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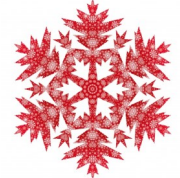
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Forest Park Civic Association

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Snow! Kids, and Slider Sleds



Ahh! January & February! ... Brrrrrr! ... We “old folks” can sometimes hate the cold ... but not always the snow.

As I looked out my back window a couple of days ago, I observed an example of human flexibility and ingenuity that brought back precious memories. The kids across the back fence line had found the 20 feet of slope in their yard that went down from in front of the shed in their back yard to the fence. And they were having a blast! Three happy kids were sliding on their mini slider sleds for the awesome distance that they had discovered suitable for sledding!

It reminded me of our daughter Rosa, and how I’d have to drag her in after a session of sledding. “Snow!” she would exclaim; and we’d have to get the little hot pink plastic “slider sled” and go to the nearest mini hills. Then I’d help her trudge through the snow and give her a push for “just one more ride” – again and again, and again – until it got too dark, or her lips too blue. Then we’d go in and have some hot chocolate and thaw out.

Enjoy your kids or watching the neighborhood kids having fun in the snow this winter. Enjoy a bit of it yourself if you can. And remember to clean off the sidewalk the kids and everyone can get to the park or their friends’ house that has the slope. Enjoy that neat look that your drive and sidewalk has when it’s as tidy as the illustrations in a Dr. Seuss book too!



See you soon! It’s so good to be sharing a place we can all call HOME.

Your president, Scott Prigan.



FPCA Meeting

February 8, 2022 –7pm
Epworth United Methodist
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Articles for the MARCH, 2022 Forester are due to editor by February 17, 2022. The March 2022 Forester will be at homes by first Sunday, March 6, 2022, or ONLINE at www.fpcivic.org

If you can help with delivering the Forester in your neighborhood, contact David Laughlin, Laughlindm@gmail.com

**Forest Park Civic Association
November, 2021 Financial Summary**

Income	Actual		Budget		Budget vs. Actual	
	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
Membership	\$200.00	\$11,780.00	\$50.00	\$13,925.00	\$150.00	(\$2,145.00)
Supplement Security	\$5.00	\$1,951.33	\$0.00	\$1,750.00	\$5.00	\$201.33
Interest	\$0.40	\$2.96	\$0.30	\$2.40	\$0.10	\$0.56
Forester	\$755.00	\$6,359.16	\$750.00	\$6,000.00	\$5.00	\$359.16
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$385.00	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$145.00
Additional Donations/Misc.	\$85.00	\$1,959.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$85.00	\$709.00
Business Membership	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29.17	\$233.33	(\$29.17)	(\$233.33)
Beautification	\$5.00	\$609.16	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$5.00	\$59.16
Total	\$1,050.40	\$23,046.61	\$829.47	\$23,950.73	\$220.93	(\$904.12)
Expense						
Membership	\$0.00	\$1,634.20	\$10.00	\$2,790.00	(\$10.00)	(\$1,155.80)
Supplement Security	\$875.00	\$5,250.00	\$541.67	\$4,333.33	\$333.33	\$916.67
Forester	\$2,467.00	\$11,341.99	\$1,166.67	\$9,333.33	\$1,300.33	\$2,008.66
Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$475.00	(\$475.00)	(\$475.00)
(*) New Neighborhood Signage	\$0.00	\$1,057.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,057.26
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northland Community Council	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$0.00	(\$200.00)
Treasurer Expenses	\$0.00	\$46.49	\$8.33	\$66.67	(\$8.33)	(\$20.18)
Island Maintenance	\$90.00	\$630.00	\$70.00	\$560.00	\$20.00	\$70.00
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$124.60	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$24.60
Beautification Awards	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	(\$25.00)
Outreach Day	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	(\$125.00)
4th of July Parade	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	(\$200.00)
Welcome Committee	\$0.00	\$497.51	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$197.51
Social Activies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$645.00	\$0.00	(\$645.00)
Total	\$3,432.00	\$20,842.05	\$2,271.67	\$19,413.33	\$1,160.33	\$1,428.72
Net Income/Loss	(\$2,381.60)	\$2,204.56	(\$1,442.20)	\$4,537.40	(\$939.40)	(\$2,332.84)
Month End Bank Balances						
	PayPal	Checking	Savings			
	\$1,683.43	\$6,648.44	\$24,562.59			

(*) Although this is a non-budgeted item, it was decided to dip into our cash reserves for this expense.

