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Forest Park Civic Association

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FPCA Grant Committee secures it's First Grant

The Forest Park Civic Association gained its 501-C(3) status late last year and with that status it opened up grant opportunities for FPCA to look at to benefit our neighborhood. So, this year we developed a grant writing committee who has been busy at work searching and applying for various grants. If you are not familiar with grants and grant writing, it is not a quick process and there are strict deadlines and eligibility requirements when as you apply/follow the process. The FPCA grant writing committee, consisting currently of Quentin, Erin & Laura (all pictured below) have written several grants and heard back on the first one that we are eligible for a \$5000 grant!

This grant came from the City of Columbus, New American Program. The Civic Integration Seed Grant is a new component of the New American Program. Grants made via the Seed Fund will help to create access to funding for New American serving organizations and foster community building, youth engagement, and strengthen organizations to effectively serve new arrivals. We realize here in Forest Park that we continue to grow a diverse population and that includes many new Americans to our neighborhood.

FPCA's grant is about a program on Connecting new residents to the neighborhood to reduce isolation and improve engagement and it is being recommended for \$5,000 in funding. We will keep you informed as we gather more information about what we will be able to do with this grant money. If you would like to be part of the grant committee or want to help us implement the outcomes of the grant, get in contact with Erin Materu who is also our volunteer chairperson, volunteerfpc@gmail.com. Congrats & THANKS to Quentin, Laura & Erin for their hard work.

The grant writing committee knows that to stay relevant and stable we need other sources of funding for the civic association to continue serving the Forest Park Community.



FPCA Grant Committee:

Quentin Monden, Erin Materu & Laura Hayes

Forest Park Civic Meeting Tuesday November 12, 2024

- **Blockwatch** 6pm
- **311 Code time** 6:30pm
- **FPCA Meeting** 7pm

Epworth United Methodist Church
5100 Karl Rd

Reminders for Forest Park Residents:

As of September 13, 2024 there is a Ban on Open Burning due to Drought Conditions in Columbus, Ohio

Prohibited activities:

- Any open burning of trash, debris, waste, combustibles, leaf piles or similar vegetation
- Campfires and bonfires
- Throwing down or discarding lit or smoldering material, such as matches or cigarettes
- Using or discharging any type of fireworks
- Live-fire training events
- Flame effect(s) based displays or exhibitions, including sky lanterns and cold spark machines
- Using spark-or heat-producing devices for recreational purposes

(reference is from Ohio Dept of Commerce and Dept of Natural Resources)

As Leaves begin to cover the ground, remember to bag them in paper lawn bags and put bags out to curb on Fridays, Do Not rake to curb or street

Trick or Treat for Columbus:
6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 31.

The Forester will have a combined NOV/DEC issue
Look for delivery last week of November

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Articles for the NOV/DEC, 2024 Forester are due to editor by November 8, 2024 Our November/December 2024 Forester will be a combined issue and delivered to homes the week November 25th.

Don't forget to mail or pay online membership dues. Join FPCA, just \$30, helps with costs of this Forester publication

If you can help with delivering the Forester in your neighborhood, contact Rita Woeste



Thanks to Devin Deal, Our Columbus Neighborhood Liaison for coming to our FPCA September meeting to update folks and take questions of those in attendance. He is following up on several concerns expressed at the meeting.

Devin's contact information:

