



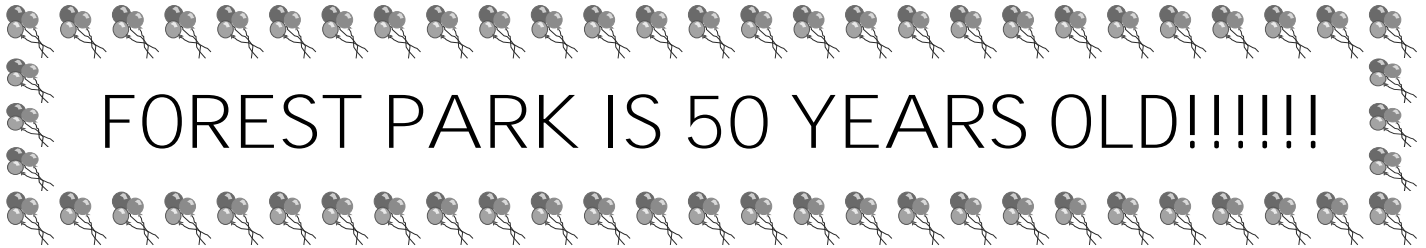
The Forester



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FOREST PARK IS 50 YEARS OLD!!!!!!



1958



1962



1961 PARADE OF HOMES

1501 Sandalwood	1509 Sandalwood	1531 Sandalwood
5236 Hazelwood	5242 Hazelwood	5252 Hazelwood
5253 Hazelwood	5260 Hazelwood	5261 Hazelwood
5268 Hazelwood	5269 Hazelwood	5274 Hazelwood
5275 Hazelwood	5282 Hazelwood	5290 Hazelwood
5293 Hazelwood	5300 Hazelwood	5301 Hazelwood
5310 Hazelwood	5311 Hazelwood	5320 Hazelwood
5321 Hazelwood	5328 Hazelwood	5329 Hazelwood
5334 Hazelwood	5337 Hazelwood	5344 Hazelwood
5345 Hazelwood	5352 Hazelwood	5353 Hazelwood
5360 Hazelwood	5361 Hazelwood	1503 Boxwood
1506 Boxwood	1511 Boxwood	1519 Boxwood

NEIGHBORHOOD TIDBITS

- ◆ Forest Park Elementary was built in 1962, Parkmoor 1966, Woodward Park 1966, Northland High School 1966, and Avalon 1977. Northland Mall opened in 1964.
- ◆ Rex Williamson was first Forest Park Civic Association President in 1962. The Forester started publication in 1965.
- ◆ Epworth Church began in 1963, land was purchased on Karl Rd. and a Service of Consecration was held in the new building in 1967.
- ◆ Northland High School opened its doors on September 7, 1966 as Northland Junior-Senior High. Woodward Park had it's first students during the 1967-1968 year. That year Northland became just a High School, 9-12 grade.
- ◆ The North Y broke ground in 1977, opening in 1978. the swimming pool came much later.
- ◆ The Forest Park Civic Association sponsored the Baseball and Basketball leagues for a great many years.
- ◆ Early advertisers in the Forester still advertise to this day. Northland Heating and Cooling since 1968.
- ◆ Northland Terrace (now Villa Angela) opened in 1978 on Karl Rd.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION INCLUDING PICTURES FROM THE EARLY YEARS OF FOREST PARK, PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO SUSAN BUTTERMORE, 1229 VINEWOOD DR., COLUMBUS 43229 OR E-MAIL TO:

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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:

http://www.franklincountyauditor.com/pdf/dte_105a.pdf

REMEMBER WHEN?

