



The Forester



Issue No. 10

Forest Park Civic Association

November 2010

What a Wondrous Place to Live

As I was listening to the members of Forest Park proudly exclaiming what is great about our neighborhood I thought what a wondrous place to live. We are looking pretty magnificent for nearly 50 years old. People were sharing how they love to take walks, on side walks. They marveled at the ample supply of mature trees. For the most part the landscaping is beautiful. People are friendly. The place is clean. We are plentiful with luscious parks. Just take a walk around Woodward, Sharon Woods, Blendon Woods, Innis Woods, etc. and enjoy the colors of the seasons.

Where else in any city are you within 10 miles of places like Easton and Polaris. People come hundreds of miles to shop here. The convenience of Columbus Square, Tamarack Circle, Forest Park Plaza, shops on 161, Morse Road, Karl Road and all the other shopping centers that are within walking distance is remarkable. We have it great yet still complain about the mall. And the convenience of the free ways to downtown and entertainment venues is unparalleled. One person said he can leave the hockey game and be home in time to watch the highlights on the news.

The variety of house; size, shape, color and styles makes for a great look. One person appreciates that she does not have to get permission from her neighbors for home improvements. One woman was grateful that she is able to put up a clothesline. Not every house needs to look the same. Our homes very well could be the best value of any in Ohio. Where else can you live in such a fine neighborhood and in houses of such great value? We have relatively low taxes to pay in an area that feels like an upper middle class neighborhood. We are relatively safe.

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VIEW FROM "2"

by Bob Hinebaugh

Some of you may remember reading my article in the June 2010 Forester about a neighbor on Lindenwood who performed CPR on his neighbor, Bob Simon, literally saving his life. As a follow up on this incident, Jonathan Stufft and his wife Renee were invited to the 21st Annual Awards banquet on Oct. 7, sponsored by the Columbus Division of Fire at Villa Milano Banquet Center. There they received a delicious meal and Jonathan received recognition and a plaque for his action.



L to R: Renee & Jonathan Stufft, Bob & Ellen Simon

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FOREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2010
By Carol Overfield

The meeting was called to order by President George Schmidt at 7:00 at the Epworth Methodist Church. Dan Hartzell gave the **Treasurer's report which was approved. Kathleen Clark will be our business representative.**

We had a good turnout for the Outback Steakhouse dinner. A donation of \$100.00 was given to the Columbus Baptist Temple for the use of their church.

Jean Smith had to resign as area 1 representative because of her husband's health.

There were a few questions for Dick Graham, our City Liaison.

Marlin Hairston and Mike St. Clair, from the Columbus Cardinals youth football team, responded to the complaints about littering in the area around Walden Park. This is the 3rd year for the football and cheerleading teams, who play at Walden Park.

Dave Kienzel gave a report on security. The crime rate in Forest Park is less than other Columbus areas. There were several comments about U.S. Protection, who will be doing our security patrols starting November 1. By switching from the Columbus Police **we will get more than twice the coverage. Officer Clinger reported about a problem with "heroin exchanges". Criminals meet** in a parking lot and then drive to quiet neighborhoods to make the exchanges of heroin and money.

Dave Paul reported that 29% of the residents joined the association this year. The directory will be published as soon as we get advertisers. Lyn Denney and Barbara Crawford have volunteered to make calls to area businesses.

Sequoia Bowling Alley will host a weekend event. The cost is \$8.00 for 2 hours of bowling with \$3.00 going to Forest Park.

Lyn Denney gave the NCC report. There will be a cleanup on 161 on November 6 from 9:00 to 12:00. An NCC committee has removed 543 illegal signs from the Northland area. Shredding day will be Saturday at the library.

We are not having a Halloween party this year. A motion was made to move the \$400 budgeted to the Halloween party to the 50th Anniversary activities.

The 50th anniversary celebrations will begin in February, 2011, and run through April, 2012. There will be a special edition of the Forester in February 2011 to showcase the 50 years of Forest Park.

A list of reasons to live in Forest Park was made. Some of the reasons were convenience, diversity, friendly neighbors, schools, family. There was also a discussion about ways to improve our area.