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<u>Income</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Household Membership	\$330.00	\$12,600.00	\$14,400.00	\$1,800.00
Business Membership	\$75.00	\$450.00	\$750.00	\$300.00
Forester				
Advertising	\$1,310.00	\$4,890.00	\$7,600.00	\$2,710.00
Additional Donations	\$76.67	\$873.34	\$750.00	(\$123.34)
Supplemental Security	\$106.67	\$1,403.34	\$1,600.00	\$196.66
Beautification	\$76.67	\$628.34	\$700.00	\$71.66
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$155.00	\$170.00	\$15.00
Mulch Sale	\$0.00	\$6,328.00	\$6,000.00	(\$328.00)
Welcome Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
T-Shirts	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	(\$40.00)
Interest	\$0.17	\$0.83	\$2.00	\$1.17
Other	\$10.00	\$1,895.00	\$1,800.00	(\$95.00)
Total Income	\$2,025.17	\$29,263.84	\$33,772.00	\$4,508.16
Expenses				
Membership				
PayPal Fees	\$1.20	\$67.81	\$100.00	\$32.19
Annual Mailing Printing	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,020.00
USPS Bulk Mail Permit	\$0.00	\$2,195.00	\$2,000.00	(\$195.00)
Outreach Day	\$0.00	\$95.34	\$100.00	\$4.66
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Printing	\$985.00	\$4,925.00	\$9,850.00	\$4,925.00
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Bags	\$1,096.50	\$1,967.25	\$1,500.00	(\$467.25)
Supplemental Security	\$1,187.50	\$4,331.25	\$11,000.00	\$6,668.75
Beautification				
Island Maintenance	\$0.00	\$1,243.03	\$500.00	(\$743.03)
Neighborhood Beautification	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Committees				
Welcome	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Social	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$500.00	\$325.00
Parade	\$171.00	\$231.00	\$300.00	\$69.00
Garage Sale	\$51.96	\$51.96	\$110.00	\$58.04
Mulch Sale	\$0.00	\$4,621.68	\$4,000.00	(\$621.68)
Office Expenses				
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
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Banquet	\$0.00	\$159.40	\$80.00	(\$79.40)
PO Box	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$256.00	\$256.00
T-Shirts	\$0.00	\$948.90	\$0.00	(\$948.90)
Other	\$102.09	\$170.08	\$100.00	(\$70.08)
Total Expenses	\$3,780.25	\$21,647.70	\$33,131.00	\$11,483.30
Net	(\$1,755.08)	\$7,616.14	\$641.00	(\$6,975.14)

August, 2024
Treasurer Report
Submitted by
Cheryl Lutman

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Delivery will be the last week of November

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The October Garden..... The Never Ending Cycle.

One of my neighborhood kiddos said to me, "I wish the plants didn't have to die in the winter." To help her feel better, I gave her a watered down version of the story of Persephone and Hades. Like any great story – this was turned into a Broadway Musical! You know it as *Hadestown*.

Basically, according to Greek Mythology, Persephone, who is the goddess of Spring and daughter of Demeter (Goddess of the Harvest and Agriculture), was kidnapped by Hades, (King of the Underworld). Being the good host, he provided Persephone a snack of pomegranate seeds, which bound her to the underworld for half the year. The other half of the year, she could return to the surface. When she is reunited with her mother, the Spring and Summer rule our world, but when it is time to return, the crops wither, the drought occurs, and when Mom is really missing her daughter, snow and ice cover the land.

So, right about now, I get the feeling the Persephone is packing her bags and heading back down to her husband.

The Greeks, who used the idea of Gods and Goddesses to explain how the world works, used this myth to explain the natural cycle of the changing of the seasons and nature's cycle of death and rebirth. Of course, this belief is echoed in many cultures and religions across the globe.



This year, the summer felt exceptionally hard. My garden soil dried out to resemble concrete, and it seems that the only thing that did really well this year was the strangle vines.

I'm going to use the month of October to just clean up the clutter, protect the roses and perennial crowns with mulch, and think about how I'm going to replace the dogwood that died.

I'll watch the birds begin to cluster, and begin their migration south. I'll sit around the fire pit, and put this summer in the rear view mirror.

As the fall progresses into winter, I'll be looking forward to when Spring arrives again, and we can start the gardening cycle anew.

In the meantime, have a great rest of the year, and I'll be back in March!

Lisa Dove – The Forest Park Gardener forestparkgardener@gmail.com

Rumpke updates ***New Items for the RECYCLE Bins***

Rumpke has noted that clear clamshell plastic containers will now be recyclable. Residents can start adding them to their recycling Nov. 1. These include clear plastic carry-out containers, clear plastic fruit, berry and lettuce containers, and clear plastic egg containers. A list of acceptable items for recycling may be found on Rumpke's website.

I've also noted one issue with recycling in our neighborhood as I walk around on recycling day (Friday for Forest Park, except when there is a holiday that week, which bumps it to Saturday). The use of plastic bags to put recycling in is NOT allowed. This is a big problem. Currently Rumpke cannot recycle those bags (but often local supermarkets can).

But it's worse than that. These bags will get tangled up in the machinery Rumpke uses for processing recyclables and can do serious damage. Rumpke also will just send any load with such bags off to the landfill to avoid this problem. So don't use plastic bags to recycle!

One suggestion: Some groceries will use paper bags on request. Those *are* recyclable, and you can simply put the whole paper bag and contents in the recycling bin. That's what we do at our house. Cardboard boxes may also be used, if they are small enough to fit in the recycling bin, as they can be recycled too.

