



The Forester



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Forest Park Civic Association

March 2009

2009 Forest Park Civic Association

On Tuesday, January 13th, the Forest Park Civic Association held it's January meeting to induct new officers and board members. City Attorney, Richard Pfeiffer Jr. swore in the new board:

George Schmidt - President
Kirsten Howard - Treasurer
Dick Buttermore - Past President
Dave Kienzel - Security
John Martin - Business Representative

Dave Paul
Carol Overfield
Mike Stone
Susan Buttermore

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Public Relations
- Forester Editor

Area 1 - Ernie Mack
Area 3 - Jo Ann Jeck
Area 5 - Jana Waltman
Area 7 - Cynthia Applin
Area 9 - Carol Pence
Area 11 - Judy Bryant
Area 13 - Darrell Davis

Area 2
Area 4
Area 6
Area 8
Area 10
Area 12

- Bob Hinebaugh
- Meghan Strader
- Kit Race
- Mary Sguerra
- Bea White
- Kathleen Stevens

NCC Development (Zoning) Committee Rep. - Jim Saling
NCC (Alternate Rep) - Lyn Denney
Welcoming Committee - Jennifer Stacy

Photos: Earl Miller



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FORESTER DEADLINE

FORESTER deadline for the April 2009 issue is Thursday, March 12 2009. Delivery will be made on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 by Northland News.

For any other information please call Susan Buttermore at 885-1434. Advertisements can be mailed or dropped off at 1229 Vinewood Dr., Columbus, OH 43229.

Foresters are available at the Karl Road Library, Donatos Pizza, Dairy Queen and Sequoia Pro Bowl.

REPORTERS THIS MONTH ARE:

Carol Overfield, Kirsten Howard, Mike Stone, George Schmidt, Barbara Brooks Susan Buttermore. Photographers: Earl Miller & Mike Smith

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FOREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 13, 2009
By Carol Overfield

The meeting was called to order by President, Dick Buttermore, at 7:05, at the Epworth Methodist Church. Arline Ries made a motion to accept the minutes from our last meeting. It was seconded by Dave Paul and approved.

The nominations for this year's officers were presented. There were no nominations from the floor. The election of officers was approved. The inductions were made by City Attorney Richard Pfeiffer.

Assistant City Attorney Brandon Shroy was introduced. His phone number is 645-8936 and e-mail is beshroy@Columbus.Gov.

Columbus School Superintendent, Gene Harris, gave a presentation. The focus is on the highest education possible. The graduation rate has increased to 70% from 55% ten years ago. There have been increased scholarships and grants.

Arline Ries has retired as editor of The Forester after 30 years. An award was presented to her. Our new editor is Susan Buttermore.

A security report was given by Dave Kienzel. There has been a cut back in police officers. The block watch is a good crime deterrent. We have 2 off duty Columbus police officers who patrol Forest Park. They each work one 4 hour shift a week. One usually works afternoons and one during the evening.

Dave Paul gave the membership report. We had 920 households join this year. That is 32%.

Dick Graham, our neighborhood liaison officer was present. Code Enforcement has referred the property on Cherrywood to the vacant and abandoned houses section. The owners of the Ironwood Apartments have gotten a permit to repair the property.

Scott Clinger, our police liaison officer, reported that the Underworld club is under investigation. The truancy program is still going on.

The NCC report was presented by Lyn Denney. The banquet will be March 6 at Villa Milano. The cost is \$25.00. The Tamarack Circle business watch has stated that more lighting is needed.

Our new NCC development representative is Jim Saling.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.



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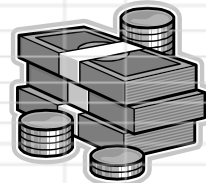