November 2021 Treasurer's Report.
Submitted by Cheryl Lutman

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December, 2021 Financial Summary**

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	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
Membership	\$50.00	\$11,830.00	\$50.00	\$13,975.00	\$0.00	(\$2,145.00)
Supplement Security	\$0.00	\$1,951.33	\$0.00	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$201.33
Interest	\$0.32	\$3.28	\$0.30	\$2.70	\$0.02	\$0.58
Forester	\$345.00	\$6,704.16	\$750.00	\$6,750.00	(\$405.00)	(\$45.84)
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$385.00	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$145.00
Additional Donations/Misc.	\$0.00	\$1,959.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$709.00
Business Membership	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29.17	\$262.50	(\$29.17)	(\$262.50)
Beautification	\$0.00	\$609.16	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$59.16
Total	\$395.32	\$23,441.93	\$829.47	\$24,780.20	(\$434.15)	(\$1,338.27)
Expense						
Membership	\$0.00	\$1,634.20	\$10.00	\$2,800.00	(\$10.00)	(\$1,165.80)
Supplement Security	\$0.00	\$5,250.00	\$541.67	\$4,875.00	(\$541.67)	\$375.00
Forester	(\$436.30)	\$10,905.69	\$1,166.67	\$10,500.00	(\$1,602.97)	\$405.69
Liability Insurance	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$0.00
New Neighborhood Signage	\$0.00	\$1,057.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,057.26
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Welcome Committee	\$0.00	\$497.51	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$197.51
Social Activies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$795.00	(\$150.00)	(\$795.00)
Total	\$98.70	\$20,940.75	\$1,946.67	\$21,360.00	(\$1,847.97)	(\$419.25)
Net Income/Loss	\$296.62	\$2,501.18	(\$1,117.20)	\$3,420.20	\$1,413.82	(\$919.02)
Month End Bank Balances	PayPal	Checking	Savings			
	\$1,733.43	\$6,894.74	\$24,562.91			

⁽¹⁾ Although this is a non-budgeted item, it was decided to dip into our cash reserves for this expense.

December
2021
Treasurer's
Report.

Submitted by
Cheryl Lutman

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Security report for Feb 2022

Hello Forest Park! Happy Valentine's Day! The best thing to give your sweetheart is the comfort of knowing that your house is being watched when you're out of town. Join the Forest Park Civic Association for only \$25.00 a year for the entire household and supplemental security vacation requests are included in your membership! To take advantage of this perk, just return the form below to Daryl Van Mercetta via email at dvanmercetta@gmail.com; mail it to 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, OH 43229; or fill the form out online at www.fpcivic.org.

Supplemental Security News



Our police liaison has reported a significant increase of stolen cars as people start their cars to warm up and leave their cars unattended. (CPD reports nearly 500 stolen vehicles so far this year.) This is a common trend during the winter and the best way to prevent it is to not leave your car unattended, which is actually illegal to do. There has also been an increase in robberies of the local businesses recently so please remember to stay vigilant and look out for each other. We are as excited about the Sheetz coming to the area as everyone else but remember to lock your car doors when you go inside and don't leave your valuables visible while refueling your tank.

Crime Prevention is a



Community Commitment

As the winter wears on and the snow increases, don't forget to shovel your sidewalk for pedestrians. Also, take a look at your car when parking in the driveway to ensure the sidewalk isn't blocked. If you need to report a violation – a code violation; abandoned vehicle, etc. – it's easy to do by calling 311.

As always, if you see something, say something and stay safe everyone!

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. Or fill out the request on our website, www.fpcivic.org

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Vacation Dates: Depart _____ Return _____ Please notify _____

Alternate person Address _____ Phone _____

Who has key? _____

Lights on timer? _____ Location of lights _____

Radio or TV continuously on timer? _____
Location of devices _____

Will older children be in and out? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, make and model of their car _____



Mail to:
Daryl Van Mercetta
2131 Honeytree Court
513-479-2416
Or
Email at:

Can you give us 30 minutes a month to make your neighborhood a better place?

We need 50 new volunteers by March

By Scott Biggs, Forest Park Civic Association Volunteer Coordinator

Hi neighbors, I am your new Volunteer Coordinator and I need your help. The Forest Park Civic Association needs 50 new volunteers by March to help us make Forest Park the best community in Columbus. You don't need any special skills to volunteer. You can be a new resident or a veteran of Forest Park. You don't need to own your home. Everyone is welcome! I am asking for 30 minutes a month to give to your neighborhood. You can volunteer by yourself or with your spouse or a neighbor.