Ken Gilbert



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Hello Forest Park!

Please remember that discharging a firearm within city limits is a crime. If you hear what you believe to be gunfire, please report that to the police, not supplemental security, with as much information as possible. If it's an event that you are thinking of after the fact, you can still report it to the police non-emergency line (614-645-4545) because the information that you give could help them to narrow down a location and find a shooter.



We are getting a lot of reports of speeders through the neighborhood. This is dangerous for many reasons, not the least of which is that school is back in session. Please learn the posted speed limits and other traffic rules and follow them. They may seem like an inconvenience, but things like where you can and cannot turn on red, where u-turns are allowed, proper parking procedures, and the posted speed limit are in place for specific reasons; namely safety.

We have seen an increase in smash and grabs at the Granville Shopping Center located at E. Dublin Granville Rd and Karl Rd. These are happening in the early morning hours 3a-7a please keep an eye out for a (M/W, 6'0", last seen wearing medium blue hoodie, black sweatpants, wearing a red shoe on the right foot and white shoe on the left foot. He also had a blue mask over his face).



There have also been reports of open fires in Woodward Park, but they were not found. If this is seen, please notify Columbus Fire Department immediately and the arson division will respond.

If you're a paid Forest Park Civic Association member, keep those house check requests coming, but also be sure to get out and meet your neighbors because they can be some of your best resources for keeping yourself and the neighborhood as a whole safe. This is especially important as new neighbors come to the area.

To request a vacation house check, you can simply fill out the form and send it to Daryl Van Mercetta at dvanmercetta@gmail.com, mail it to [2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, OH 43229](https://www.fpcivic.org), or fill it out online at fpcivic.org. He will make sure it gets to our security company so they can perform additional patrols in your absence.

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



Trick or Treaters, wear light colored or reflective clothing or carry a flashlight so you can be seen by drivers in the dark.



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? _____

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News from Northland Community Council's Monthly September Meeting

Submitted by Ken Gilbert, FPCA Rep to NCC

1. We have a new CPD liaison for 1 Precinct (north of 161), John Brown. He noted complaints about an unhoused camp at SR 161 and I71 with a small child living at the camp and responded to the area and found 4 active camps on both the entrance and exit ramp. One camp did have evidence that a child was living there. The City of Columbus Unhoused Advocate responded to the area. There have also been incidents where an un-housed white male individual has broken windows in a number of businesses in the Karl/161 shopping center. Please report to the police. The camps are scheduled for remediation by ODOT.
2. Our Zone Initiative representative from the City Attorney's office, Sarah Pomeroy noted a number of current cases of concern to the area. America's Best Value Inn on Sinclair is up for a hearing, and Columbus Grand hotel is under a court order. The City Attorney's office is looking at concerns with the use of hotels to house people that were removed from unsafe living conditions in some area apartment complexes. In our area, this is down to about 30 families, and these are no longer funded by the city.
3. FACT & Consider Biking asked for increased driving awareness as there has been another recent fatality in the area.
4. The Karl Rd. Branch of the library noted an open house on 14 September and the 21st International Book Fair on Sept 21 from 1:30 to 5:30. After school programs are starting up. See website for more information.
5. The Northland Area Business Association is continuing their 161 Clean Up days from 9 to noon on September 21, October 19, and November 16. Meet behind the Jiffy Lube on 161. The NABA Golf Outing is September 19th, and the next NABA luncheon will be in December.
6. Devin Deal, our City of Columbus Neighborhood Liaison noted that the department has undergone a reorganization recently. There will be a Neighborhood Best Practices conference on September 14 (Ken and Catherine will attend).
7. We will also have a new Columbus Community Engagement person for Northland, again due to reorganizations.
8. September 8-14 is also Community Safety Week.
9. There was a long and lively discussion about the new "Zone In" zoning plan. There will be an additional meeting at the Gillie Center on Morse Road on September 25. We are encouraged to get involved, as the city did listen to some of the concerns in the first round, in particular the parking issue.
10. The Parade Committee announced that the next meeting will be in October (Third Tuesday). Time and place TBA.



Forest Park Civic Association Meeting

Date: September 10, 2024

Location: Epworth United Methodist Church

Meeting called to order @ 7:01PM by Ed Vanasdale

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance was taken via roll call.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Ed Vanasdale - edlvanasdale@gmail.com

1. A moment of silence for long time member and volunteer, Mary Hinebaugh passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 21st. Our sympathies, thoughts, and prayers go out to Bob and family.