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	REVENUE	Budget%	EXPENSE	Budget%	REVENUE	Budget%	EXPENSE	Budget%	REVENUE	EXPENSE
MEMBERSHIP & OTHER:										
Membership & Equipment	98.00	1.3%	0.00		98.00	1.3%	0.00		7,600	2,400
Supplemental Security Split	147.00	1.3%	416.00	3.6%	147.00	1.3%	416.00	3.6%	11,400	11,400
GENERAL:										
Blockwatch	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0	100
Directory	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0	1,200
Island & Sign Maintenance	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0	920
Island Flowers voted on at 07/08/08 mtg.	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0	50
Interest Income	0.75	7.5%	0.00		0.75	7.5%	0.00		10	0
Liability Insurance/Bond	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0	420
Miscellaneous	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0	400
Northland Community Council	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0	300
Technology	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0	300
Treasurer Expenses	0.00		42.00	42.0%	0.00		42.00	42.0%	0	100
FORESTER:										
Advertising	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		18,000	0
Postage & Delivery	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0	2,500
Printing & Supplies	0.00		212.71	1.4%	0.00		212.71	1.4%	0	15,500
COMMUNITY EVENTS:										
Beautification Awards	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0	120
Easter Egg Hunt	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0	350
Garage Sales (2)	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		400	400
Halloween Party	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0	400
July 4th Parade: Bikes & Trykes	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0	150
Welcoming Committee	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0	100
YMCA Family Day	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0	300
TOTAL RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENT	245.75		670.71		245.75		670.71		37,410	37,410
Net Income			\$ (424.96)				\$ (424.96)			
Bank Balance at end of month			\$ 8,971.03							
Directory Reserve Fund as of 01/31/09			(1,600.00)							
Technology Reserve Fund as of 01/31/09			(40.45)							
General Fund Balance at end of month			\$ 7,330.58							



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Dollars and Security - Our Biggest Worries

We are your best security bargain. For just \$20.00 for an entire year you can join the Forest Park Civic Association. The lion's share of this, (\$12.00) goes to hiring off-duty police to patrol our neighborhood. This does not do away with all crime, but statistics show it is a deterrent.

Ninety percent of all the people with whom I speak say their top concerns are money and security. The order changes depending on the person. The person who just had a break-in or heard of one in the neighborhood is very concerned with security. The person who just lost a job or has a friend out of work is very concerned about money. The times are tough, but we are a tough people. It is time we draw together and support one another.

The internet is clamoring with reports of break-ins. The media is full of stories of serial robbers breaking into homes, cars and businesses. Within our own Forest Park Board we are receiving word daily about crime.

We all know that as the dollars become harder to get the more people may turn to crime. People who never thought of it might turn to shop-lifting. Depressed and out of work desperate folks may join the ranks of thieves. We need to be charitable and help the folks in need where we can. We need to be prepared, however, as crime becomes more prevalent.

Job loss is epidemic. Just a few years ago alarmist news people issued proclamations of gloom and doom when unemployment reached 3.5%. I paid no attention to it. Over 550,000 people losing jobs in one month has got my attention. Unemployment rates over 7% signals the alarm loud and clear. Everything I read says that the turn around will not happen until 2010. We cannot put off our security needs until then.

The image of George Bailey waving a stack of twenties in the air, in the old Bailey Savings and Loan, comes to mind. He convinced the people to not give in to Potter. Potter later relates that Bailey and he were the only ones who did not panic. George Bailey did not wait around for things to get better. He worked tirelessly to persuade people to take action. The people, united in one purpose, taking only what they needed to get by, saved the day.

Any one who understands how a neighborhood works understands that we all pull together, particularly in tough times. If you understand the situation you understand the urgency of taking action. Twenty dollars is a lot of money to spend these days. You will not get a better return. If every resident of Forest Park supported our efforts and joined the association we would have over \$32,000 to spend on security. We could triple our Supplemental Security Patrols. Everyone puts in a little and everyone gains a lot.

It has been near impossible for me to get involved with our Block Watch effort. Please forgive me. I am asking you to do something that I have not done yet. The more people we have signed up for Block Watch the better the program will be. My goal is to get involved, make it yours too.

I have had enough of these petty thieves picking away at my neighbors. Let's end it. Join the Forest Park Civic Association and get involved with Block Watch. Let's look out for one another.

Just as a postscript: I was wondering if any one else out there would be willing go beyond the \$20.00 per year and give more dedicated to security. Let me know what you think.

George Schmidt President, Forest Park Civic Association

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MEET YOUR NEW FORESTER EDITOR

Hello. My name is Susan Buttermore. I am your new Forester Editor, and I have lived in Forest Park West for 23 years. I am married to Dick Buttermore (Past President) and have have 4 children who have gone to school in the park. I am retired from AT&T and have a part-time job at Jo-Ann Fabric & Crafts at Easton. I did a lot of volunteer work when my children were in school, especially for the Marching Band at Northland. I published the band newsletter for 4 years, and was uniform chairwoman for 2.