What will you get?

You will meet a lot of wonderful people in your neighborhood.

You will help make Forest Park a better place to live, raise a family, and enjoy.

We are not a homeowners' association. We don't make and enforce neighborhood rules. We are not a political organization. We are a diverse group of your neighbors who volunteer to serve and advocate for more than 3,000 households in Forest Park East and Forest Park West.

We are organized into a Board with a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, Area Representatives, and Volunteer Coordinators for our many services. And we need your help!

We meet once a month in person (or online for COVID concerns). Meetings are full of the latest information about our neighborhood. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in person or online.

What do we do? A lot!

Our volunteers...

Plan fun community events for kids and adults including community garage sales, block parties, Easter egg hunts, and parades.

Communicate with the City of Columbus and the Northland Community Council to make sure new laws, regulations, and zoning changes benefit our neighborhood.

Welcome new residents and provide them with information on our community and local businesses, schools and churches.

Maintain common areas including the landscaping and signs at the entrance to our neighborhoods.

Communicate via The Forester Newsletter, social media and the fpcivic.org website.

Coordinate security with Supplemental Security Patrols, the Neighborhood Block Watch, and a relationship with our Columbus Division of Police liaison.

Help residents work with city agencies on code enforcement, street repair, snow removal and street lighting.

Work with business organizations such as the Northland Area Business Association (NABA), the NABA 161 Task Force and the Northland Alliance.

And much, much more.

It's easy to get involved. Email me at volunteerfpc@gmail.com and I will reply with a list of the volunteer opportunities. There is no obligation to volunteer. Just take a look at the list and let me know if you see something you would like to try.



I love being a volunteer in my neighborhood. I think you will too!

Thanks, Scott



Forest Park decorated for the Holidays!!

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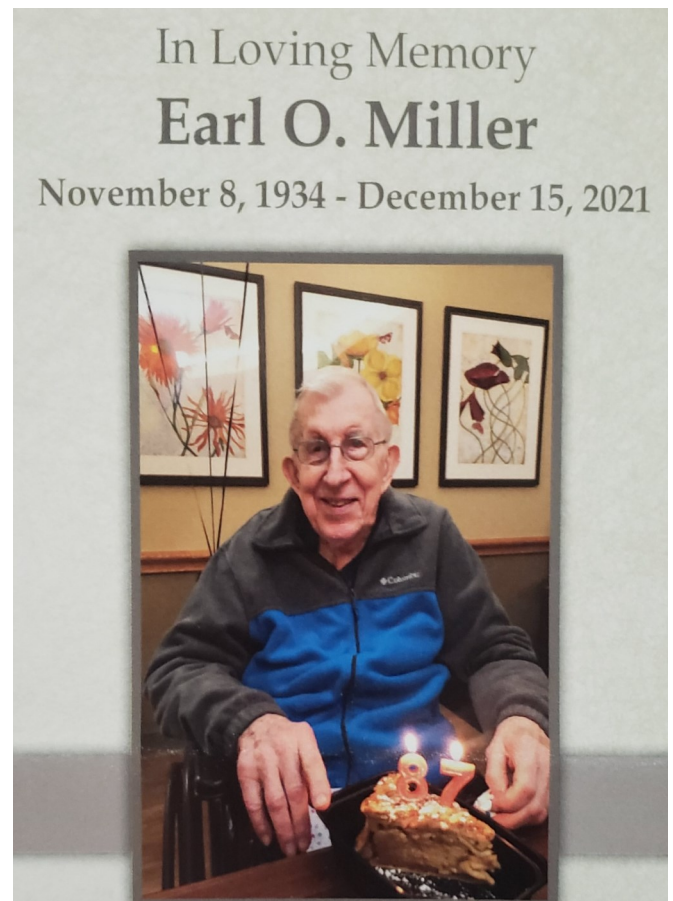
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Earl passed on December 15, 2021. He was a long-time member of the Forest Park Civic association, serving as a block captain, an Area Representative, and, for many years, the chair of the Welcome Committee. He was often the first person in our community that new residents got to meet. Earl also loved photography, and his pictures graced the pages of this publication on many occasions. In particular, he especially loved to document the Bikes and Trikes part of the Northland Community Council's Fourth of July parade. He was also honored by the Northland Community Council for his volunteer service in the Northland community. One interesting fact that I did not know about Earl, but discovered when I attended his viewing was that he came to Columbus from the Philippines, where he worked as a church planter. He also was a member and leader in a number of Central Ohio Filipino groups. He will be missed by our community. A link to his obituary may be found here: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/earl-miller-obituary?id=31912653>



Forest Park Civic Association Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 11, 2022

Location: Epworth United Methodist Church and Zoom Meeting called to order @ 7:05 PM by Scott Prigan
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance was taken via role call/Zoom Participant List.

