

# The Forester



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**Forest Park Civic Association** 

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## "DAMN RIGHT I LIVE IN FOREST PARK"

#### Friends,

On behalf of everyone serving on the Forest Park Civic Association board, I want to wish you a Happy New Year and hope that it will be one of your most prosperous ever. I'm very excited to begin a second term as president. Returning with me is a veteran group of volunteers joined by many newcomers. As always, we will do our best to further secure, beautify and represent this remarkable community.

The title of my article emphasizes my focus for 2013. Pardon the choice of words in the title, but I need to drive home a point that you absolutely must take to heart: We must praise, promote, and at times even defend Forest Park/ Northland against popular misconceptions that others may have. Never forget that you live in a Parade of Home community which spearheaded Columbus's growth to the far north. Be proud that your neighborhood's homes have existed 50 years with an enduring quality that surpasses most of the suburban new-builds. In our community, the mail is still delivered to the porch. It has some of the most beautiful tree-lined streets in Central Ohio and remains a great economic value. We are the only Columbus neighborhood to create and fund supplemental security patrols for additional layers of neighborhood protection. Forest Park has been the home of accomplished athletes and United States congressmen. Of the countless neighborhoods in Central Ohio, yours is one of the most well-known. This is why last year we had an unprecedented neighborhood celebration of our community's 50 year history.

This is not to say that we have a perfect neighborhood. Burglaries, mostly from people living outside Forest Park, are on the rise the past six months. There are issues with vandalism and vacant homes. On occasion, violent crime will take place within retail or apartment areas. But if you think these are just Forest Park/ Northland issues, think again. CPD statistics show that we live in one of the safer areas in Columbus.

I've heard from different sources that parts of Franklin County have organizations or individuals who will cut deals with the local media to keep their darker issues out of the spotlight. In Northland, we have no such patron saints. Any high profile crime will often generate stories and editorials that portray Northland in an inaccurate and unfair manor. I think this happens because there are masses of people who have a connection to this part of town. As a result, this type of sensationalism turns heads. FPCA has and will continue to speak up for the neighborhood when media takes such liberties. However, every last Forest Park and Northland resident has to do this as well.

Crime and vandalism does little to harm our neighborhood compared to the image of us being a crime-infested and vandalized community. Our greatest risk is becoming a self-fulfilling prophecy to the image that many have created for us.

So for the benefit of your property and that of your neighbors, please do not belittle your neighborhood or apologize for being a resident. Let people know that your year-to-year experience in Forest Park comes nowhere close to that which are described by others. Do not stand by passively when people speak negativity about the Northland Community. Highlight its many virtues, including those mentioned in this article.

At a meeting among Northland community leaders, one individual wondered if the word "Northland" has become so negative that we should re-brand ourselves with a new name. Most opposed this idea, thinking that this would be seen as a sign of desperation of a dying area. Then another individual stated that we need to dig in and fight for our reputation such as saying something to the effect: "Damn right I live in Northland!"

Let this be your mindset. Let's work together to become more unified against those things that harm us-- both inside and outside of Forest Park.

Mike Stone

#### 2013 TRASH SCHEDULE

| New Year's<br>Day | MLK Jr.<br>Day | President's<br>Day | Memorial<br>Day | Indepen-<br>dence Day | Labor Day | Columbus<br>Day | Thanks-<br>giving day | Christmas<br>Day |
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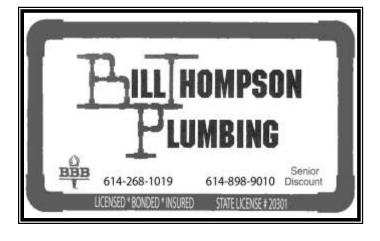
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#### FOREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION December 11, 2012 MINUTES

Matthew Ward

The December Forest Park Civic Association was held at the home of President Mike Stone as he and his family graciously hosted the annual Christmas Party for the board. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Stone and he gave his presidents report.

Mike started with saying the recruiting process for the 2013 year was getting under way with the help of Ed Vanasdale and Matt Ward. The three of them will be getting in touch with prospective volunteers who have expressed interest in the past. Also, in his report was news that the city lighting was back in talks and letters have started to circulate around the Northland area about the addition of street lights. There has been some opposition due to if the area wants something other than the standard lighting the city provides, what the cost would be to the residents. Assessments could be added to taxes to get the nicer poles. As more word comes out the board will make residents aware.

George Schmidt then provided some new information regarding the pictures and videos that were on display for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party. He stated that the pictures will be moved from Epworth Methodist to the Gilley Center for display from January to February. There will be events held Thursday in January to be determined. Another possible event could be scheduled at the Crosswoods in the spring to help introduce young families in the area to the association. George also added that volunteers were needed for the Parade Committee. If interested there will be a meeting in January and to contact George.