I would like for you to let me know if there is something in particular you would like to be covered in the Forester. This is YOUR Forester and I certainly want it to be useful and interesting. My goal is to provide an accurate, easy to read Forester. Beginning with the March 2009 edition, the Forester is being emailed to the printer. It is delivered along with the Northland News at the beginning of the month.

My email address is: forester_ed@fpcivic.org

NOTICE TO ALL ADVERTISERS

Please notify the new editor of the Forester if there is a problem with your advertisement. I am in the process of obtaining new copies of business cards, ads, etc. Please email me if you notice a problem with your ad or if I missed your ad. I will be contacting all advertisers this month.

Thank you for your patience.
Susan Buttermore

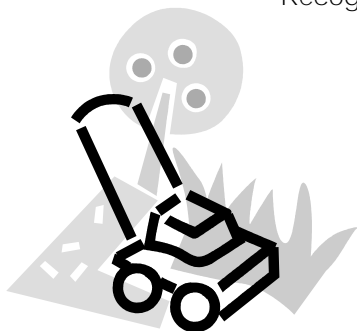
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End of an Era



In 1976 Arline Ries became the Editor of the Forester. She has seen a revolution in the way the Forester has been published and delivered. She started in 1968 as a reporter, then Assistant to the Editor. When she became editor, she typed the Forester, and then used a mimeograph machine in her basement to make copies. The Forester was hand delivered to each house in Forest Park.

Well times sure have changed.

Here is a picture of Arline laying out the Forester (literally laying it out on a bed)



Arline has decided to retire and spend more time with her family and other activities. She has earned a well deserved break. At the January 2009 FPCA General Meeting she was presented with a plaque commemorating her over 30 years service to the Board and also a monetary gift. We all wish Arline the best of times and hope she enjoys her retirement.

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Best of Luck to you!

This WINTER is here, it has been a cold one for all of us. I am sure we all agree on that. But we are on the DOWNHILL slide and pretty soon SPRING and warmer days will be upon us.

BUT, in the meantime I want all of us to be watchful of what is happening on our streets. We have had several homes broken into in the last several weeks, mainly during the day. SO, if you see a stranger on your street, let them know they are being watched, stand in the door, or at the window, watch where they are going or what they might be up to. Watch out for yourself and your neighbors, pay attention to what that stranger is wearing, go from head to toe. This helps when the police are responding (if they are called). They then know what to look for.

If you should come home and realize that someone has broken into your home, call the police RIGHT AWAY, STAY OUTSIDE, or go to a neighbor's, but DON'T go inside your home. That intruder could still be in there. Call 911 – Stay CALM, give the dispatcher your address first, tell them you are still outside or at a neighbor's.

After the police have come, then you can call Supplement Security. Chances are if the Special Duty Officer(s) are working they will hear this on the police radio and they will respond also. DON'T call me first; call the police radio room at either 911 or 645-4545, get the police started towards you. Remember it is still important to keep those outside lights on. THE BAD guys don't like to be seen.

By the way, as a Citizen you can arrange to ride with our Supplemental Security Patrols. You just have to call our Patrol Officer at 645-4580, tell the officer you would like to do a patrol ride-a-long and they will tell you how to make arrangements to do so. Now everyone that wants to do this must have a background check. The officer will tell you how this is done (they don't want any felons riding in the front seat of the cruiser).

BE SAFE, STAY ALERT and if you have any questions, call us.

HURRY UP SPRING!

Dave & Becky Kienzel
F.P.C.A. Security



FOREST PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

By Fran Compton

The Ohio Achievement tests, an annual critical success factor for students, teachers, and principals in the Columbus Public Schools, will be held in April. In preparation for this, Forest Park Elementary Principal Mrs. Rhonna McKibbin will hold meetings with parents to help them understand what these tests cover and to experience some aspects of the tests themselves.

Parents of fourth grade students will meet with Mrs. McKibbin on Wednesday., March 4, at 5:30 p.m. and parents of fifth grade students will meet on Thursday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. McKibbin will offer tips to parents to help prepare their children and they will discuss the skills and critical thinking needed to succeed in the tests as well as how to write an effective written response to questions.

Parents of third grade students met earlier this year. "They were surprised at how difficult the tests were even for third graders," says Mrs. McKibbin.

