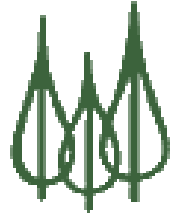


The Forester



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Forest Park Civic Association

MARCH, 2025

Hello Forest Park

Want a free tree, or help maintaining an older tree? Let us know ASAP!

The Forest Park Civic Association Grant Committee is looking to apply for a grant by March 31 that would help citizens plant trees in their yard on private property. In order to apply we need a list of neighbors who would either like a new tree or assistance maintaining an existing tree. If we are selected for the grant, participants can expect their new trees to be planted with the help of the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District this fall.



If you're interested, please contact Erin Materu ASAP at 614-254-0712.

Why do we want more trees in our neighborhood?
We are Forest Park!

Increased tree canopy in urban areas is shown to be associated with positive health outcomes, lower average temperatures, reduced stormwater runoff, decreased soil degradation, increased biodiversity and an influx of economic opportunity. A recent Tree Canopy Assessment found that only 22 percent of Columbus is covered with trees. To grow the urban tree canopy and achieve the goals of the [Columbus Urban Forestry Master Plan](#) and the Climate Action Plan, private tree canopy needs to increase throughout the city. Help put the Forest in Forest Park!



Save the Dates.....

April issue of this Forester will be mailed along with our Annual Membership form, Help us Stuff April 5th

Spring Community Garage Sales will be
Saturday May 17th,
start gathering your items now .

Forest Park Social Gathering at Gabby's
June 7

**FPCA Meeting
Tuesday April 8, 2025**

- **Blockwatch 6pm**
Supplemental Security & Liaison Officer Yandrich to answer questions
- **311 Code time 6:30pm**
bring your code enforcement & neighborhood questions
- **FPCA Meeting 7pm**
Updates and news of the neighborhood

**Epworth United Methodist Church
5100 Karl Rd**

Check it Out!

In July 2024, Columbus City Council enacted new zoning codes called Title 34. This has to do with population changes and housing needs in the Columbus Area.

A zoning code is a set of rules and procedures that regulates what can and can't be done on a particular piece of property - it influences where we live, where we work and how we get around. Zoning can be used to help attract new businesses, encourage construction of new homes and protect natural resources. Types of homes are part of these new zones.



Be informed and check out the website,
<https://zone-in-columbus.hub.arcgis.com/>
to understand how this might affect the Forest Park Community.

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Articles for the next Forester, April 2025 issue, items are due by March 15.

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<u>Income</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Household Membership	\$60.00	\$13,200.00	\$14,400.00	\$1,200.00
Business Membership	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$750.00	\$300.00
Forester				
Advertising	\$200.00	\$6,620.00	\$7,600.00	\$980.00
Additional Donations	\$0.00	\$908.34	\$750.00	(\$158.34)
Supplemental Security	\$0.00	\$1,438.34	\$1,600.00	\$161.66
Beautification	\$0.00	\$648.34	\$700.00	\$51.66
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$170.00	(\$105.00)
Mulch Sale	\$0.00	\$6,328.00	\$6,000.00	(\$328.00)
Welcome Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
T-Shirts	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)
Interest	\$0.15	\$1.64	\$2.00	\$0.36
City of Columbus Grant	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	(\$2,500.00)
Other	\$30.00	\$1,935.00	\$1,800.00	(\$135.00)
Total Income	\$290.15	\$34,404.66	\$33,772.00	(\$632.66)
Expenses				
Membership				
PayPal Fees	\$0.00	\$72.15	\$100.00	\$27.85
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
Forester				
Printing	\$0.00	\$7,880.00	\$9,850.00	\$1,970.00
Delivery Instruction Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Bags	\$0.00	\$1,967.25	\$1,500.00	(\$467.25)
Supplemental Security	\$762.50	\$9,943.75	\$11,000.00	\$1,056.25
Beautification				
Island Maintenance	\$375.00	\$3,766.03	\$500.00	(\$3,266.03)
Neighborhood Beautification	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Committees				
Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Welcome	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Social	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$500.00	\$325.00
Parade	\$0.00	\$231.00	\$300.00	\$69.00
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$51.96	\$110.00	\$58.04
Mulch Sale	\$0.00	\$4,621.68	\$4,000.00	(\$621.68)
Office Expenses				
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$14.39	\$50.00	\$35.61
Insurance	\$0.00	\$508.00	\$450.00	(\$58.00)
NCC	\$0.00	\$185.00	\$185.00	\$0.00
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	\$7,888.30	\$8,058.38	\$100.00	(\$7,958.38)
Total Expenses	\$9,025.80	\$41,153.25	\$33,131.00	(\$8,022.23)

