open the door but to answer verbally to let them know you are there. In most cases the individual will leave the area.

Fortunately, we are one of the few neighborhoods that employ an additional private patrol company. The company that patrols Forest Park is the U.S. Protection Service. The company is working for you. They normally are patrolling the neighborhood street at a speed of 15 mph. Please give them space as they are trying to observe the area as they patrol. Since they are working for our community, we should give them respect.

As residents of this community, you know your area better than anyone else. We need your help to keep an eye on our neighborhood. If you see something strange or out of place, contact the Columbus Police at 645-4545.

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- 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
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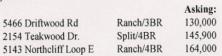
## Dear Neighbors:

Now that things have settled down after the holiday season, the real estate market is beginning to pick up again. I put in-contract my listing at **5283 Butternut Ct.** E. and I closed on the listing for my buyer at **5516 Cedarbush Rd.** If you need help in 2012 with either selling or buying a home, please give me a call. Spring is right around the corner and now is a great time to start looking for another home. During March many people plan and prepare to make a move. As the weather warms and Spring cleaning starts you may have your own real estate questions or concerns. Please give me a call and I will provide you with the answers.

#### CURRENT MARKET WATCH

The following homes are For Sale with Real Living HER:

|                       |           | Asking: |  |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------|--|
| 2191 Yellow Pine Ave. | Ranch/3BR | 94,300  |  |
| 5160 Paw Paw Rd       | Split/3BR | 114,900 |  |
| 5087 Tamarack Blvd.   | 2-Sty/4BR | 118,000 |  |
| 5360 Torchwood Lp E   | Ranch/3BR | 119,900 |  |
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| 5283 Butternut Ct. E.   | Ranch/3BR        | 99,900      |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 5505 Pine Bluff Rd      | Split/3BR        | 119,900     |
| 5443 Driftwood Rd       | Split/3BR        | 124,900     |
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| Since 12/15/11     |           | Asking: | Sold Price: |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| 5488 Blue Ash Rd.  | Split/3BR | 69,900  | 45,137      |
| 5270 Arrowood Lp E | 2-Sty/4BR | 85,000  | 49,800      |
| 5516 Cedarbush Rd  | 2-Sty/3BR | 59,500  | 50,000 *    |
| 2143 Lilacwood Ave | Split/4BR | 56,300  | 52,199      |
| 5315 Karl Rd.      | Ranch/3BR | 65,000  | 65,000      |
| 5495 Karl Rd.      | Ranch/4BR | 89,000  | 65,000      |
| 5443 Tamarack Blvd | Split/3BR | 74,900  | 72,000      |
| 1444 Firwood Dr.   | Split/3BR | 80,000  | 75,000      |
| 5038 Karl Rd.      | 2-Sty/4BR | 65,000  | 78,000      |
| 5439 Aspen Rd.     | 2-Sty/4BR | 84,900  | 85,000      |
| 5363 Poplarwood Rd | Ranch/3BR | 89,900  | 89,900      |
| 5250 Blue Ash Rd.  | 2-Sty/5BR | 119,900 | 119,900     |
| 5304 Butternut Ct  | 2-Sty/5BR | 138,500 | 125,000     |
| 1941 Denise Dr     | Split/3BR | 129,900 | 128,900     |
|                    |           |         |             |

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