The principal urges parents to be sure the students have adequate rest before the test and attend school on test days. The actual test dates will be announced in a notice sent home to parents in late March.

The meeting was called to order by President, George Schmidt, at 7:00 at the Epworth Methodist Church. Dick Buttermore made a motion to approve the minutes from our last meeting. It was seconded by Bea White and approved.

Kirsten Howard gave the Treasurer's report. It was approved unanimously.

President's report was given by George Schmidt. He would like to see some changes made to the Forester. Maybe get some students to write articles. We need to work on the Forest Park image. We need to work with the YMCA and other businesses in the area. The NCC banquet will be March 6. Jim Hughes, our Ohio Senator, attended our meeting. The Block Watch meeting will be February 17th.

Dave Kienzel gave the security report. We have had 12 burglaries in the area recently and 9 attempts. The worst days for burglaries are Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday. The worst times are 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Our security officers each patrol the area 4 hours per week.

The membership report was given by Dave Paul. He would like each area rep to have 10 section reps by our next meeting.

Susan Buttermore gave a report on the Forester. A list was given out of the deadlines for this year's Forester. The board approved the purchase of a new printer for her.

The NCC reports were given by Jim Saling and Lyn Denney.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30. We went over to the Dairy Queen to welcome back the owner.

FPCA Board welcomes Jack Workman and Dairy Queen back to Forest Park

The Dairy Queen reopened this past month on February 2 after a robbery and shooting occurred in September 2008. The owner Mr. Jack Workman was injured. Residents of Forest Park have had Mr. Workman in their prayers and thoughts. The FPCA board visited the Dairy Queen after the board meeting on Tuesday, February 10.



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Left to right:
Jim Saling, Kit Race, George Schmidt,
Bob Hinebaugh, Dave Kienzel, Dave Paul,
Jack Workman, Susan Buttermore,
Becky Kienzel, Dick Buttermore, Mary
Sguerra, Lyn
Denney, and Carol
Overfield

Photo by Mike
Stone



**Woodward Park Middle School
by Mrs. Michelle I. Hooper**

Congratulations to the following students who achieved Honor Roll for the second grading period. These students were treated to a breakfast honor roll assembly on February 12th and 13th.

**6th Grade Super Honor Roll
(4.0 GPA)**

Domanique Brown, KeyAusanae Brown, Sara Carr, Trevor Gambill, Aliya Harris, Donavyn Harris, Aleah Holley, Aariana Holmes, Zachary Jordan, Johely Martin, Angela Miller, Tiffany Noble, Christopher Scott, MaKayl Warren

**6th Grade Achievement Honor Roll
(3.5 – 3.99 GPA)**

Abdiwahid Abi, Faduma Ahmed, Simone Armistead, Kearra Bagley, Stefen Banks, Terika Broady, Jasmine Caldwell, Sage Camp, Lamou Conde, Cherie Cooper, Cassidy Cox, Askaree Crawford, Katherine Crowder, Trent Cyrus, Jasmin GoForth, Bobbie Hines, Latonda Howard

Samantha Johnson, Anniyah Jones, Ivanna Jones, Quinton Jones, Trevon Jordan, Mynnyconjou Jordan-Weldon, Mohamed Kaba, William Kpor, Omolara Longe, Gary Miller

Mohmoud Mohamed, Megan Morris, Esther Otasanya, Darius Owens, Skyler Palmer, Trinity Parker, Georgina Pobi, Diamonique Reese, Te'a Riley, Anahi Sanchez, Aaron Seum, Shania Shortridge, Helina Solomon, Destani Spriggs, Cheyenne Stephenson, Michael Tabor, D'Ante Taylor, Huyen Truong, Karina Varner, Bradley Wine, Simone Young

**6th Grade Honor Roll
(3.0 - 3.49 GPA)**

Breanna Allred, Chukwuemeka Anaba, Jose Araujo-Molina, Jauvaro Baldwin, Keivon Belcher

Afia Boachie, Erica Boadi, Devante Brewer, Tersail Chapman, Ashley Clerger, Asia Coles

Mark Dandridge, Ajah Davis, Curtis Davis, Mohamed Diakite, Djenaba Diallo, Meiloni Duncan, Audrey Evans, Nicholas Evans, Jordan Frazier, Heriberto Fuerte, Karlee Gaines