- ❖ June 1961 – 36 Homes in Forest Park Parade of Homes, (3 on Sandalwood Drive, 4 on Boxwood Drive, and 29 on Hazelwood Road).
- ❖ Forest Park West was one of the first self-contained community in the United States
- ❖ Developed by Metzger Brothers, Phil, Gene, and Ralph.
- ❖ Forest Park Plaza (see centerfold) also included a service station at the corner of Yellowwood and Cherrywood, owned by George Kinney.
- ❖ We also had the swimming pool and tennis courts. Forest Park Elementary school was built in 1962 and the Sequoia Bowling alley came later.
- ❖ Early students were bused Cooke Road Elementary, Clinton Junior High, and Brookhaven High School.
- ❖ Karl Road was a narrow two lane road that had deep ditches on either side. You stayed in the middle of the road or you were in the ditch.
- ❖ The Forest Park Civic Association was incorporated in April 1962. They met at Hi Timbers Golf Club that was on Morse Road approximately where the Huntington Bank Business Center is today.
- ❖ We talked the city into giving softball equipment so the men and women could put baseball diamonds in Woodward Park for use in 1962 instead of waiting for the city to do it 3 or 4 years late.
- ❖ Forest Park and Kar-Mel Village formed together (Woodward Park was not developed yet) for the **For-Mel Women's Club which is still active today, also a garden club, The Lamplighter, which attended to the two islands for many years.**
- ❖ Many bowlers from Forest Park and Kar-Mel Village joined together and traveled to Westerville Lanes to bowl before Sequoia Lanes was built.
- ❖ Morse Road was also two lanes, but not as narrow as Karl Rd. There used to be a small airport about where the Pottery Barn is now located on Morse Rd.
- ❖ **Tamarack Circle was a two way street until the 1970's, but due to numerous accidents, was made one way.**
- ❖ Our first zip code was 43224, and the closest post office was on Huy Rd. in Northern Lights.
- ❖ Did you wonder about the large white house on the west side of Karl Rd? It was owned by Jack Fullen of Ohio State University. Many of the streets in Kar-Mel are named for the family, such as Julie Place and Fullen Drive, as the ground was sold for Kar-Mel Village.
- ❖ There were no homes on the west side of Karl, so you could look at the farmed owned by the Harmons. They became friends of Forest Park, by furnishing wagons for the Christmas Parades, Hayrides into the woods, and cookouts. Early Christmas parties were held in a building located close to the zoo.



THE MERCHANTS OF FOREST PARK PLAZA W



BILL C. BOOTH, General Manager of Forest Park Plaza — Bill is also manager of the Sequoia Recreation Center in Forest Park. For the past two years, Bill has been managing the Sequoia Swim Club, and is well known to many Forest Park Residents. He is exceptionally well qualified to assume his new and expanded duties due to his considerable management experience. He is not only well versed in pool management, but in activity programs, social functions, and sporting events. Bill is a '52 graduate of OSU and a captain in the U. S. Air Force Reserve. Until recently, Bill was assistant principal and director of student activities at Grandview Junior High School. Forest Park Plaza has an able manager in Bill Booth!



GEORGE RAPP . . . IGA Foodliner Supermarket — George is originally from Nevada, Ohio, and is a graduate of Nevada High School. He has two years' service in the U. S. Navy, and is a veteran in another sense too. He has spent sixteen years in the grocery business, and some of that time as owner of the Maynard Market at Maynard and Summit. He is an avid bowler and is Past Commander of the Buckeye Post, V. F. W. He and his wife, Joan, live in the city's north side and have a married daughter Barbara, and a sixteen year old son, Robert. George's many friends and customers will find his shelves full of practically every food item they might need.



JOE SALTSMAN . . . Barber Shop Joe is quite a family man! He has five children, and they're all boys. Joe is originally from Wellston, Ohio. He graduated from Wellston High School in 1949, and is also a graduate of the Ohio State Barber College in Columbus. Joe's fully equipped, modern shop will be open the same hours as the other Forest Park Plaza Stores for your convenience. He's been a barber for three years and has a long list of satisfied customers. After one visit to his shop, we feel sure you'll be one too!