Guest Speaker: Devin Deal, Northland Area Neighborhood Liaison with the City of Columbus in the Dept. of Neighborhoods. He discussed the Neighborhood Best Practices Conference in Columbus on Sept. 14. Discussed Play Book Columbus, a 10-year vision plan for the Columbus Rec. and Parks department. Please go to PlaybookColumbus.com and fill in a survey – they are looking for input to decide what to do with area rec. centers. The more surveys we can get turned in for our area can increase our chances for improvements. Devin fielded questions and concerns from area residents. Contact Devin at: 1393 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43205, (614) 645-7964, DDDeal@columbus.gov

Vice President Trevor Secord - tsecord@une.edu *Absent*

Secretary Lou Bernard - loubernard3@gmail.com

Attendance:

Officers/Committee Chairs Present: EV, LB, CL, MS, RW, DVM, KVM, SL, CA, LH, EM, KG, DP, SB, QM

Officers/Committee Chairs Absent: TS, MS, AH

Area Reps in Attendance: 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13

Area Reps Absent: 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 14

Total meeting attendance: 29

2. Reviewed minutes from July and August, no changes or corrections needed, minutes have been approved and were entered into the official records.

Attendance Sheet thru Sept. will be available online.

Treasurer Cheryl Lutman - cllutman17@gmail.com

- We received 11 household memberships and one business membership: Cindy Fenstermaker, Realtor, renewing business member.
- We sold 2 t-shirts at National Night Out.
- Our primary expenses were: printing the Forester, buying additional bags for Forester delivery, paying for security patrols, paying for parade candy, sending flowers to Mary Hinebaugh's funeral
- the annual NCC membership check cleared
- We still need 4 more business memberships and 60 more household memberships.

Public Relations

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Announced that the Forest Park Community Garage Sale was coming up the weekend of Sept. 14th.

Forester Editor Rita Woeste - forester_ed@fpcivic.org

1. Deadline for October 2024 *Forester* is Friday Sept 20. We need articles, ads, photos and anything else.

2. Will need to have folks step up. We will not have a "Forest Park Gardener" article til after Oct til March, so we are looking for a variety of articles to post in the newsletter.

3. Looking for delivery folks to cover:

19 homes: 1608-1632 Sienna Lane N (4) 4970-5029 Sienna Lane (15)

48 homes: 2049-2079 Torchwood Loop SOUTH (7), 5280-5388 EAST (25), 5289-5358 WEST (16) (George S. is covering for now)

50 homes: 2307-2425 Green Apple Ave(29); 5262-5297 Blackgum Pl(13); 5272-5301 Sweetgum Pl (8) (George S. is covering for now)

November and December will be a combined Issue - due Oct.

30th January and February will both be online issues for budgetary concerns

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See report in the *Forester*.

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Cynthia Alkire - 1classicyn@gmail.com

Sheridan has been visiting local area businesses and spreading the word about joining the FPCA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welcome Committee Chair

Laura Hayes - hayeslaura2@gmail.com

1. Welcome Folders for this summer are ready! We've had 23 new neighbors move in May-Aug.
 2. Area reps should pick up their folders at tonight's meeting and start welcoming our neighbors as soon as tomorrow!
 3. Discussion about how to handle rental properties. Everyone agreed to treat residents as homeowners and supply them with a Welcome Folder.
 4. 1-2 volunteers to help restuff folders this month! Possibly this Sunday, 3-4pm? 2 people volunteered to help.
 5. A new supply of the physical folders for the remainder of this year/next will need to be ordered.
 6. Discussed new ideas to include in the folder.
- Thanks for being great neighbors!

Volunteer Coordinator Erin Materu - mmateru@hotmail.com

Tallied up all of the volunteer information and can pass it out to those who would need the information. We will be reaching out to our New American residents to encourage them to join.

Membership Coordinator

Mike Stone - msto0103@yahoo.com *Absent*

- The end of September will conclude the membership campaign. I want to express my sincere appreciation for everyone who worked in different capacities to help move us in a forward direction. We've done a reasonable job of promoting the campaign and will continue to make some last second pitches. The focus now is primarily with "seeding the lawn" for the following year's cycle. Doing so will take the following steps:
- Expressed appreciation to our members through electronic messaging. The secondary level is to extend that appreciation to those who did not provide email but did provide addresses. Depending on the number of people in this category I might need the help of area reps to drop off some thank you notes.
- A more thorough tracking of active members. If we can ensure their retention while further growing the base we have an opportunity for expansion.
- A reevaluation of the current system, and how to improve the process.
- We do want to get another list in the *Forester* to recognize names since the last publication. This should be a modest list since there were 11 new members recorded for this cycle, and I had one person reach out to me being asked to be recognized.
- Thank you notes will be going out shortly and this will take some time.