Sa'mone Gilbert, Angello Gonzalez, Franco Gonzalve, Bralen Greggs, Dilys Gyimah

Mercedes Haga, Davon Harden, Ciera Hardy, Ruby Ann Hazell, Dustin Hess, Taylor Holden

Brianna Holt, Jonathan Jackson, Tanasia Jackson, Joshua Jefferson, Jachai Jessie, Acacia Johnson, Jontania Jones, Tailor Kennebrew,

Jose Lemus-Villanueva, Emily Light, Mario Lopez-Gomez, Jobita Masariegos Sebastian, Julio Menchaca, Samuel Owusu, David Pineda Yvonne Rios, Maya Rivers, Ashanti Robinson, Stefon Scott, Mahad Siad, Maria Simmons

Brandon R Smith, Zachary Smith, Leah Spencer, Londyn Stephens, Devin Swisher, Douglas Taylor, Reagan Thomas, DaJanae Townsend, Lilia Varela, Sapphire Watson, Alexis Weatherspoon, Neomi Weatherspoon, Joseph Webster, Ashayla White, Jane'h White

Mionna White, Aladrienne Williams, Desha Williams, James Williams, Christine Wolff

**7th Grade Super Honor Roll
(4.0 GPA)**

Allisia Funderburg, Veronica Garcia, Micah Johnson, Micah Morales, Bryan Quijada, Deja Stovall

**7th Grade Achievement Honor Roll
(3.5 – 3.99 GPA)**

Alejandra Alcauter, Kofi Amankwa, Stacy Asiedu, Miriam Avila, Jose Cabrera, Alexis Caldwell-Peterson, Djudelia Chasma, Daiza

Coles, Elizabeth Cordery, Isatou Dabo, Daron Dickson, Jayce Fryman, Angela Jackson, Umpha Koroma, Roble Mohamed, Maryan

Musse, Verity Owusu, Dawnielle Price, Nives Quay, Mariah SanFillipo, Paige Sherman, Opeyemi Sholesi, Clay Siens, Donte' Smith,,

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7th Grade Honor Roll**(3.0 - 3.49 GPA)**

Abdifahi Abdirizak, Emilee Aldridge, Sativa Banks, Monika Barton, Jesse Bourgeois, Chauntel Brown
 DeAziah Campbell, Sean Cannon, Nicholas Carr, Artesha Clark, Ramyus Conteh, Aaron Daniels
 Aolani Daniels, Juana Figueroa, Brooklyn Fink, Angel Fonseca, Brittany Graham, Clarissa Hanson
 Destinee Hill, Justin Hill Chazz Hines, Alquino Iacobucci, Kaylynn King, Jobby Kurian Alice Leach
 Michael Mcallister, Brittany Mundell, Edith Nkenganyi, Mackenzie Pahren, Najiyyah Reese
 Zakoyia Reves, Adolfo Robles, Taejauhn Shaw, Jaylen Ward, Merissa Wiegand, Jayda Wilson

8th Grade Super Honor Roll**(4.0 GPA)**

Jessica Adams, Kiana Bosley, Yusuph M Kangara, Christie Norris, Rosa Prigan, Kay Shanda, Aliou Sidibeh

8th Grade Achievement Honor Roll**(3.5 – 3.99 GPA)**

Marquise Austin, Robert Bedard, Azia Bolton, Jordan Bridges, Jazzmine Chatters, Trivon Coles, Shalethia Cousar, Makala Declouet, Alexander DeLisle, Tiffany Dunning, Robert Everetts
 Karla Garcia, Shion Gardner, Dylan Griffin, Carla Hernandez, Angela Holley, Lenicia Johnson
 Darlene Kelso, Jenna Kerr, Daryin Lewis, Amani Madison, Jessica Menchaca, Beatrice Miller
 Abdirahman Mohamed, Martine Montero, Sember Moore, Ditz Quarcoo, Paul Ramirez
 Jimsara Redon, Jamie Robinson, LaMeisha Scott, Bethany Stallings, Kiana Starks, Taylor Thomas
 Cameron Thompson, Malaysia Torres, Brenton Washington, Aprecia Williams, Michael Williams
 Shawn Wilson, Kendall Wright

8th Grade Honor Roll**(3.0 - 3.49 GPA)**

Marelle Adams, Michael Allen, Octavia Atkinson, Lomina Bempah, Elijah Bond, Savannah Boysel
 Diante Brown, Ta'Ven Carruthers, Lujean Cummings, Jean Dorzilor, Sirad Farah, Lydia Fonseca
 Monika FuQua, Ariyana Harden, Dusty Harding, Dezjuan Harris, Ben Hong, Kayla Jackson-Corne
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Minerva Park Pool
2009 Registration

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Registration Event – Sunday, April 5 – noon to 5:00p – Minerva Park Community Bldg. - 2829 Minerva Lake Rd.