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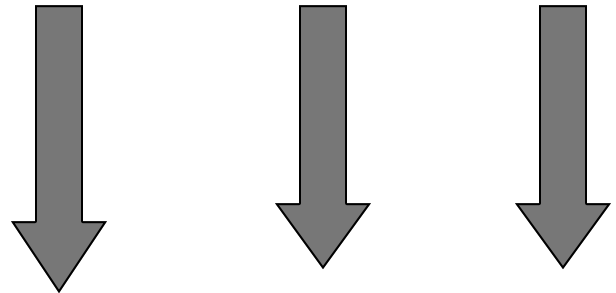


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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOREST PARK COMING

By Dan Hartzell

I can't believe that some of the houses in Forest Park are going to be 50 years old! With that being said, Forest Park will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in April 2012. We wanted to let our residents know ahead of time, because we plan on having a several activities beginning February 2011.

To start with, we will be publishing a special addition of the Forester this February. Normally, we do not put out a newsletter that month, but this will be special. And to do that, we need help from our residents.

Anyone having pictures, articles or copies of deeds dating as far back as 1962, we would like to see them for publication in the Forester. Anything you have that you think would be of interest about Forest Park would be welcome. Pictures from the 4th of July parade. Construction photos of your new home (built in Forest Park of course). Are you or your children from the first graduating class of Northland High? Anything that you think might be of interest, we want to know about. Please contact George Schmidt at 895-7459

FOR-MEL WOMEN'S CLUB

For-Mel Women's Club will meet at the home of JoAnn Jeck at 7:00pm on Monday, November 1. Co-hostess will be Marge Hess.

The program will be presented by Shannon Carmick who is Administrator of Nursing at OSU and is Board Certified with the American Heart Association on C.P.R. She will give updates in C.P.R. for adults, children and infants.

Devotions will be presented by Mary Helen Colleli.

If unable to attend, contact JoAnn at 888-6397.

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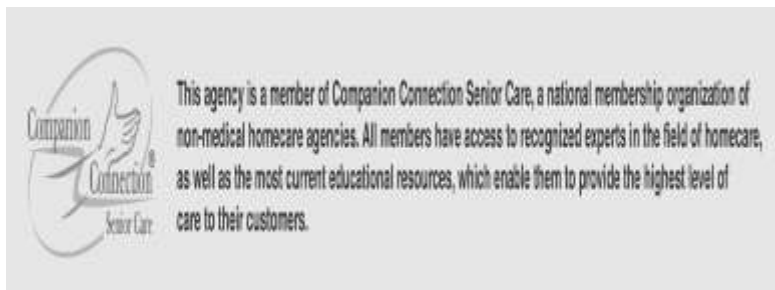
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Things you should look for to help identify Heroin deals going on in your neighborhood or business parking lots:

- 1) A vehicle parked occupied by one or more individuals
 - a. Note – know your neighbors. These individuals will appear to be waiting for someone and never exit their vehicle.
 - b. Businesses – these individuals will be parked away from your business, usually never entering the business and will appear to be waiting for someone.
 - c. Look for out of county registration stickers. Franklin is #25.
- 2) The Heroin dealer is usually one or two individuals who will meet the buyers at the same location. (What to look for with them)
 - d. They typically drive non flashy vehicles
 - e. They are typically male Hispanics dressed well and clean cut
 - f. They will drive by the buyers, who will then follow behind the dealer's vehicle.
- 3) The Heroin deal in the neighborhood. (What to look for)
 - g. The dealer will drive around in the neighborhood until he feels it's safe to stop.
 - h. The dealer will then pull over as will the buyer and an individual from the buyer's vehicle will enter into the dealer's
 - i. Sometimes the deal will be conducted at that location. Typically the dealer will drive around some more conducting the transaction and stopping when it's done.
 - j. The buyer will return to his vehicle and they will drive away
- 4) The Heroin deal on your business lot. (What to look for)
 - k. Typically the buyers will just wait on your lot for the dealer to drive by, then exit the lot following the dealer to a nearby neighborhood
 - l. If the deal occurs on your business parking lot then the dealer will park close to the buyer
 - m. The buyer will then enter into the dealer's vehicle and conduct the transaction. (this typically takes about 30 to 60 seconds)

Things to consider and know:

