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Forest Park: Columbus's Best-Kept Secret for Millennials

Submitted by Benjamin Howes

Take a drive through the Short North, Clintonville, Franklinton, Polaris, Worthington or Westerville these days and you'll see signs of a city on the rise (and with all of the construction cranes in many of those places, quite literally). Everywhere you look around the capital city it seems like a new restaurant, boutique store, brewery, bar, and startup are sprouting up like morel mushrooms after a long, cool rain. With all this growth, Columbus is positioning herself to be not only the capital city of Ohio, but also the cultural capital of the midwest itself. People are moving here from all over the state and the country, many of them fresh out of college and starting careers and families.

For millennials such as myself (and some of my friends), Forest Park is the place to be.

My wife and I moved to Forest Park East two years ago in 2016. The moment we walked into our 1972 split-level house, I knew it was our home. Where else in Columbus can someone just starting out afford to buy a spacious, well-crafted home on a large lot in a proud neighborhood for well under 200K? Living in Forest Park allows us quick access to all of our favorite places in Clintonville, Polaris, and downtown and is also located very close to five Columbus Metroparks (which is perfect for getting exercise for ourselves and for our rambunctious Cockapoo, Juniper). On top of this, the neighborhood is home to a great bar in Gabby's, the thriving and active North YMCA, the incredible Carfagna's, access to two major bike trails (Olentangy and Alum Creek), and low property taxes.

I also run my own graphic design business and having a home big enough to host my studio and meet with clients means that Forest Park is not only where I live, but also where I work. Saving on the overhead of not renting elsewhere has allowed my business to grow at an even faster rate.

People my age often say that the American Dream is dying, and that opportunity is hard to find. I would argue that it's all in where you look for it. Forest Park has seen its golden years and it's times of challenge, but it's future will be determined by its residents. Forest Park is a community for dreamers, for visionaries, for creators, for trailblazers. It's a place that has allowed me to own a home (which has only appreciated in value) and build a growing business under the age of 30. It's a place where you'll find cultures and customs (and delicious food) from all over the world along with original owners walking the sidewalks for exercise. It's a place once featured in the Parade of Homes that still features an Independence Day Parade each year. It's a place where millennials like myself can get out of the apartment and into a real community. Continue on page 2.....

Forest Park BLOCKWATCH Meeting

February Meeting

Tuesday March 13th—6 pm

FPCA Meeting

Tuesday March 13th—7pm

Location:

Epworth United Methodist Church
5100 Karl Road

Guest Speaker for February FPCA Meeting
Columbus Councilman
Emmanuel Remy

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In summary, Forest Park is a lot like America herself: diverse, rich in history, resilient through challenging times, tirelessly optimistic, and a place where anything is possible for anyone if we seek the best in our neighbors and in ourselves. I am proud to call Forest Park home, and excited to see where the possibilities will take us as our city continues to expand.

Note: we welcome Ben to our FPCA. Ben is the new FPCA rep Area #12 in Forest Park East.

Forest Park Civic Association					
Treasurer's Report	2018	2018	Budget	Budget	YTD Difference
	January	YTD	January	YTD	Actual vs Budget
Revenue					
Membership	\$ 50.00	\$ 15,620.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 17,125.00	-8.79%
Supplement Security	\$ 10.00	\$ 2,090.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Business Membership		\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Interest	\$ 0.19	\$ 1.56	\$ 0.10	\$ 1.20	30.00%
Forester	\$ 675.00	\$ 10,645.00	\$ 1,185.00	\$ 11,095.00	-4.06%
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	\$ 735.19	\$ 31,366.56	\$ 1,235.10	\$ 28,671.20	9.40%
Expense					
Membership		\$ 1,790.66	\$ 12.00	\$ 2,513.00	-28.74%
Supplement Security	\$ 750.00	\$ 7,125.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 7,375.00	-3.39%
Forester	\$ 872.20	\$ 11,112.10	\$ 865.00	\$ 10,700.00	3.85%
Liability Insurance		\$ 475.00	\$ -	\$ 475.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous		\$ 154.00	\$ 610.00	\$ 3,350.00	-95.40%
Northland Community Council		\$ 310.00	\$ -	\$ 290.00	6.90%
Treasurer Expenses		\$ 45.48	\$ 10.00	\$ 89.40	-49.13%
Island Maintenance		\$ 780.00	\$ -	\$ 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	\$ 1,622.20	\$ 22,413.75	\$ 1,997.00	\$ 26,547.40	-15.57%
Net Income/Loss	\$ (887.01)	\$ 8,952.81	\$ (761.90)	\$ 2,123.80	321.55%
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January, 2018
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Treasurer's
Report.
Submitted by
Dan Hartzell