Member Name	Address
Member Spouse (if joining)	
Phone Numbers	Your Neighborhood

Additional Members (provide ages of children)			
Name	Age	Name	Age
Name	Age	Name	Age
Name	Age	Name	Age
Name	Age	Name	Age
Name	Age	Name	Age

Emergency Contacts			
Contact #1	Phone	Contact #2	Phone

Babysitter Information

How did you learn about the Minerva Park Pool this year?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Advertising in ... <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer at ...	<input type="checkbox"/> Referred by (provide name & phone) ...

Make checks payable to "Village of Minerva Park," 2829 Minerva Lake Road, Columbus OH 43231.

Learn more at <http://www.minervapark.org/pool/>

882-7611 Pool • 882-5743 Community Building • 891-2166 Information
 Memberships are for 1 household only and are not interchangeable.

\$ _____	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Returning

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- Children's Parties
- Private Parties
- Fenced Baby Pool
- Referral Discounts

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# of Members	Full Rate	20% Discount by April 5*
1	\$140	\$112
2	\$175	\$135
3	\$205	\$164
4	\$235	\$188
5	\$260	\$208
Each add'l	\$40 each	\$32 each

*Payment in full received or postmarked by April 5, 2009.

Miscellaneous

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 Day Pass - after 5:00p \$5

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Saturday	noon to 9:00p	noon to 9:00p
Sunday	noon to 8:00p	noon to 9:00p
Holidays	noon to 9:00p*	noon to 9:00p

* If there's school the following day, the pool closes at 8:00p. Minerva Park Pool follows the schedule for Columbus Schools.

Checks - payable to "Village of Minerva Park,"
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Include your driver's license number and state.

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Open Letter to Forest Park Residents:

Though I already know many of you, I want to introduce myself. My name is Mike Stone and I am serving as the public relations officer for the Forest Park Civic Association. My wife and I moved into the neighborhood in 1998. Since then, our house has doubled in population with my eight year old son, Matthew, and five year old daughter, Kathryn. I cannot think of a better place to raise a young family.

I always enjoy talking to veteran residents about Forest Park's past. I often hear of the times about the vibrant swimming pools, the unique commerce and community pride in the neighborhood. I also have talked to many people who have Forest Park connections and reminisce happily about the area. Sadly, so many of these people talk of this community in the past tense. I hear that residential upkeep is not what it once was, or that crime is a greater issue. And certainly, we share concerns as do most neighborhoods, but I must remind everyone that we have something here that is truly special. Most special are the quality houses. Mine was built in 1962 and has had fewer problems than the high priced cookie cutter homes recently built in the suburbs.

It is very clear that our developers built Forest Park for more reasons than profit alone. I appreciate how no two houses with the same floor plan stand side by side. In the early spring and fall, the mature and mostly well-kept lawns take a back seat to no other neighborhood. Friends and family have told me how beautiful the tree-lined canopies are as they cover many streets. All of this puts a smile on my face.

My children continue Forest Park traditions of walking to the library in the summer, biking to playgrounds, and participating in activities at the YMCA and Woodward Park Recreation Center. We often walk to go bowl at Sequoia Lanes. My son continues the decades-long tradition of Forest Park Baseball, played on the same diamonds where so many played before. In July, we always see the parade come up Karl Road. It's expected that after 40 years the neighborhood would look different, but we forget how much has stayed the same.