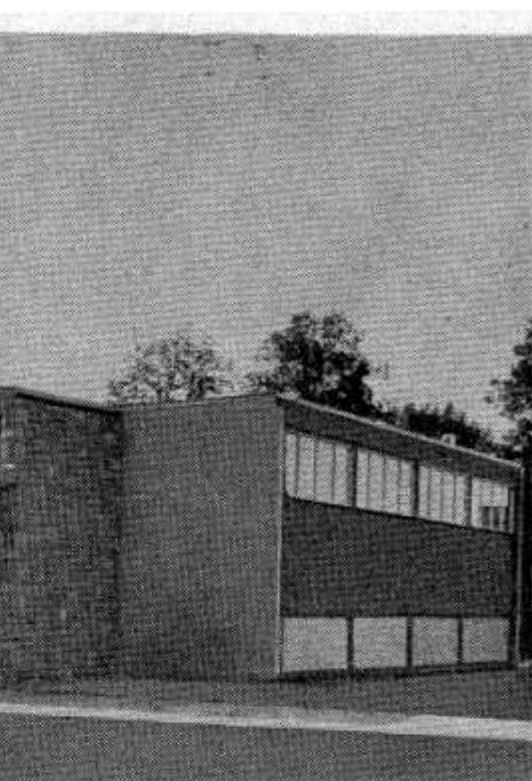
THOMAS F. SPILLMAN . . . Beechwood Cleaners Mr. Spillman and his wife, Mary, are co-owners of the Beechwood Cleaners. They're known to their many friends and customers as Tom and Mary and offer a complete line of dry cleaning services. Tom is from Columbus. He's a graduate of West High, and entered the dry cleaning business shortly after a round-the-world-tour with the Army. Mary is from Nelsonville, and is a graduate of Murray City High School and attended Bliss College in Columbus. She is treasurer of the Quota Club and a member of the North Side Business and Professional Women's Association. Both she and Tom are members of the Better Business Bureau and the Ohio Association of Cleaners and Dyers.



THOMAS J. MILLER, D. D. S., Dr. Miller received his undergraduate degree in Biology from Xavier University and his Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from Ohio State University in 1961. Following his graduation from Ohio State, Doctor Miller served in the United States Army Dental Corps for two years. During this time, he was stationed at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C. He, his wife and their daughters Susan and Molly reside in the city's north end.



RICHARD G. PEPE, D. O., Dr. Pepe is a native of Buffalo, New York. He graduated from Canisius High School, and received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Canisius College. He then attended the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery, graduating with the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy. His board examinations include the Ohio Medical Board, the Missouri Medical Board, and the National Osteopathic Board. As of July 1, 1963, he will be a member of the active staff of Doctor's Hospital in Columbus. He, his wife Margaret, and their two children Kevin and Karen reside in north Columbus.



WELCOME YOU



JERRY ANDERSON . . . Oak Branch Hardware — The Oak Branch Hardware has an able manager in Jerry Anderson. Jerry is a 1952 graduate of Linden-McKinley High School. He served for two years in the U. S. Army as a Military Policeman and then returned to Columbus where he has lived ever since. He's been in the hardware business 14 years now, and with this experience, he's well qualified to serve his customers with their every hardware need.



NANCY ANN PYLES . . . Flair Fashions Beauty Salon — Personable Nancy Ann Pyles is well qualified to serve her many North End acquaintances in the Flair Fashions Beauty Salon. She is a graduate of the Capitol School of Beauty Culture, and has received advanced training in hair styling from Vicky Hartman as well as the Virginia Farrell School of Hair Styling. Nancy's specialties include styling, frosting, hair cutting and permanent waving.



TOM SCHMIDT, Pharmacist . . . Evergreen Pharmacy Tom received his B. S. degree in Pharmacy from the University of Cincinnati in 1954. By that time he had had six years' experience in general pharmacy. For the next two years, he managed a prescription store in Cincinnati, and at the same time, supervised the Pharmacy at Mercy Hospital. He was Professional Service Representative for the Upjohn Company for a time, and in 1958 moved to Columbus where he again worked with doctors, pharmacies, and hospitals. Since 1960, he has had his own store here in Columbus.

Grand Opening

Forest Park Plaza

Fulfilling the concept of a carefully planned community . . . Forest Park Plaza, a full three years in planning, is now a reality. It offers to nearby residents all the services and conveniences of a truly self-contained community. It includes the Forest Park IGA Foodliner Supermarket, Evergreen Pharmacy, Oak Branch Hardware, Beechwold Cleaners, Flair Fashions Beauty Salon, Forest Park Barber Shop, Osteopathic Physician, Dentist, and a fully equipped Humble Oil Service Station. The group of people shown here represent a wide variety of professional interests, but they have one goal in common . . . to know you and to serve you. They're friendly, and they're your neighbors. Visit them soon . . . in Forest Park Plaza!



Forest Park

On Karl Road between Route 161
and Morse Road.



House at 5332 Sprucewood being built. Don and Janet Moen moved into their home they had built by Ludo Bevilacqua as newly weds on **December 2, 1961**. Janet tells me, "We went on a honeymoon right away and with no food in the house. When we returned, we found a starved mouse at the bottom of the basement stairs. We lived there for seven years. We had our two children before being transferred to Mt. Prospect, Illinois." Janet now lives in Forest Park East.



APOLOGIES FOR THE POOR QUALITY OF MANY OF THESE PICTURES. SOME ARE COPIES OF NEWSPAPERS AND THEY DON'T SCAN WELL.



Our Pools

Sequoia Pool and Tamarack Pool were two great assets to the Forest Park Community providing a safe and clean environment for family activities. Sequoia opened on June 15, 1962. Each facility contained a 50 meter by 25 meter swimming pool with a 3 meter and 10 meter diving board. The pools offered the Red Cross Lesson Program, Tiny Tots classes and private swim lessons for those interested. Many special events were scheduled, such as parties of graduation, birthdays and even weddings took place after closing hours.

Members had the opportunity to use both pools especially when one was closed for a special activity. Master Swim Meets for those 25 years to 90; US Swim Meets for age group swimmers was a yearly event and the local team participated in the League competition with Sequoia winning a major number of Championships. The big summer event was the 4th of July Pot Luck with everyone bringing their favorite dish, games followed.

Tennis was a big favorite at Tamarack and the spirit of family prevailed at both pools. **Sequoia Pool received an award for being "the Outstanding Pool" in the Northland area.**

The summer of 1976 was a very exciting year at Sequoia Swim Club as two of the members on the Swimming and Diving team won international recognition. Debbie Keplar and Tina Bischoff were the outstanding athletes recognized. Debbie qualified for the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, Canada and placed third winning the Bronze Medal in Platform diving. She had been a participating member at Sequoia Pool for a number of years and now resides in Marysville, Ohio.

Tina Bischoff swam the English Channel on August 5, 1976 at the age of 17. Her swim began in Dover England on Shakespeare Beach and ended at Cap Gris Noy, France a total of 22 miles. She established a world record of 9 hours 3 minutes which had been held previously for 13 years. Her boat Captain claimed it a spectacular swim because of the extreme tides and current. Tina now resides in Sarasota, Florida.



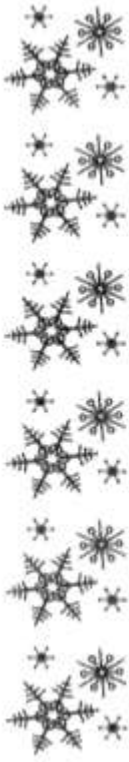
Northland High School in 1966



Our current logo taken from Metzger Bros. Brochure for Forest Park in 1961

These pictures were taken in December 1963 during the Christmas Parade. The street is Hazelwood. Notice the absence of trees. Betty Griffeth told me they tore down all of the big trees and planted little ones.





Forest Park Elementary Winterfest 2011! Volunteers & Donations Needed

It's that time again! Forest Park will be holding its annual WINTERFEST 2011 on Friday, February 25th from 5-8pm. This year's festival will be better than ever with new games and prizes, and lots more fun!

Our Forest Park families and community are invited to join in on the festivities which will include games and prizes, face and nail painting, a silent auction, food & drinks, popcorn, an art station, bake sale, various mascots will attend, and much more. Admission is FREE. Game & food tickets will be sold at the door for .50 each.

As in years past, this event is run strictly on donations and volunteered time and is necessary to make this event successful. If you or someone you know can donate time, services, supplies or money, please contact Sheila Garrett or Bobbi Sprague at 365-5337 during school hours or leave donations in the school office with your name and a contact telephone number. Please sign up today with your offering of a donation from the list of items below.