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report Scott Prigan - scottprigan+fpca@gmail.com

- 1) The meeting got off to a rocky start as we were trying to work out the hybrid meeting technology issues (in-person and Zoom at the same time) – sorry about that to all who were in attendance.
- 2) The slate of candidates for the positions of officers, chairs, and reps was approved. We would like all people who are holding a position in the FPCA to attend next month's meeting in person or via Zoom in order to be sworn into office.

Vice President's Report No Report - The position is now vacant.

Secretary's Report Lou Bernard - loubernard3@gmail.com

- 1) Attendance:
Officers/Committee Chairs Present: SP, LB, CL, MS, DVM, AR, ER, SB, LK-B, KG, EV, DP
Officers/Committee Chairs Absent: RW, FQ, SL
Area Reps in Attendance: 3, 5, 9, 11, 12
Area Reps Absent: 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14 (Areas 13, and 14 remain vacant)
- 2) November and December minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report Cheryl Lutman - cllutman17@gmail.com

- 1) Business membership received from Karl Road Christian Church
- 2) Income was pretty much \$0. We had just a few new/renewing members in November and December.
- 3) Expenses were light as well, though several checks in December didn't clear until January.
- 4) In November, our liability insurance was accidentally booked for renewal as a *Forrester* expense, but was corrected in December.
- 5) The budget process starts in February. If any officers, committee chairs or reps have input or potential items for the budget, please contact Cheryl ASAP!

Public Relations Report Mary Sguerra -

Mary.Sguerra@HERrealtors.com

- 1) Things are relatively quiet. Mary has received very few comments or complaints.
- 2) Please remember when you park your cars, don't block the sidewalk or park in the grass - both are against the City of Columbus Code. You can report such issues on 311 / 311.columbus.gov / Columbus app.

Forester Editor's Report Rita Woeste - forest-ed@fpcivic.org - Absent

- 1) Articles are due to Rita by Jan. 20th for the Feb. *Forester*. A few upcoming *Forester* article deadlines: Feb. 17 for the March issue, Mar. 17 for the April issue, and Apr. 14 for the May issue.
- 2) Rita is still concerned about the 100+ homes that are not receiving their *Forester* each month. She will attempt to get hold of David Laughlin for exact streets.
- 3) PLEASE be aware that if there is inclement weather at the beginning of February, we will leave it up to the discretion of each

delivery person when they will deliver, we don't want any accidents.

- 4) Rita has ordered a 6 month supply of bags from the Central Ohio Bag & Burlap Co., they should be in after January 18th, so plenty of time for the February deliveries. The charge will go directly onto the FPCA credit card to be paid by the Treasurer.
- 5) Paul Insley (Insley Printing, Inc.) has asked if we will continue with monthly printing. Rita told him yes, at least until our Budget meeting, that would be the time if anything changes. He needed to know in order to get paper supplies here in time, shortages or delivery delays with paper just like everything else.

Supplemental Security Report Daryl Van Mercetta - dvanmercetta@gmail.com | Katie Van Mercetta - kvanmercetta@gmail.com

- 1) Please do not leave your car unattended when you warm it up in the morning. Technically, it is illegal, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY there have been multiple stolen cars this month because of this.
- 2) There has been some violence/robberies to businesses between Karl Rd. and Cleveland Ave., but very little home violence.

Business Representative Sheridan Landin - sheridanlandon@yahoo.com Absent | Alan Ray - aray.bergahorn@gmail.com

Sheridan has been doing some canvassing with local area businesses. He has had some positive responses/conversations and is directing business owners to become members by going through the process on our website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welcome Committee Chair Ellin Ray - eclair1226@gmail.com

Ellin has Welcome Folders for new homeowners. She will be contacting area reps to come and pick them up. There are approximately 5-10 houses being sold in FP a week!!