Social Activities - Vacant

We are currently looking for a volunteer to take on this position. If interested, please contact Erin (Volunteer Coordinator).

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NCC Representatives

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Trevor Secord - tsecord@une.edu *Absent*See Ken's report in the *Forester*.**NCC Development Representative**

Ed Vanasdale - ed1vanasdale@gmail.com

Three cases were heard at the August 28, 2024 meeting. None of the cases were in the Forest Park immediate area.

Grant Writing Committee

Quentin Monden - q.monden@gmail.com

We won a grant!! - \$5,000.00

1. The Civic Integration Seed Grant is a new component of the New American Program. Grants made via the Seed Fund will help to create access to funding for New American serving organizations and foster community building, youth engagement, and strengthen organizations to serve new arrivals effectively.

2. Small Biz Cares Nonprofit Partner Program: As a partner, we will have more visibility to small businesses for volunteers, fundraising and other programs. Small Biz Cares will also provide additional awareness and content opportunities to help share our mission. There is no cost to join. <https://smallbizcares.org/free-nonprofits-program/>

3. COhatch - Work.Meet.Live-Impact scholarship program to receive discounted or free access to their locations to help us grow, innovate, and make our communities greater.

Designer Brands - DSW Foundation Community Grant: We are applying and it's due October 18th.

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OLD BUSINESS

The Forest Park sign on the corner of Satinwood Blvd. and Pegwood Ct. was run over. A 311 incident report was filed. Lou spoke with Kane Murray from the Dept. of Public Services and they will be replacing the sign for us. We will keep you updated if we learn any more important information.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/IDEAS

The Board of Trustees has approved a "Conduct Policies For Board Members, Committee Chairs, and Area Representatives of the Forest Park Civic Association". The document has been made available to the membership for review. The Code of Conduct will be published in this *Forester* and on the FPCA website.

According to the current bylaws, when there are going to be changes in or amendments made to the bylaws and/or constitution, the items must first be presented at a FPCA meeting. At the following month's meeting, the item/s will be reviewed and voted for adoption. When/If adopted, the items will become part of our bylaws and standard practice for the Association after 60 days. Members of the Board of Trustees and Committee Chairs will then be asked to sign a copy of the Code of Conduct after the next elections are held in January, and every year thereafter. (See a copy of the proposed Code of Conduct Policy in this month's *Forester* and online.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM

Meeting minutes submitted by Lou Bernard, Secretary, FPCA

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According to the current bylaws, when there are going to be changes in or amendments made to the bylaws and/or constitution, the items must first be presented at the FPCA meeting. This was done at the September 2024 meeting. At the October 8, 2024 FPCA meeting, the item will be reviewed and voted for adoption. When/If adopted, the new item (Article XX) will become part of our bylaws and standard practice for the Association after 60 days.

Members of the Board of Trustees and Committee Chairs will then be asked to sign a copy of the Code of Conduct after the next elections are held in January,2025 and every year thereafter.

Proposed Amendments to Forest Park Civic Association Constitution September 2024

BYLAW XX CODE OF CONDUCT FOR OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, AND AREA REPRESENTATIVES

The Forest Park Civic Association (FPCA) has adopted the following Code of Conduct that all members in leadership positions (Board members, Chairpersons, or Area Representatives) agree to adhere to.

1.) Prohibition Against Private Inurement and Procedures for Managing Conflicts of Interest

No member in a leadership position shall derive any personal profit or gain, directly or indirectly, by reason of his or her service as a member with the Forest Park Civic Association. Members shall conduct their personal affairs in such a manner as to avoid any possible conflict of interest with their duties and responsibilities as members of the FPCA. Nevertheless, conflicts may arise from time to time.