- 1) Heroin users typically steal to feed their habit.
- 2) The Hispanic drug cartels are bringing this drug into your neighborhood
- 3) Heroin is a very addictive drug and is affecting thousands of individuals in the state of Ohio. This includes all walks of life; young, old, poor, rich and maybe someone you know.
- 4) There have been currently 23 counties identified from where the Heroin users are coming from. Some driving over two hours away (round trip) and some making several trips daily to your neighborhood to purchase Heroin.
- 5) Heroin is typically packaged in small multi color balloons about the size of a pencil eraser and looks like a black gooey or tar like substance.
- 6) Oprah hosted Lisa Ling who did a story on a family from Richland County who was addicted to Heroin and drove to Columbus Ohio everyday to purchase the Heroin. (Oprah Show aired 9-28-2008)
- 7) According to the Drug Market Analysis 2009 for OHIO, by HIDTA, Columbus and Dayton have emerged as regional distribution centers. **COLUMBUS** supplies Mexican heroin to markets in Ohio, West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania.
- 8) At the start of the decade, roughly 2,000 people a year died from heroin nationwide. By 2008, heroin was blamed for at least 3,000 deaths in 36 states. Wonder what the total is to date???

What should you do if you see a Heroin deal in your neighborhood?

- 1) First and foremost be vigilant. Get good descriptions of vehicles, occupants and most of all the registration.
- 2) Contact the Columbus Police non-emergency line at 645-4545. Give all the information to the dispatcher. If you have possibly identified a buyer waiting in your neighborhood call right away and report the suspicious individuals.

**FOREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Treasurer's Report
September 2010**

Description	Current Month				Year-To-Date				Budget	
	REVENUE	Budget %	EXPENSE	Budget %	REVENUE	Budget %	EXPENSE	Budget %	REVENUE	EXPENSE
MEMBERSHIP & OTHER:										
Membership & Equipment	225.00	2.5%	7.51	0.4%	8,175.00	90.8%	1,947.46	108.2%	9,000	1,800
Supplemental Security Split	320.00	2.2%	537.00	3.7%	13,200.00	91.7%	7,289.00	50.6%	14,400	14,400
Business Membership					40.00	6.7%			600	0
GENERAL:										
Blockwatch									0	100
Directory			180.00	10.0%			1,620.00	90.0%	1,600	1,800
Island & Sign Maintenance			60.00	7.8%			450.00	58.4%	0	770
Island Flowers									0	175
Interest Income	0.68	7.6%			6.61	73.4%			9	0
Liability Insurance/Bond									0	450
Miscellaneous			49.31	16.4%	275.00		215.80	71.9%	0	300
Northland Community Council							280.00	70.0%	0	400
Technology									0	150
Treasurer Expenses			7.92	7.9%			165.08	165.1%	0	100
Executive Board							101.49			
FORESTER:										
Advertising	1,092.50	7.3%			12,432.75	82.9%			15,000	0
Postage & Delivery			175.52	7.3%			1,442.21	60.1%	0	2,400
Printing & Supplies			1,468.04	9.0%			11,314.38	69.3%	0	16,320
COMMUNITY EVENTS:										
Beautification Awards					385.00		100.00	100.0%	0	100
Easter Egg Hunt									0	350
Garage Sales (2)	115.00	46.0%	87.50	35.0%	385.00	154.0%	188.88	75.6%	250	250
Halloween Party									0	400
July 4th Parade: Bikes & Trykes							271.18	271.2%	0	100
Max and Erma's/Outback	900.00	195.7%	154.27	183.7%	1,404.76	305.4%	174.27	207.5%	460	84
Outreach (Section Reps)					325.00		760.29	181.0%	0	420
YMCA Senior Day									0	450
TOTAL RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS:	2,653.18		2,727.07		36,629.12		26,320.04		41,319	41,319
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SPRUCING UP THE ISLANDS

by Jean Bower

This month I want to tell you about the "Islands Project" that is, the two entryways to Forest Park East and West located at the intersections of Karl and Sandalwood Roads. In my opinion, this location represents the gateway to our community and first impression as to what our neighborhood is about.

For several years while passing through this intersection and waiting for the light to change, I've looked around in all directions, noticing the conditions and growth of the shrubs and trees on the islands and thinking, these spaces could use some "Sprucing Up". There were 2 Pin Oaks on the East Island and a sad looking Crabapple on the West Island that looked desperately in need of attention! Through calls and conversations with a few FPCA Officers and the City of Columbus Forestry Department, I learned that the islands are under the jurisdiction of the city while the FPCA and various garden groups have done plantings in the past and maintained the lawn. But the location needs some pizzazz!

I became acquainted with Kit Race, a former Area 6 Representative, and learned she had a like concern for the aesthetics on the islands. Jonathan Allen, a landscaper, has been doing volunteer work on this issue for some years adding pavers and assorted accoutrements to make the islands attractive. But these two spaces are big and very time consuming to work on.