I grew up in Worthington, but I have never known friendlier, kinder neighbors than I have now. We have a tremendous mix of ages living here. I feel very comfortable going to work now that my retired friends keep an eye on the neighborhood. My children have plenty of friends nearby and are always looking for more. I'm proud that residents come together to help improve security. The FPCA's Supplemental Security program hires Columbus City Police Officers to patrol the neighborhood at various times during each week. I know of no other neighborhood which does this. 60% of all membership dues go to this expense. So with a greater membership, our neighborhood would have even more patrols. Along with the supplemental security, we have a growing neighborhood block watch that keeps residents interconnected. In future communications, I hope to illustrate the positive impact these organizations have on our neighborhood.

I'm also proud of the leadership that Forest Park has provided for this neighborhood and the entire Northland Community. Without much fanfare, the organization has worked hard to find solutions to problems. Examples include issues dealing with unkempt houses, truancy, city maintenance, criminal activity, apartment ownership and local businesses. Northland Community Council, an organization consisting of about 20 neighborhoods in North Columbus, is under the leadership of Forest Park's Dave Paul. Former FPCA President Jeff Murray continues to serve as the chairman of the NCC Development Committee. Both of these gentlemen spend unimaginable hours away from family representing our area and North Columbus. The average resident might not know how much positive progress has been made through their efforts, and that of all FPCA/ NCC volunteers.

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FOR-MEL WOMAN'S CLUB

FOR-MEL Woman's Club met Monday, March 2, 7:30pm at the home of member Mary Kay Geiger, 471 Northchurch Lane, Westerville. Chiropractor, Mike Williams from OSU will speak on physical therapy. If you have questions, please call 885-0373.

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Our neighborhood might have a few blemishes and some challenges ahead, but still so much of this neighborhood is unique and vibrant. That's why I am a proud resident and FPCA member. It is my hope to shed more positive light on the Forest Park area in the upcoming year. I hope you will join me in sharing that same pride. Here are a few suggestions that will make the greatest impact:

- 1) Join the civic association. It is only \$20 and \$12 of that goes to extra police protection. Having large membership numbers also helps our political presence in Columbus.
- 2) Consider being a section representative this summer. A section rep is one who will contact 8-12 of their nearest neighbors for the membership drive. The section representative is an important link in helping unite the neighborhood. Please contact Dick Buttermore (885-1434) or your FPCA area representative for more details.
- 3) Speak highly of Forest Park. Work to dispel misconceptions of life here in the neighborhood. Too many people outside Columbus assume that we are living in some type of 24/7 war zone. As we know, that isn't reality.
- 4) Watch out for your fellow neighbors. Get to know them if you don't already.
- 5) Contact FPCA with concerns. Either you will make us aware of a problem, or find what steps have already been taken.

Lastly, if you know of any feel-good stories that would highlight the true Forest Park, please contact me. Think of unique hobbies, activities or accomplishments by either your family or your neighbors. I'd love to try and showcase the talent that surrounds us all. My telephone number is 844-6893 and my e-mail address is michael_s@treca.org.

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The first Forester was published in February 1965. The original copy was placed in a time capsule at the Karl Road Library in 2004.

Calendar of events in 1965.....

Membership Drive	Baseball League
Easter Egg Hunt	Spring Dance
Card Party	Adult Pool Party
Teen Pool Party	Street Dance
Teen Hayride & Weiner Roast	4th of July Parade
Christmas Dinner & Dance	Santa Claus Parade

The dances would have around 600 people attending. The 4th of July Parade was just Forest Park. There would be floats, bands, and groups participating, going through the park.

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Full Page		115.00
Half Page	7 1/2" x 5"	57.50
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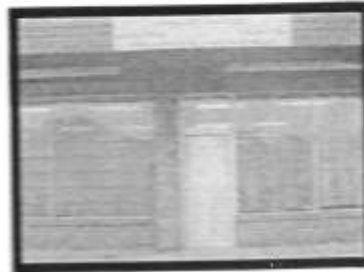
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TEEN	PHONE	AGE	CUT GRASS	MOTHER'S HELPER	BABYSIT	SHOVEL SNOW	ANIMAL SIT	ODD JOBS	FOREST PARK
TIARA WALKER	436-4118	14		XX					WEST
ANGELA HOLLEY	888-1885	12			XX		XX		EAST
ALEX HOLLEY	888-1885	17	XX						EAST
DOMIQUE LODDER	846-9350	17		XX	XX				EAST
CHRISTIANA LODDER	846-9350	13		XX	XX				EAST
SHARESE GARDNER	785-9969	13			XX		XX		EAST
BRIANA COLLINS	312-2020	13						XX	WEST
JORDAN COLLINS	530-5882	14	XX			XX		XX	WEST
JASMINE AYRES	325-3134	17	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	WEST
JASMIN BROOKS	888-9936	14			XX				EAST
JAMES BONDS	888-9936	14	XX			XX		XX	EAST
CECILIA EDOJA	885-7999	16		XX	XX				EAST
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MORRIS MARAH	596-6880	15	XX	XX	XX			XX	EAST
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The Forest Park Teen Work List needs to be updated! Teens wishing to be listed in the next issue (April), need to fill out the following form and return to: The Forester, 1229 Vinewood Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43229 by March 12 to be in the April issue.