Treasure Dan Hartzell presented the Treasure report for the association. Income for the month came from the Forester and the garage sale, while expenses went out for security, Forester, island maintenance and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. Some other items mentioned were the waiting on the second half of grant money to come in and some membership fees still needed to be processed. There will be a big pull to get more residents to pay to be a part of the association next year to even out the budget. If you know of someone interested please have them contact the board for information.

Dan also presented some updates on the Tamarack Circle Petition. He said the petition is up to 500 signatures. The committee is meeting next to decide on who to send the petition to and what to do next. They have gotten some news the companies like Meals on Wheels are starting to using alternative routes due the congestion at the circle.

NCC Representative Dave Paul reported on some news that the Northland Plan 1 was due for updating. Plan 1 includes the Northland area inside interstate 270. The Plan is a guide for land use and development and the plans are ready for updating. Meetings will be held in January or early February with a presentation from the planning committee. The committee is looking for people to take interest in attending due to the city being very interested in the area for the long term big picture of the city. Dave also reported on the plan for an express COTA bus system that will be going in and moving forward. The system would take travelers from St. Ann's Hospital to downtown using Cleveland Avenue with a terminal being at Columbus Square. He also stated that the NCC was not consulted on the new Speedway that is going on Morse Road at the old Stan's Restaurant and there is a possible new McDonald's is going in front of Menard's.

Other reports included Earl Miller saying there was need for more welcome committee packets for the new residents in the area as he welcomed one new neighbor this month. The meeting was adjourned by President Stone at 7:00 and the board was treated to a meal and drinks for the Christmas

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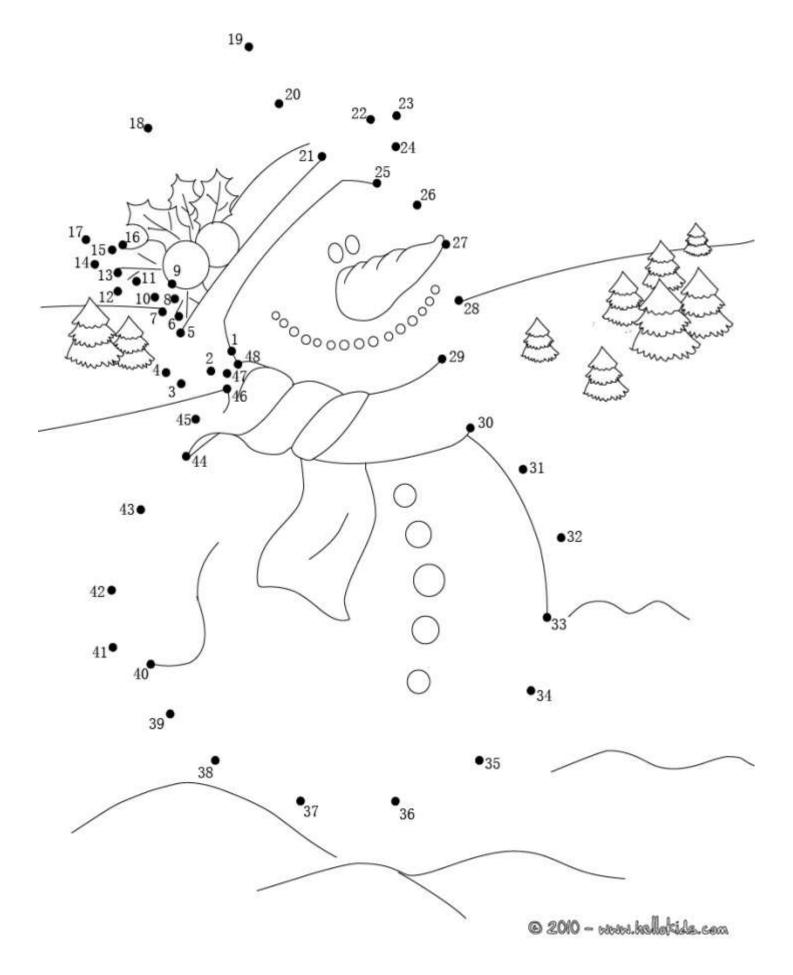
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## News from George,

#### George Schmidt

Happy New Year! We have some fun events lined up for 2013. If you want to have more fun, have it be more meaningful and fulfill a sense of accomplishment, help us plan them.

#### 50th Anniversary

January 17 will find us at the Gillie Center on Morse Road. We will take one more exciting stab at 50th Anniversary fun. Twice on the 17th you will have the opportunity to see the video of the History of Forest Park. At 2:00PM following on the coattails of the Gillie Center Anniversary and Birthday party we will show the video. The party starts at 1:00PM if you are interested.