Volunteer Coordinator Scott Biggs - sbiggsmail@yahoo.com

- 1) Scott is spending some time getting introduced to his new position. He requested a job description about each committee. He is creating a list of priority needs and wants.
- 2) There is lots of interest in reinstating the Block Watch. Scott P., Ed V., and Ken G. will work with him to get the info to the interested parties.
- 3) He has been talking with other civic associations in the area about fundraising for the FPCA. There is a possibility of a mulch sale with Ohio Mulch. More info to come in Feb.

Social Activities Report Liz Kengeter-Bash - ekengeter@gmail.com

- 1) With COVID still around, there are not many social activities being planned.
- 2) She is in contact with the Columbus Crew about getting FPCA tickets. It was suggested to her to contact the Columbus Clippers.
- 3) After last year's success of a front yard concert held by the Dove's of FP West, she is looking to expand upon this idea.

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NCC Representative Ken Gilbert - kgilbert78@att.net

- 1) Earl Miller, long time FP resident and civic association volunteer, passed away on Dec. 15, 2021. Our thoughts and condolences go out to the family.
- 2) Sheetz on Rt. 161 will be opening on Feb. 8th
- 3) The 4th of July Parade is being held this year. They are looking for volunteers to help.
- 3) NCC will hold its annual banquet this year as well.
- 4) City Attorney, Sarah Pomeroy, is still working on the problem hotels in the area. We are starting to see movement in cleaning up this issue.

NCC Development Representative Ed Vanasdale - evanasdale@insight.rr.com | Dave Paul - dwpaul@fpcivic.org

6 cases were heard (these notes were adapted from the NCC website):

- 1) National Church Residences – 4836 Cleveland Ave. Proposing a multi-family senior living facility. They received a council variance to get funding from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. NCC is generally supportive of the project, but were very concerned because of the density doubling from what was proposed last year when they supported the variance. The vote was to not support the application.
- 2) Menerey – sign for an apartment on an Aldi sign. NCC recommended against allowing an off-premises sign.
- 3) Sheetz graphic variance. Recommended approval.
- 4) Request to install a sign at the Busch Corporate Center to ID the current corporate tenant. NCC supported the application.
- 5) Request to add all signs to the new OhioHealth facility at Hamilton to be named for the Hondros family and the building identity. NCC supported this application.
- 6) 5438 N Hamilton Rd. NCC tabled this signage request for Bank of America.

Website Administrator Scott Prigan - scottprigan+fpc@gmail.com

- 1) You can subscribe to get email updates when new things are published on the site. Check it out, there is lots of good info on the site.
- 2) Trash/Recycling days are always posted.
- 3) Communication:
For the web site, you can [add/remove \(or both to change\) your email address](#) as desired.
For the LIST (from ...@lists.fpcivic.org) contact [Dave Paul](#). *Please NEVER unsubscribe to an item relayed from the city, etc., lest you unsubscribe us all!*

Old Business

- 1) **New FPCA Constitutional Amendments:** Scott P. and Lou B. outlined the reason for adding new amendments to the FPCA Constitution. In short, new language was needed to apply for federal 501(c)(3) status. The new amendments to the constitution were read. Amendments were first viewed at the December meeting with the members of the board (Officers, Committee Chairs, and Reps) who were present. The amendments were discussed and voted on. They passed unanimously with 1 abstention. The Amendments will become effective 60 days after the passage date of 11 Jan 2022 (that will be 12 Mar 2022).

Amendments to Forest Park Civic Association Constitution

(Items C and D added to Article II - Name and Purpose)

Article II - Name and Purpose

C. Activities of FPCA:

1. The Forest Park Civic Association is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
2. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes described in section 501(c)(3).

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

D. Dissolution Provisions:

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

New Business/Announcements/Ideas

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM
Submitted by Lou Bernard

The Forest Park Gardener – February 2022

First of all, let me apologize. I think it was my fault.

I had been thinking at the beginning of January, that we didn't have enough snow cover to insulate our gardens from the cold weather we see in January and February. And so, when the deep freeze came down from Canada, and we got our first decent snowfall on the MLK weekend, I was actually relieved. Someone upstairs heard me. By the time this gets published, I hope we have gotten some more.



Being cold and dry is not good for our evergreens, our shrubs or us in general. I was tired of being cold for no good reason. The snow seemed to brighten our gray days, and it gave us something new to complain about, for a change.

Let's face it... didn't you like it..even a little?