Some the three of us have gotten together to make this an ongoing beautification project along with our water supplier, Dwain Bryant, who owns "Graffiti be Gone", and will nourish our new plantings with his tanker trunk. In this process, we have researched, studied, talked and walked the terrain several times. Kit and I have brainstormed ideas and thoughts to 'spruce=up' the view. Kit has done sketches and photos of the area and we have scouted references and sought input from Oakland Park Nursery persons who advise on plantings that can withstand the conditions of the area. Many elements go into good planning for making the view "pleasing to the eye" and that's our long range goal.

We're really just in the beginning phase. So far perennials of black-eyed Susan and carpet flowers have been purchased as well as 3 dwarf Lilac bushes with a grant from City Council that required matching funds from our association's treasury plus credit for volunteer labor. Jonathan, Kit, and I dug, planted, raked, and trimmed the islands on Thursday, October 14th. It was a beautiful day for working and we got a lot accomplished for the time spent. This "Islands Project" is on-going and a goal for the FPCA's 50th Anniversary in 2012. We thank those persons for their additional funds earmarked for beautification during the 2010 membership Drive and the support of the community!!

Woodward Park Middle School News

By Michelle I. Hooper
School Counselor

Welcome

Woodward Park has had an outstanding start to the new school year. The staff and students have been working hard to insure that we continue to go from "Good to Great".

This year, we are pleased to announce new members of our Woodward Park family, Mr. Alkula, Mrs. Artrip, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Cheeseman, Ms. Gillespie, Mrs. Jackson, Ms. Pardi, Mrs. Roth and Mr. Vance. Welcome to Woodward Park!!

Penny Harvest

This year our school will be participating in a service learning project called Penny Harvest. This service learning project gives our students to become empowered to make a difference in their community.

There are three phases to this program. The first, has already begun and that is the gathering of pennies (or any type of coins). Second, the students will identify a community need, research issues and then solicit and interview organizations and then decide how the school's pennies can best provide solutions to the community issues. Lastly, the students will use the pennies to offer grants to community organizations or fulfill service projects in the community.

The students are VERY excited about this opportunity. If you would like to donate coins, please contact Woodward Park Middle School and speak with one of the school counselors.