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President's Message



Edward Vanasdale



With the coming of March we are ready to welcome spring. We hope that you all are hoping for warm weather soon. Please concern yourselves with a particular problem which was brought up at the last Forest Park Civic Association meeting. Apparently there are people who are parking their semi tractors in their driveways or in the street near their homes. It is illegal to park these vehicles in a residential area. The law includes dump trucks as well. These vehicles make our neighborhoods look trashy. If you see any of this type of vehicle parked on the streets in our community, please call the Columbus police at 614-645-4545* to report them. The * allows you to by-pass the enumeration of facilities and gets you directly to the dispatcher. If the semi-tractor is parked in the person's driveway, please report them via 311. The more people who report them the problem will receive quicker action. So even if you think someone else has reported it please report it as well. Further more, no one is allowed to park cars, trucks, vans, etc. in their yards. This infraction should, also, be reported to 311. We would like everyone to cooperate in this effort since this is a very poor reflection on our neighborhood.

The Forest Park Civic Association still has openings for Area Representatives. Our community is divided into 14 residential areas. Each area has it own representative who forms the core of the Board. Area reps help to get the concerns of each area to the civic association by reporting them at the monthly meeting. In that manner the concerns of the whole community get the attention that they need. The representatives, also, help welcome the new residents to their area and participate in Outreach Day. Hopefully, someone will come to our assistance. We would like to see you at our next meeting.

Rebranding 161/East Dublin Grandville Corridor from Huntley to Ponderosa

The actual goal is to rebrand our neighborhoods on the North end of Columbus. Forest Park has always led the way and we are doing it again. The major businesses corridor is key. As people leave I 71 or 270 to travel to Dublin, Granville, Westerville, Worthington or New Albany they travel down 161. The way the corridor looks reflects on what they think about us and our neighborhood.

That is why as an active member of Forest Park I always took an interest in the way Morse Road and 161 look. We are all stewards of what was given us. We all can do something about the way our neighborhood looks. We can all do something to change the wrong perception that others have about the place we live.



That is why I pick up trash on 161. Please join us. We meet behind the Jiffy Lube at 9:00am on Saturdays. Save the dates: **April 7, May 5, June 9, July 14, August 25 and September 29.**

That is why I take care of the landscape box at the SE corner of Maple Canyon. We have 3 boxes that still need a caregiver. Unfortunately, with the bus stops we have more trash. If you feel so inclined report this litter problem to 311 and COTA. We love when new things are put in place. We need to figure out a way to maintain them. We have asked COTA for trash containers and for people to keep the bus stops clean. Or have trash containers on the bus and encourage people to put their beverage cups and sandwich wraps in them. Help us, get their attention. I pick up the trash by my landscape box and the next day it is a mess. I am tired.

To give people the correct perspective of Forest Park is why I support the businesses on 161 whenever I can. We closed the hotels, now we need to help them with good law-abiding customers. We can recommend them to conferences and friends.

Join us for a display of national and community pride. We plan to line 161 with 1440 flags on Flag Day, June 14. We are looking for business sponsors. In the evening we will have a flag retirement ceremony with food, music and special guests.

**I am looking for people who like to plan and put on parties.
People with ideas and connections.**



Email me right now and let me know you want to make a difference. Our first planning committee meeting will be March 5 at 5pm. By the time you let me know you are interested I will have the meeting place. We are being intentional about this event being diverse. All of us under one flag.

Contact George Schmidt georgeschmidt1949@outlook.com



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We are looking for folks to share their favorite recipe they might bake, cook, bbq at home. If it's a secret, we understand but there are so many cultures represented here in Forest Park, and it would be fun to try a new food. We will publish submitted recipes in future Forester editions. Please email your recipes to the FPCA editor, forester_ed@fpcivic.org



March 11, 2018
Daylight Savings Time

Move your clock forward 1 hour starting at 2 am
There will be more light in the evening.

SPRING forward



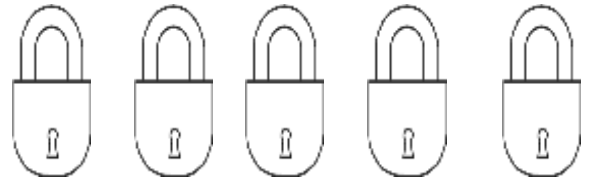
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Supplemental Security News



Submitted by Felix Quachey



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

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Address _____ Phone _____

Lights on timer? _____ Location _____

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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:

March 9, 23
&
April 6, 20

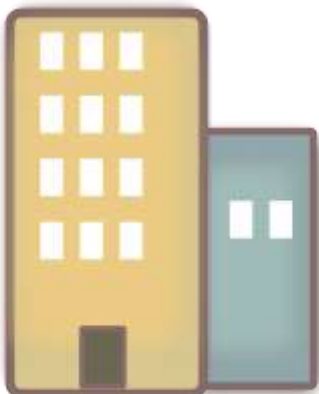


Yard Waste & Blue Can Recycling happens on the same Friday, every other week.



Northland Gate – National Church Residences Facility

At our February 2018 FPCA meeting, Amy Rosenthal and Meghan Kaple came from National Church Residences to discuss their new project, Northland Gate, to be located off Maple Canyon Rd just north of SR 161. They are planning a new affordable housing project for seniors. The proposed project will have 75 one and two bedroom apartment units and will be located just north and behind the CVS store at the corner of 161 and Maple Canyon. Should the project be awarded an Ohio grant, National Church Residences would begin construction in the summer of 2019 and open the following summer. Their talk was followed by a lively discussion. We appreciate Amy and Meghan keeping the local community informed.



Submitted by Ken Gilbert

Forest Park Civic Association Meeting – minutes

February 13, 2018 – 7 pm, Epworth United Methodist Church

- Meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting at 7.01pm by Ed Vanasdale
- **Roll Call:** taken by Catherine Gilbert
- Ed Vanasdale introduced Amy Rosenthal and Meghan Kaple from National Church Residences to talk about the proposed Northland Gate, An Affordable, Senior Housing Community to be located on Maple Canyon North of State Route 161.
- Ed Vanasdale introduced newly elected Columbus City Councilman Emmanuel Remy who introduced himself and commented on the Northland Gate project and the need for sidewalks on Maple Canyon north of 161.
- Treasurer's Report for January was presented by Dan Hartzell, and passed.
- The floor was opened up for community comments and Committee reports were presented.
- Discussion about parking concerns: no parking within 10 feet of a fire hydrant, 5 feet of a driveway, 20 feet of an intersection, 30 feet of a Stop sign.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8.05 pm

Submitted by Catherine Gilbert, FPCA Substitute Secretary

Take steps to a healthier you with Walk with a Doc. Beginning in April, take an hour-long walk led by a Mount Carmel Health Physician. Walkers can come and walk for as little or as long as they like and all can enjoy water, a healthy snack and walking incentives at each walk.



**2018 Walking Dates
8:30 - 9:30 am**

At Woodward Park

April 7, 21
May 5, 19
June 2, 16
July 7, 21
August 4, 18
September 1, 15
October 6, 20
November 3

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blockwatch.fpcivic.org/](http://blockwatch.fpcivic.org/)

Nextdoor:
<https://nextdoor.com>



THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
RECREATION AND PARKS

WHO WE ARE BY THE NUMBERS

OUR MISSION IS TO ENRICH THE LIVES OF OUR CITIZENS

RECREATION



29

COMMUNITY CENTERS

+ facilities for cultural arts, outdoor education and therapeutic recreation

5

ATHLETIC COMPLEXES

6

GOLF COURSES



8

OUTDOOR POOLS

+ AN INDOOR AQUATIC CENTER



5

SPLASH PADS AND INTERACTIVE FOUNTAINS

RENTABLE SPACES

10

ENCLOSED SHELTERS

16

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PARKS



353

PARKS

8,221

ACRES OF PARKLAND



120

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3

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14

NATURE PRESERVES



5

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Registration for Community Recreation Camps (Center Camps, Sports, Art and Performing Arts), Discover Boating and Therapeutic Camps • Online at ColumbusRecParks.com; click Registration & Reservations Begins at 10 am on Saturday, March 17 • In-person at Columbus Recreation and Parks Community Centers 10 am - 2 pm on Saturday, March 17 .







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Update!



March. 2018



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I put in contract my listing at **1918 Coghill Dr.** and I closed on my listings at **1517 Hazelwood Pl.** and **1775 Sandalwood Pl.** The real estate market is busy and the interest rates are still GREAT! Let me help you find your next home whether it be a NEW BUILD or an EXISTING HOME or CONDOMINIUM. If you need help in 2018 please give me a call for details. Let me show you what HER and I can do for you!

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(All my Forest Park listings are In Contract - LISTINGS NEEDED - Please give me a call TODAY!)



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All Homes SOLD

Homes sold since 1/12/18

	Asking Price:	Sold Price:		Asking Price:	Sold Price:
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2040 Northcliff Dr. 2-Sty/4BR	130,000	129,300	1517 Hazelwood Pl Ranch/3BR	150,000	150,000
1737 Norma Rd. 2-Sty/4BR	130,000	130,000	5226 Arrowood Ct. Bilvl/3BR	155,000	155,000
5402 Pine Bluff Rd. 2-Sty/4BR	141,000	137,000	2194 Lilacwood Ave. 2-Sty/4BR	178,900	177,900
5480 Sandalwood Bl. Bilvl/4BR	148,800	145,000	1775 Sandalwood Pl 2-Sty/4BR	182,000	176,000
5300 Hazelwood Pl. Ranch/3BR	149,900	145,000			

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