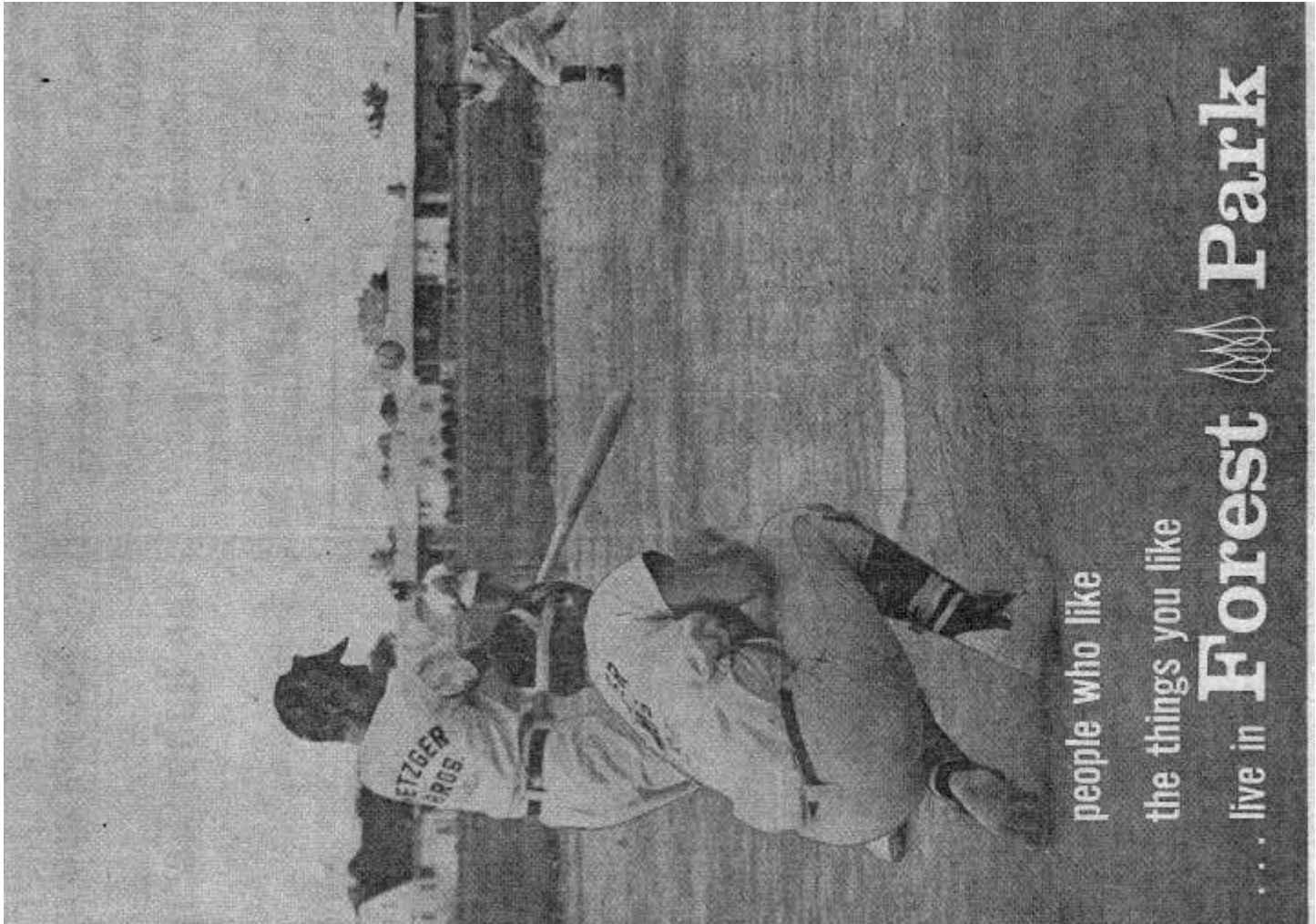
Items needed:

Juice Pouches (Capri Sue, Kosl-Ad Jammers, Store brand pouches - any flavor), baked goods for bake sale, Blow Pops, Dum Dum suckers, small trinket toy prizes (rings, erasers, stickers, etc.), individually wrapped bubble gum, art & crafts supplies, auction items - homemade crafts, sports memorabilia, gift cards, gas cards, gift baskets, concession items - bottled water, Lays variety packs of chips, canned Coke, Diet Coke, & Sprite, whole cakes, etc.

Please send your donations in by Friday, February 11th except baked goods. This will give us time to determine what we still need.

Mark your calendar so you don't miss all of the fun!

*Thank you kindly for your support of Forest Park Elementary.
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