I saw snowmen popping up around the neighborhood, dogs in sweaters, and adults out shoveling snow, *and* speaking with their neighbors... which, since the dang Omicron tsunami, has been a difficult task. The New Year didn't feel like a new beginning this year, just the same ol' same ol'.

Well, we can't expect to see flowers if we don't plant seeds.... Time to get started on something that we can look forward to! I have had some great ideas from neighbors this past year and here is my suggestion for this year....

Establish and facilitate an *informal* Forest Park Garden Club.

1. Meet once a month, in person or virtually. I'm happy to host the first event, sometime later this spring. People have asked to have the opportunity to meet other gardeners, for advice, and sharing a common interest.
2. One group for FPE and FPW.... If we get too big – well, we will cross that bridge when we come to it....
3. This is out of the box, so the more fun the better. Some ideas I had...
 - Garden Movie Night (ever hear of Monty Don?)
 - Perennial Swap
 - Ponds, pros and cons
 - Pollinator Garden Ideas

I would love to have a few people help me get this off the ground. If you are interested, please send me an email. And for those of you who don't use a computer or email, you can call me on my house number (614-846-6115). As Tim and I are working from home, and spending way too much time in video conferences, *please be kind and call after 5pm.*

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Lisa Dove
forestparkgardener@gmail.com



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 4, 18
&
March 4, 18



Yard Waste & Blue Can Recycling happens on Friday or Saturday, every other week.

Here's what goes in the blue cart:

Aluminum and steel cans - and lids. Flattened cardboard and pizza boxes (free of food and grease). Plastic bottles/jugs. Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, computer paper, cereal and other dry food boxes and phone books. Glass bottles and jars. Cartons and juice boxes

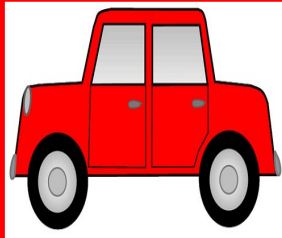
BULK TRASH

Some large items cannot be thrown away because they are too big to fit in your trash container. Residents should contact the City's 311 Customer Service Center to schedule bulk items by calling 311 or 614-645-3111, or online at:

www.311.columbus.gov

NO BULK ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED UNLESS THE RESIDENT SCHEDULES COLLECTION ONLINE

Don't forget, Please try not to leave parked vehicles running and unattended and risk being a victim of a car theft. Unless you have a remote starter or other security features on your vehicle that permit you to keep it running while locked and without keys in the ignition, not only will it be attractive to criminals; but it is also against the law in Ohio and can earn you a misdemeanor charge regardless of whether or not the car is on private property. Ohio revised code reads:



"No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key from the ignition, effectively setting the parking brake, and, when the motor vehicle is standing upon any grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway."



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NEIGHBORHOOD Update!



February, 2021

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818-7636



Dear Neighbors:

I hope everyone had a safe, healthy & happy holiday season. Despite the Pandemic/Covid again this past year, I still had a good year in real estate and I would like to thank everyone who has done business with me & who has referred their family & friends to me. I hope you have a **GREAT 2022!**

I also hope you'll think of me when buying or selling real estate this coming year. I specialize in this area and I'd love to work for you! ❤️

2021 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 40	\$245,675	\$261,043	\$ 161,000 - \$316,000
SPLIT 38	\$238,923	\$248,918	\$ 193,000 - \$305,000
RANCH 57	\$218,980	\$228,016	\$ 120,000 - \$290,000
BILEVEL 8	\$226,162	\$238,750	\$ 224,000 - \$300,000
TOTAL SOLD 143	* (FYI Great News! Average Days on the market for 2021 was 8 days)		

CURRENT MARKET WATCH

The following homes are **For Sale** with **HER Realtors:**

(All of my listings are **SOLD**

LISTINGS NEEDED - Please give me a call today!)



HER Realtors homes In Contract

5353 Torchwood Lp E 2-Sty/4BR 230,000

(C)=In Contract Contingent (E)=I/C w/Escape clause

All Homes SOLD

Homes sold since 1/3/22

	Asking Price:	Sold Price:
5531 Karl Rd. Ranch/3BR	212,500	225,000
5279 Avalon Ave. 2-Sty/4BR	219,900	245,000
1888 Dandridge Dr. 2-Sty/3BR	282,000	290,000
1317 Boxwood Dr. Ranch/3BR	239,900	244,976
5296 Butternut Ct. W. Ranch/3BR	260,000	260,000

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