The second showing of the video will be at 7:00PM on the 17th.

The Gallery has been moved from Epworth United Methodist Church to the Gillie Center. All through the month of January you can go to the Center and see the photos. They are amazing. This is not only for the First Settlers in Forest Park, but for everyone. New neighbors are encouraged to come and see first-hand what has made Forest Park such an exciting and vibrant neighborhood. Learn what it takes to keep a community strong.

#### 4th of July Parade

I am seeing a new insurgence of younger people with an interest in the parade. That is what we need. Us old folks need to pass on the torch. So far I have recruited 4 new members of the parade committee. Just think about it, you have a chance to have your own parade. There are all kinds of jobs, from meeting and planning to behind the scenes. We need people to work starting now and folks to help the day of the parade. One thing, if you want to help, please do what you say you are going to do. We do not need figure heads on the committee. Our next meeting is January 14, at 6:30PM at Casa Hacienda on 161 at 71. Have questions, just ask, georgeschmidt@wowway.com or 614-895-7459.

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## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1 !!!!!

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

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

If you have a new neighbor please let me or your Area Representative listed in the Forester know so we can make a welcome visit.

Earl Miller - 614-846-6389

## FOR-MEL WOMEN'S CLUB

By JoAnn Jeck

For-Mel Women's Club will meet at the home of Mary Kay Geiger on Monday, January 7 at 7:00 pm. The program will be Crazy Bridge. Co-Host will be Jan Howden. Devotions will be given by Ginger Conard. If unable to attend, please contact, Mary Kay at 882-2598.

For-Mel Women's Club will meet on Monday, February 4 at the "Hunan House Gourmet Chinese" at 6:30 pm. This will be our International Meeting. If unable to attend, please contact, Mary Kay at 882-2598.

## BLOCKWATCH By Ken Gilbert

The Forest Park Block Watch holds their meetings on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7 pmat Epworth Methodist Church, 5100 Karl Rd. All Forest Park residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. You can find more information on our web site: http://blockwatch.fpcivic.org/. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 22: Director Michael Pannell, of the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security, will discuss how to react in an emergency. Tuesday, February 26: Deputy Sherard Pollard, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, will discuss the SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) program.

SALT is a program designed to bridge the gap between senior citizens and law enforcement. Seniors and law enforcement can work together to address issues and concerns that involve crime prevention and safety issues in regards to our growing population of seniors. The ultimate goal of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office is to make seniors more aware of the crimes that they could become victims of due to the high level of trust they may have for anyone they may meet in the public (thus this program will be great for Seniors!). Crime tip for the month: Don't leave your car running without being \*in\* it. It's tempting, in this winter weather, to warm up your car while finishing breakfast in your house, but unless you have a remote starting feature that locks the steering, it only takes a a few seconds for a thief to break a window and drive off--and your window may still get broken. It's even easier for the thief if you forget to lock your car! So take care this winter sea-

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| 5261 Karl Rd.       | Ranch/5BR | 99,900    | 5782 Loganwood Rd    | Bilvl/4BR   | 122,900* |
| 1969 Torchwood Dr   | 2-Sty/4BR | 104,900   | 1865 Torchwood Dr    | 2-Sty/4BR   | 124,900  |
| 1823 Walden Dr.     | Split/3BR | 112,900   | 5100 Riverbirch Dr N | 2-Sty/4BR   | 146,500  |
| 5466 Sumac Loop E.  | Split/3BR | 114,900 * | * New Listings       | **New Price |          |







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| 5272 Sweetgum Pl.  | Ranch/3BR | 59,900  | 1517 Hazelwood PI ©        | Ranch/3BR      | 112,900   |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 1989 Torchwood Dr. | Split/3BR | 109,700 | (C)=In Contract Contingent | (E)=I/C w/Esca | pe clause |

## All Homes SOLD

| Since 11/14/12      |                     | Asking: | Sold Price |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------|------------|
| 1801 White Pine Ct. | 2-Sty/4BR           | 76,500  | 76,700     |
| 1534 Sandalwood Pl  | Ranch/3BR           | 99,900  | 95,000     |
| 5737 Firwood Pt.    | 2-Sty/4BR           | 109,900 | 102,000    |
| 1659 Norma Rd.      | Split/3BR           | 114,900 | 111,000    |
| 2267 Maplewood Dr.  | Ranch/3BR           | 116,900 | 111,800    |
| 5517 Durrell Rd.    | 2-Sty/4BR           | 118,900 | 112,500    |
| 1444 Ironwood Dr.   | Split/3BR           | 119,900 | 118,900    |
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