Name _____ Age ____ Forest Park East ____ Forest Park West ____

Telephone Number _____ Circle following to choose jobs you prefer.

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Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Age as of 4/30/09: _____

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A PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN THIS APPLICATION, by doing so they waive the right to hold Forest Park Baseball, Board Members, Coaches, Players and Parents responsible for any personal injury or property damage.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

	League Fees	Checks payable to Forest Park Baseball
Players receive a complete uniform (hat, shirt, belt, pants, socks)	TeeBall (5-6): \$80.00	
	PeeWee (7-8): \$90.00	
	Minor (9-10): \$90.00	
	Major (11-12): \$90.00	
	Pony (13-15): \$100.00	
Playing age is participant's age as of April 30, 2009.		
Families with three or more children playing need to pay only the TWO highest fees plus \$30.00 for each additional player.		
\$20 will be charged for any returned check		

Evaluation Day March 28, 2009 at Northland High School		
League	Time	No one is cut, evaluations are for the purpose of assigning each player a participation level to balance the talent across teams.
PeeWee	9:30am	
Minor	10:30 am	
Major	11:30 am	
Pony	1:00 pm	
There is no evaluation required for TeeBall. To register, send application to our PO Box, or call/visit the website for sign up times to drop off the application.		
Visit the website for walk-up registration dates.		

FEES MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION. Please supply a copy of child's birth certificate, unless provided previously.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE HONORED AFTER EVALUATION DATE UNLESS BOARD APPROVED. Players will be scheduled for evaluation in the order the applications are received with the appropriate fees. **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER EVALUATION DAY MAY BE ACCEPTED ONLY IF THERE IS SPACE TO PLACE APPLICANT ON A TEAM.**



NEIGHBORHOOD Update!



MARCH, 2009



Dear Neighbors:

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



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 listings at **5537 Cherrywood Rd** and **5785 Satinwood Dr.** If you need help in 2009 with either selling or buying a home, please give me a call!

3 NEW LISTINGS

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CURRENT MARKET WATCH

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

		Asking:			Asking:
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5756 Satinwood	Ranch/3BR	124,900	2155 Sumac Loop E.	2-Sty/4BR	139,900
5530 Cherrywood Rd.	Ranch/3BR	123,500	5482 Sumac Loop E.	2-Sty/4BR	139,900
1968 Northcliff Dr E	Ranch/3BR	129,900	5283 Butternut Ct E	Ranch/3BR	139,900
1466 Hedgewood Pl.	Ranch/3BR	124,900	1765 Ivyhill Lp	Ranch/3BR	139,900
1281 Yellowwood Dr	Ranch/3BR	139,900	1746 Sugarmaple Dr.	Split/4BR	169,900

Real Living HER homes In Contract

5261 Karl Rd.	Ranch/4BR	129,900
5537 Cherrywood Rd.	Ranch/3BR	119,900
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		Asking:	Sold Price:
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2154 Sumac Lp S	Split/4BR	84,900	83,500
5316 Sprucewood Rd.	Ranch/3BR	88,900	84,000
5221 Honeytree Loop	2-Sty/5BR	89,900	85,500
1493 Hazelwood Pl.	Split/4BR	99,000	99,000
1643 Norma Rd	Split/3BR	129,000	100,000
1742 Ivyhill Loop	Ranch/3BR	129,900	129,900
1939 Cedar Willow Dr.	2-Sty/4BR	139,900	135,900
4973 Tamarack Blvd	Ranch/3BR	138,900	135,900
2118 Honeytree Ct	2-Sty/4BR	167,900	155,000
5186 Avalon Ave	2-Sty/4BR	158,900	157,900

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