- a) When there is a decision to be made or an action to be approved that will result in a conflict between the best interests of the Forest Park Civic Association and one’s personal interests, the member has a duty to immediately disclose the conflict of interest so that the rest of the membership’s decision making will be informed about the conflict.
- b) It is every member’s obligation, in accordance with this policy, to ensure that decisions made by the Association reflect independent thinking. Consequently, in the event that any member receives compensation from Forest Park Civic Association such compensation will be determined by and approved by the full Board of Trustees in advance.
- c) Any conflicts of interest, including, but not limited to financial interests, on the part of any member, shall be disclosed to the Board of Trustees when the matter that reflects a conflict of interest becomes a matter of Association action, and through an annual procedure for all members to disclose conflicts of interest.
- d) Any member having a conflict of interest shall not vote or use his or her personal influence to address the matter, and he or she shall not be counted in determining the quorum for the meeting.
- e) All conflicts disclosed to the Board of Trustees will be made a matter of record in the minutes of the meeting in which the disclosure was made, which shall also note that the member with a conflict abstained from the vote [and was not present for any discussion, as applicable] and was not included in the count for the quorum for that meeting.
- f) Any new member will be advised of this policy during orientation and all members will be reminded of the Code of Conduct and of the procedures for disclosure of conflicts and for managing conflicts on a regular basis, at least once a year.
- g) This policy shall also apply to any member’s immediate family or any person acting on his or her behalf.

2. Prohibition Against Sexual Harassment

The Forest Park Civic Association strives to maintain an environment that is free from illegal discrimination and harassment. While all forms of harassment are prohibited, it is the organization’s policy to emphasize that sexual harassment is specifically prohibited. Any member who engages in discriminatory or harassing conduct towards any individual is subject to removal from their position. Complaints alleging misconduct on the part of members in leadership positions will be investigated promptly and as confidentially as possible by a task force of the Association appointed by the Executive Board.

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3. Confidentiality

Members are reminded that confidential financial, personnel and other matters concerning the organization, donors, staff or clients/consumers may be included in Association materials or discussed from time to time. Members should not disclose such confidential information to anyone.

4. Active Participation

Members in leadership positions are expected to exercise the duties and responsibilities of their positions with integrity, collegiality, and care. This includes:

- Making attendance at all meetings of the Association a high priority.
- Being prepared to discuss the issues and business on the agenda, and having read all background material relevant to the topics at hand.
- Cooperating with and respecting the opinions of fellow Association members, and leaving personal prejudices out of all Association discussions, as well as supporting actions of the Association even when the member personally did not support the action taken.
- Putting the interests of the organization above personal interests.
- Representing the organization in a positive and supportive manner at all times and in all places.
- Showing respect and courteous conduct in all Association and committee meetings.
- Refraining from intruding on administrative issues that are outside the scope of the elected role, except to monitor the results and ensure that procedures are consistent with FPCA policy.
- Observing established lines of communication and directing requests for information or assistance to the Executive Board.

This proposed amendment will be reviewed and voted on at the October 8, 2024 FPCA 7 pm Meeting at Epworth United Methodist Church on Karl Road



Pictures from the recent Northland Unity Festival Above: Toro Meat Market tamale eating competition. Below: Napali Dancing. Over: Bill Owens, the new Executive Director of Elevate Northland and Jenny Leal, Co-Founder of Elevate Northland



Thanks Michael Cote For the photos



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October 2024.



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Dear Neighbors:

Fall is here and the real estate market is staying active and the interest rates are coming back down a bit. My listing at **5383 Pine Bluff Rd.** and **5472 Hazelwood Rd.** closed and my **NEW** listing at **1225 Ironwood Dr.** went IN CONTRACT in **4 DAYS!** So, if you've been thinking about selling your house, now is the time to do it!

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5683 Karl Rd.	Ranch/3BR 250,000	220,720	2022 Northcliff Dr.	Ranch/3BR 285,000	242,500		
5543 Larkwood Pl.	Split/3BR 255,000	223,000	1768 White Pine Ct.	Ranch/3BR 285,000	285,000		
1698 Rocky Pine Ln	Ranch/3BR 260,000	270,000	2107 Sumac Ln S	2-Sty/4BR 289,900	282,000		
5472 Hazelwood Rd.	Ranch/3BR 269,900	265,000	1864 Tamarack Ct S	Ranch/3BR 290,000	310,000		
5328 Hedgewood Rd.	Ranch/3BR 275,000	291,000	2006 Northcliff Dr.	Split/3BR 300,000	300,000		
2030 Northtowne Ct.	2-Sty/4BR 279,800	295,000	1765 Ivyhill Ln N	Ranch/3BR 313,000	313,000		
5383 Pine Bluff Rd.	Ranch/3BR 279,900	277,100	2131 Maplewood Dr	2-Sty/3BR 329,000	329,000		

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 9/22/24. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer

