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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Edward Vanasdale

I would like to thank all of the people who took the time this year to volunteer to be on the Forest Park Civic Association board of officers and area representatives. They have all given of their time to help strengthen our community. Please take the time to thank these folks. We could not do what we do without their help. As of now we are in need of representation for the following areas: Forest Park East areas 8,12,13, and 14. An area representative's job is not a difficult job. Area reps participate by coming to the civic association meetings, participating in Outreach Day, and assist in delivering the "welcome packets" to the new neighbors in their area. They form the core of the board by convening the concerns of the neighbors in their area. If you would like to represent your area or know of someone who will help contact me, Edward Vanasdale at [614-847-1494](tel:614-847-1494). We really need help in these areas. It is not a difficult job!

In February at the FPCA meeting Amy Rosenthal with the National Church Residences will be present to talk about the proposed project on Maple Canyon close to Rt. 161. If you would like more information about this project or have questions concerning it, Ms Rosenthal will be able to address those issues. Please attend our next meeting at Epworth Methodist Church on Karl Road at 7:00 on February 13. Hope to see you there.

I would like to congratulate Emmanuel Remy on being selected to fill the vacant spot on Columbus City Council. The Northland area will once again have a strong voice downtown.

As I sit here and write this message, our community had had snow for multiple days. My neighbor and I have been busy helping our other neighbors clear the snow from their sidewalks and drive-ways. Do your part to help the children who are walking to school and the mail delivery persons who walk the neighborhood and clear your sidewalks. No one should have to walk in the streets to avoid trudging through snow.

Northland High School will be hosting a Community Resource Fair on February 5, 3:30-5:00 PM. The purpose is to share information and the resources from our community.

Donna and I wish to thank all the members who have helped deliver the FPCA welcome packets to our new home owners. It is amazing how many new residents have moved into Forest Park. I hope our members have made the acquaintance of our new home owners and have encouraged them become a part of our civic association. Have a good February!

Forest Park BLOCKWATCH Meeting

February Meeting

Tuesday February 13th—6 pm

FPCA Meeting

Tuesday February 13th—7pm

Location:

**Epworth United Methodist Church
5100 Karl Road**

**Guest Speaker for February FPCA Meeting
Amy Rosenthal**

**National Church Residences
speak on property near Maple Canyon and 161**

Officer Scott Clinger did the swearing in ceremonies of the FPCA officers and Area Reps who will serve the Forest Park Civic Association for 2018 at the January 9th meeting at Epworth Church. THANK YOU Volunteers!!



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Articles for March 2018 Forester are due to editor by February 17, 2018. The March 2018 Forester will be delivered on/around the first Sunday, March 4th or view it online at fpcivic.org.

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CONTRIBUTORS THIS MONTH ARE:

Ken Gilbert, Mike Stone, Rita Woeste, Dan Hartzell, George Schmidt, Ed Vanasdale, Felix Quachey, Rae Pollina

COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO recently sent out a message with tips on how to stay safe and manage your natural gas regulation during these freezing cold temperatures. I thought they were worth sharing to our Forest Park residents

Stay safe:

- Check your carbon monoxide detectors.
- Avoid frozen pipes by opening cabinets around plumbing and run a trickle of water.
- Use heaters on a hard, level surface away from flammables. Do NOT use stoves, ovens or grills for heat.
- Clear your meter of snow and ice with a broom when shoveling your driveway.
- Smell natural gas? Leave immediately and call 911 and [1-800-344-4077](tel:1-800-344-4077) from a safe location.

Stay warm:

- Clear areas around heating equipment vents.
- Weatherstrip windows and doors.
- Turn down your thermostat when you're away for more than 8 hours.
- Open your shades during the day.
- Use a fireplace insert to reduce heat loss.



You can check out more Information at their Website: ColumbiaGasOhio.com

Forest Park Civic Association					
Treasurer's Report	2017		Budget		YTD Difference Actual vs Budget
	December	YTD	December	YTD	
Revenue					
Membership	\$ 75.00	\$ 15,570.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 17,075.00	-8.81%
Supplement Security		\$ 2,080.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Business Membership		\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Interest	\$ 0.19	\$ 1.37	\$ 0.12	\$ 1.10	24.55%
Forester	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 9,970.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 9,910.00	0.61%
Garage Sale		\$ 325.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	30.00%
Additional Donations		\$ 1,280.00	\$ -	\$ -	
4th of July Parade Float		\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	0.00%
Beautification		\$ 505.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Total	\$ 1,365.19	\$ 30,631.37	\$ 455.12	\$ 27,436.10	11.65%
Expense					
Membership		\$ 1,790.66	\$ 12.00	\$ 2,501.00	-28.40%
Supplement Security	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 6,375.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 6,875.00	-7.27%
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Liability Insurance		\$ 475.00	\$ -	\$ 475.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous		\$ 154.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 2,740.00	-94.38%
Northland Community Council		\$ 310.00	\$ -	\$ 290.00	6.90%
Treasurer Expenses		\$ 45.48	\$ 9.40	\$ 79.40	-42.72%
Island Maintenance	\$ 30.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 660.00	18.18%
Garage Sale		\$ 104.84	\$ -	\$ 70.00	49.77%
Beautification Awards		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	-100.00%
Outreach Day		\$ 153.18	\$ -	\$ 200.00	-23.41%
4th of July Parade		\$ 187.56	\$ -	\$ 200.00	-6.22%
Welcome Committee		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175.00	-100.00%
Picnic		\$ 175.93	\$ -	\$ 300.00	-41.36%
Total	\$ 2,035.60	\$ 20,791.55	\$ 1,761.40	\$ 24,550.40	-15.31%
Net Income/Loss	\$ (670.41)	\$ 9,839.82	\$ (1,306.28)	\$ 2,885.70	240.99%
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December, 2017
FPCA
Treasurer's
Report.
Submitted by
Dan Hartzell

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Rebranding 161/East Dublin Grandville Corridor from Huntley to Ponderosa

We have made great strides turning the tide on 161. There are fewer vacancies. New businesses are moving in. The grass is cut. The trash is being picked up. We received a \$15000 grant from the City. Eighty four businesses contributed in at least one way. We had 187 people pick up trash at 6 cleanups. COTA has begun new routes connecting us to the city. The Department of Public Service has structured a plan to fix the traffic safety issues. They have put a few smaller adjustments such as hashed intersections into play. Huntington Gateway opened on Cleveland Avenue with a invitation to the community to use the facility. This has brought some foot traffic to our merchants. There are people working diligently to heighten interest in The Continent and Giant Eagle sites. Six of the hotels that were closed are making a valiant effort to stay clean. It is working. The landscape boxes never looked better. Police and City Code are attending to our needs at our meetings held once a month.

The Hadler Companies, owners of Columbus Square and the Bowling Palace, donated \$5000, picked up the trash bags and helped with the cleanups. Inn Town Suites donated \$1000. Super 8 Motel donated \$800. We received \$500 from ABC Liquor, eNet, Ashland University and Huntington Bank. \$300 came from Farabaugh Chiropractic. We received \$250 from First Merchants Bank, Roosters, MV and IEG Inc. and Days Inn. We received \$200 from Jeddo Kabob, Forest Park Veterinary Clinic and Tarisicio Perez-Saurez DBA Taco Nazo (the food truck NE corner lot of Maple Canyon). Donation of \$100 from Petty Enterprise Car repair, Savannah Estates and Tom Pope (landowner at Rooster's site).

Restaurants pitched in. The Chipotle fundraiser brought in \$577.88. McDonalds gave us \$300 in gift cards. Marco's Pizza donated 20 Extra large pizzas and soda. White Castle and Duncan Donuts donated breakfast for the cleanup. Roosters hosted the volunteers with salad, wings and soda for a night of celebration.



Forest Park is a leader in Northland. Thanks to Forest Park residents: Dave Russell, Patrick Kelly, Janice & Joel Kin, Rita Woeste, Eli Nunez, Lisa, Erin & Emma Dean, Joseph Mook, Steve Dhuyvetter (6x), PJ Phillips, Mike Stone, Mary Sguerra, Kathy Gordon, Ken Gilbert, Jane Dean, Dawn Jackson, Debbie Brooks, Jordan Brooks, Paul Weber and Jasmine Ayres for picking up the trash.

Young folks from Northland, Beechcroft and St. Francis De Sales High Schools and the North YMCA showed up regularly, served breakfast and worked hard. We had several folks from the Franklin County Municipal Court Environmental Section at all six cleanups.

Twenty five people including 13 people from Forest Park: Bob Hinebaugh, Debbie Brooks, Paul Weber Mike Stone, Mary Sguerra, Shirley Wohlwend, Jane Dean, Shannon Wagner, Mukti Bista, Steve Dhuyvetter, PJ Phillips, Kewal & Dikari Bista and Jennifer Stacey, took care of the 22 landscape boxes. We have 3 without caretakers at this point in time.

A special shout out to Sharon Woods Civic Association, The Beechcroft Lions Club, City Council member Stinziano, Epworth Methodist Church, The Bhutanese Community, Marburn Academy, LDS Missionaries and all the groups whose names I could not read on the sign-in sheet. We picked up over 500 bags of trash.



All of this effort is helping us inch along to a more sustainable solution. Save the date of June 14, Flag Day. We plan to line the 161 corridor with flags and have a flag retirement ceremony. Help us plan. Stay turn for the clean up schedule.

My apologies if I left someone out. Thanks to all. From George Schmidt/Chair 161 Task Force.

Newspaper Delivery-- Got an Hour??

Once upon a time, there was a neighborhood in Columbus known as Forest Park (yes, I'm going the cheezy route on this so bear with me). It had a civic association that published and distributed a monthly newspaper to about three thousand homes. The newspaper was widely respected to the point that it gained both awards and willing advertisers. Residents would await the publication that would come out approximately the first weekend of the month.

But then came the dark time. The Columbus Dispatch was paid to distribute the newspapers along with other advertisements in what had traditionally been known as "The Bag." Over a number of years, the neighborhood delivery of "The Bag" was spotty at best. Streets were repeatedly missed. In some cases, large numbers of these bags were found in dumpsters. Multiple presidents were relentless in getting this corrected and Dispatch said confidently that it would. Years passed and still the neighborhood was not getting its appropriate coverage.



Then one day, the Dispatch came up with an idea that would solve the problem. They told FPCA that they were hiking the rate to an enormous amount and adding other delivery conditions that were so unreasonable that that FPCA would have to drop them. They also sprung this news a couple weeks away from another scheduled delivery and said the policy was effective immediately. Thank you Dispatch!! So would this be the end of the home delivery? Would the days of a monthly neighborhood newspaper be a thing of the past? I'm sure the suspense is killing you as you read the current edition of the delivered Forester. Anyway, to continue...

FPCA found a way. George Schmidt created a residential delivery system. He first recruited many neighbors to deliver to assigned streets. Then he took the remaining areas and recruited high school clubs to fill the remaining void. Now after a year this system has successfully worked and people have received a better home delivery than in decades. Linda Whitmore and Linda Ridenour have succeeded him and have many volunteers who help in this process. So the neighborhood Forester lived happily ever after up until now. **BUT....**

To continue we need many more deliverers to fill the remaining streets to keep this going. We are still outsourcing many streets and this cannot happen forever. If you would be able to help with this process it would be greatly appreciated. Deliverers handle an assigned area of streets, normally close to their home, and deliver the pre-packaged bag. It would normally take no more than one hour per month. It's a great way to get some exercise and reconnect with your neighbors. If you are interested in joining in, please call Mike at (614) 218-1788.

Thanks!!
Mike Stone, Volunteer Coordinator

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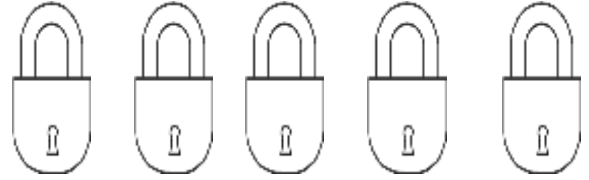
Pothole season is coming!

We've already seen a few potholes after the recent thaw. But by the time you read this, they will be everywhere. You can help fix them. The city has a great reporting system, called 311. You can either dial [\(614\) 645-3111](tel:6146453111) or go to the website 311.columbus.gov. For potholes, the city will usually repair them **within three days** (often faster), excepting when there is ice and snow. 311 is also a useful system to report other city concerns. For example, do you have an old sofa to get rid of? What do you do? Contact 311 for a bulk item pickup. Abandoned car? 311. The tree by your house in the green space between sidewalk and curb has a broken branch? 311. Graffiti? 311. High grass (though that's not an issue right now)? 311. There are dozens of other items in their pull down menus. You can even complain to the mayor there. While potholes are usually taken care of quickly, other issues may take a bit longer. On the 311 site, we recommend that you create a login id. It's useful for two reasons: report numbers will then be sent to your e-mail, and that report number can be used to track the resolution of your problem. That's where the Civic Association can come in. If you have such an issue and you have the 311 report number, we can forward it to our city liaison, and he will help oil the squeaky wheels. This is one way the Civic Association works for you. You do have to report the issue first however, as we need a report number to work with. We can help you after that. You can also come to any Civic Association meeting and discuss it there. We have time set aside every meeting for discussion of resident concerns and all meetings, excepting the December meeting, are open to all residents.



Submitted by Ken Gilbert

Supplemental Security News



Submitted by Felix Quachey



Happy New Year Neighbors! I surely wish the new year would bring a renewal that just washes away crime in our neighborhood! I'm afraid that is wishful thinking and we all need to continue to remain vigilant.

According to the Columbus Police Zone 1 Newsletter property crimes are still the highest trending crime with vehicle break-ins and thefts at the top of the list. It is reported in the Newsletter that out of 80 vehicle thefts:

"38 were as a result of the owner leaving the vehicle running with the keys in the ignition!"
 "10 were as a result of keys left unattended or even inside the unlocked vehicle."

Please remind your neighbors that it is a violation of Ohio law to leave a vehicle running while unattended with the keys in the ignition. Go up to your neighbor and kindly share this information with them because many simply are not aware that they are breaking the law when they do this. I have a lot of sympathy for folks during this cold time of year; however, once your car gets stolen, spending time at the bus stop will be much colder.

I have also been made aware of many instances of vehicle being broken into in our neighborhood! A few things we can try to deter criminals are as follows:

- Make sure the area is well lit! Install some bright lights triggered by movement over your driveways. Criminals generally avoid well-lit areas.
- Ensure that your cars that are in the driveway have nothing worth taking left in them.
- Don't leave anything in plain sight in your car—not even loose change, a shopping bag or anything that may attract unwanted attention to your vehicle.
- Make double sure your cars are locked—in many instances these criminals will rather walk away that smash the windows.



I firmly believe that the opioid crisis in Columbus has a lot to do with the rash of property crimes we are seeing across the city. Remain vigilant, look out for your neighbors; and most importantly, report all crimes to the police no matter how small. The more we report it, the more they can identify trends and allocate resources to eradicating the problem.

Forest Park Civic Association wants to extend a BIG THANK YOU to Earl Miller. Earl has served many positions with FPCA and is taking a much deserved retirement from his duties. Thanks Earl for those many years helping with Bikes and Trikes, doing the research and distribution of welcome packets for new residents, being an Area Rep and always being there when Forest Park needed help on a project. The best to You!



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All of Forest Park pick up is still on Fridays, we are Part B of the Friday Program.



Schedule for Forest Park Yard Waste & Recycle dates are:

February 9, 24
&
March 9, 23



Yard Waste & Blue Can Recycling happens on the same Friday, every other week.



Supplemental Security House Check Forest Park Business Members and Homeowner Members only!

Use this form to have your home checked while you are on vacation. The form will be passed on to the supplemental security officer and the Security Officers.

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Vacation Dates: Depart _____ Return _____ Please notify _____

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Forest Park Civic Association Meeting—minutes

9 Jan 2018 - 7pm, Epworth United Methodist Church

1. Meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting @ 7:05 PM by Ed Vanasdale.
2. **Roll Call:** taken by Lou Bernard.
3. Ed Vanasdale apologized to the attendees for the lack of information on Slate of Officers in the December Forester.
4. **Elections for FPCA Officers and Representatives:** Ed reminded everyone that it was announced at the Nov. meeting that anyone who was planning to keep their FPCA officer or representative position, or if anyone wanted to run for a position let him know. Ed reviewed the process that the elections would follow.
 - Catharine Gilbert read the names of all those interested in running for a position or those interested in keeping their position.
 - There were no contested elections. All elected officers and representatives were sworn in by Columbus Police officer S. Klinger.
 - To see a list of all officers and reps, please see the inside cover of the Forester.

Officer Scott Klinger's Report:

There are a lot of car "break-ins" in the area. Make sure to lock your cars, use your alarms, hide any valuables, etc. Use common sense.

About the fire on Vinewood Rd. There is no new information, no foul play is suspected. <http://nbc4i.com/2017/12/03/one-person-killed-in-early-morning-fire-in-north-columbus/>

Officer Klinger was thanked by people in attendance for get cars and vans removed from Satinwood. He was asked to help with parked semi-trailers on Teakwood. He said he would, but also suggested to call 614-645-3111

Treasurer's Report: by Dan Hartzler

See the latest budget report in this month's Forester

There are 3 new memberships this month. We are under budget for the month of December.

The budget was read and passed.

7. Earl Miller was thanked by Ken Gilbert for his many years of service to the FPCA and wished him "happy retirement". We still hope to see him around the area and at FPCA functions.

Forester Report: by Rita Woeste.

The next day for stuffing the Forester will be Jan. 26. Rita will create a year long calendar for volunteer stuffers.

Article Submission: Anyone interested in submitting an article to the Forester please do so by the 17th of every month. (Please, the more articles the better--ANYONE can write or submit articles, recipes, stories, etc.)

Rita would like a volunteer to scan or help scan old FPCA Forester newsletters--Lou Bernard volunteered to help. There will be an opening for a full page advertisement coming soon! If you are interested, contact Rita.

Supplemental Security Report: by Felix Quachay.

There are a lot of car break-ins. Most (if not all) are because people are leaving their car doors unlocked. Lock your doors! Keep you driveway and yard well lit. Don't leave your valuables in plain sight. Don't leave your valuables out in the open. Be vigilant - keep your eyes open.

If you are interested in a security light for your backyard that can be mounted on a telephone pole, AEP will install and service it for a small monthly fee. Contact Felix (614-595-7871) for more details.

10. **Membership Report:** by Donna Vanasdale. There were 18 "new membership" packets that needed to be delivered. People in attendance took the packets to drop them off after the meeting at the appropriate addresses

11. **Public Relations Report:** by Mary Sguerra. Mary needed money to redo the signs at the entrance to Forest Park (Karl Rd./Sandalwood Rd.) announcing that the Block Watch and Civic Association meetings are now on the same day. The money was approved for the amount of \$50 by the members in attendance.

New Business

Dan Hartzell: A new budget for the 2018-19 year needs to be created. Dan is looking for volunteers who are interested. Please contact Dan at danbob1@email.com

Dan Hartzell: Membership Drive Volunteers: Dan rec'd cash from volunteers in envelopes with no names on them.

When collecting money during the membership drives, please be diligent and get all of the information.

Ken Gilbert: Northland Community Council: Emmanuel Remy (NCC President) is a nonpartisan representative on the Columbus City Council. He was appointed to his first term in January 2018 after his predecessor, Zach Klein, resigned.

Ken Gilbert: NCC Banquet. Volunteer awards will be given out. Nominations must be submitted by March 6th. Go to this address to get nomination forms: <http://www.columbusncc.org/ncc-events.html>

Guest Speaker: Next month Amy Rosenthal the director of Affordable Housing Development at National Church Residences will come to talk about the property on Maple Canyon behind CVS. There is a proposal out for construction of a new build.

13. Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 pm

Submitted by Lou Bernard, FPCA Secretary



NEIGHBORHOOD

Update!



February, 2018

MARY SGUERRA

CBR \$25 MILLION CLUB
FOREST PARK RESIDENT

818-7636



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



Dear Neighbors:

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Thank you for another great year! Now that things have settled down the real estate market is picking up. If you need help in 2018 with either selling or buying a home or condominium, please give me a call. Let me show you what HER and I can do for you!

2017 YEAR END FOREST PARK HOME SALES REPORT

STYLE & NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD	AVERAGE LIST PRICE	AVERAGE SOLD PRICE	RANGE OF SOLDS (Low-High)
2 STORY 41	\$160,246	\$160,746	\$ 104,500 - \$215,000
SPLIT 39	\$160,692	\$159,090	\$ 111,500 - \$185,000
RANCH 37	\$133,578	\$133,478	\$ 75,000 - \$168,000
BILEVEL 2	\$158,000	\$161,500	\$155,000 - \$168,000
TOTAL SOLD 119	* (Great News! Only 6% of the homes SOLD in 2017 were bank owned/short sales		

CURRENT MARKET WATCH

The following homes are For Sale with HER Realtors:

- 1517 Hazelwood Pl. Ranch/3BR 150,000 *<= New listing
- 1918 Coghill Dr. Split/3BR 129,900

HER Realtors homes In Contract

- 1966 Denise Dr. © Split/3BR 146,900
- (C)=In Contract Contingent (E)=I/C w/Escapes clause

All Homes SOLD

- 5457 Karl Rd. Bilvl/3BR 83,000 , 83,000
- 5473 Redwood Rd. Ranch/3BR 143,500 , 145,000
- 5631 Satinwood Dr. 2-Sty/4BR 160,000 , 159,000

Information obtained from Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 1-12-18. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer.

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