Important November dates

Terra Nova/ InView testing – Week of November 8

Report cards sent home – November 10

Parent Teacher Conferences - Thursday November 11 and November 18

PTO meeting – November 16 at 6:30

Thanksgiving Break – Wednesday November 24 – 28

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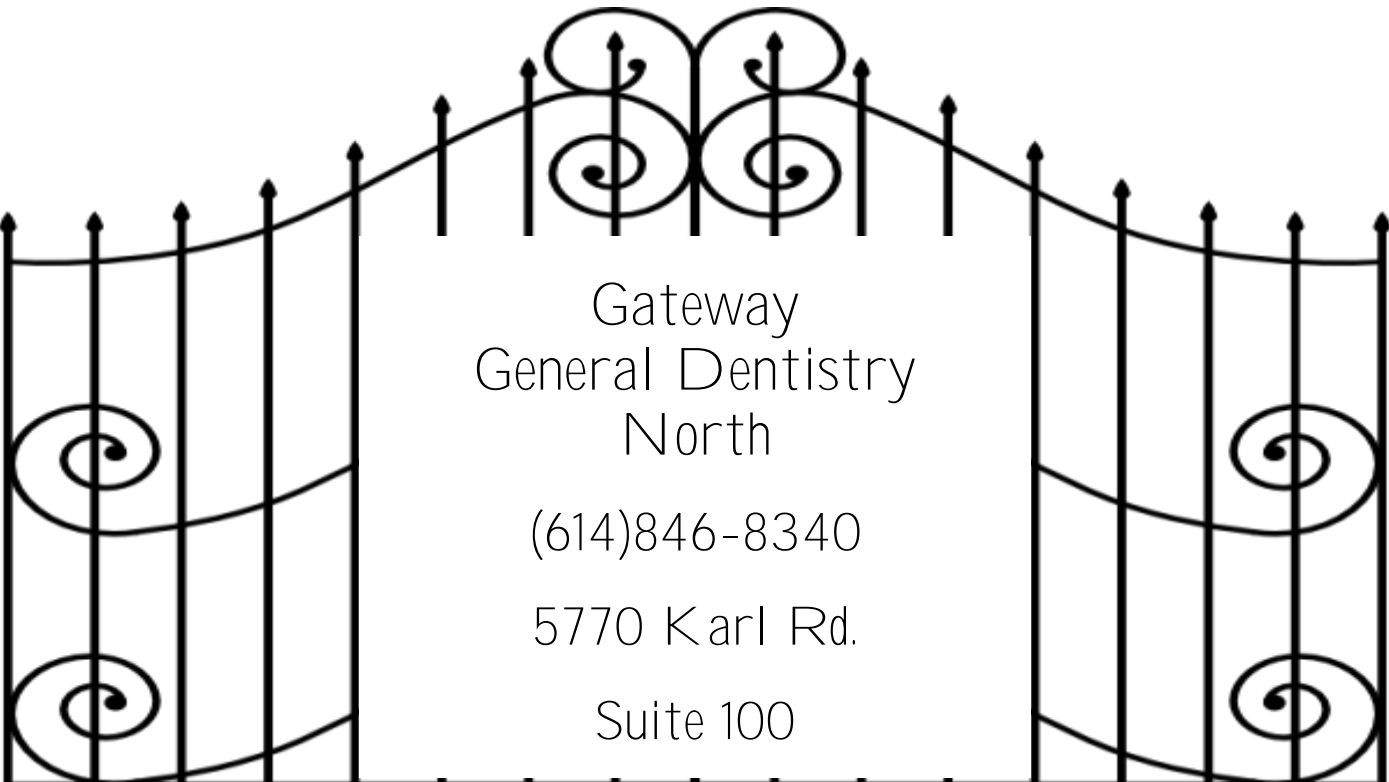
The best thing about Forest Park is the people. A new person moved into the neighborhood and could not start his lawn mower. The guy across the street came over with a wrench and a spark plug. As he changed it he introduced himself. People are willing to help each other. We embrace the diversity of our community. We are people helping people to belong. There is no other community that has welcomed such richness in ethnicity as we have.

We have great schools, places of worship, places to play (bowling alleys), the library and the Y. All in all we are very stable neighborhood, rich in history and getting better. We need to keep it up. The most important thing we all can do is join a block watch. If security is your concern this is something you can do. Just join! Help us plan and celebrate our 50th anniversary. Get involve! Share your talents and desires! Help us with the website, make calls or deliver things door to door. We plan to work closer with our institutions, schools, businesses and each other.

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An Apology from your president!

I must offer an apology for the way I conducted the general meeting on October 12. The meeting was advertised as one for you all to come and share your concerns. The plan was to list all the concerns and then start talking about the issues. My intention was to run through the business in 15 minutes and then go into the discussion. For some idiotic reason I decided to go through the normal meeting agenda. Consequently we only talked about stuff that the board brought up. I apology to all of you who came to the meeting with issues to discuss! If it is of any consequences I came away from the meeting very frustrated. My goal was to have some good things to share about Forest Park, but more importantly a list of concerns that would help us shape our mission and budget. I am sorry! I feel particularly bad about the gentlemen that I interrupted and ask to wait until later. I must have come across like someone who wanted to talk more than listen. Please send me an email at georgeschmidt@wowway.com and let me know what your issues are. I promise that we will have another gathering where we will have an open forum where I will listen.

George Schmidt

Forest Park Elementary School News

By Fran Compton

Parents, guardians and friends are invited to the first grading period Awards Program on Friday Nov. 12 at Forest Park Elementary School. Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will be honored at 1:30 p.m., kindergartners at 2:15 p.m. and grades 1 and 2 at 2:30 p.m. First grading period report cards will be sent home also on Nov. 12.

Terra Nova/InView, standardized national tests, will be administered Nov. 8 through 15 for grades three and four. These short tests let children know where they are at grade level and age compared to others nationwide. They are given annually. The results for each child will be sent home for the parents/guardians to review.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Nov. 11 and 16 from 3:45 – 7:30 p.m. A conference form will go home with each student and parents/guardians should return the form with their preference for the conference time. Pizza and pop will be available after the conference.

Because of an increased number of students, there has been some reorganization to relieve overcrowding. Mrs. Reeves is now teaching just first grade. A new teacher, Mrs. Martarello-Harmon has a class of second and third graders.

Thanksgiving Break will be celebrated Wednesday, Nov. 24 through Friday, Nov. 26. The regular school routines will resume Nov. 29.

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1501 Hazelwood Pl	Ranch/3BR	108,000	105,000
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