January, 2025
Treasurer Report
Submitted by
Cheryl Lutman



- Got a Story we should know about?
- Got an event in the Forest Park / Northland Area you want folks to attend?
- School or Sports News you want to tell everyone?

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At our January FPCA meeting, Officers, Committee members & Area Reps were sworn in for a year of service to Forest Park FPCA 2025 Officers: Vice-President Mark Bell, Secretary Lou Bernard, Asst. City Attorney Sarah Pomeroy, President Ed Vanasdale, & Treasurer Cheryl Lutman



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March 2025 - Forest Park Gardener

I think we can all agree that we've had a rough winter, and while we are not yet out of the gray haven, there is the promise of Spring. We can always depend upon the grand design of the universe: The Earth will continue to orbit around the Sun and maintain its tilted wobble. For us that means, we are coming out of the darker season, and moving, gradually to more light during the day.

"Hope Springs Eternal in the Human Breast ..."
Alexander Pope, 1733 *An Essay on Man*

That being said, it is time to shake off the blues and look forward. The irony that I am writing this in the middle of a Winter Weather Advisory, and ice is forming on my bird feeders, is not lost on me.



Taking a clue from nature, where our daylight is slowly increased, gradually, I thought the focus for the article this year (5th year!) would be on garden education.

Many of us are considering planting a vegetable garden this year. While you are perusing your seed catalogs, or heading to the garden store, it's important to know some key vocabulary. Examples are shown in parenthesis:

Bulb: a short underground stem with fleshy leaves or leaf bases that function as food storage organs during dormancy. Depending on the bulb type, the dormant bulb is planted in either Spring or Autumn (Onion sets/Garlic)

Heirloom - An heirloom plant variety is one that has been preserved and passed down through generations, maintaining its original characteristics, via seed production by Open Pollination ("Brandywine" and "Cherokee Purple" tomatoes)

Open-Pollinated - An open-pollinated plant is pollinated naturally by wind, insects, or animals. These plants produce seeds that retain the parent plant's genetic traits, allowing for consistent replanting without genetic alteration. (See above)

Variety: A naturally occurring change in a specific species of a plant.

Hybrid - A hybrid plant results from *cross-pollinating* two distinct varieties within the same species to produce desired traits from each parent plant, such as disease resistance or improved yield. Many hybrids are sterile, meaning they cannot produce viable seeds and may require propagation by other methods. (Broccolini – Hybrid of Broccoli and Chinese Kale)

Cultivar: The term is short for Cultivated Variety. A chosen result of the Hybrid process, for its specific characteristic, which can be maintained via propagation, in most cases: cloning, grafting, or tissue culture. This maintains the consistent characteristic of the plant. Look for a (™) or registered symbol (®). (Carrot: 24 Karat – Ferry-Morse Seed Co)

The last two can be a bit confusing, but it's easier to remember that a Cultivar is a direct result of cross pollination of two sources. It must be done via Human intervention and design (no bees involved).

Next Month – More terms, but thankfully no quiz! If you are curious about anything related to gardens, let me know – I'll add it to the next month article. – Lisa Dove (forestparkgardener@gmail.com)



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Sherrie Johnson Dantzler
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Hello Forest Park!

In an ever-evolving world, the safety and security of our community is of paramount importance. As residents of Forest Park, it's essential that we take proactive measures to protect our homes and neighbors. Visible security measures, such as cameras and motion-activated lights, can deter potential criminals from targeting your home or property. The presence of these devices often makes would-be intruders think twice before attempting any unlawful activities. When neighbors work together to implement security measures, it fosters a sense of community and collaboration.



Columbus' 311 service is an invaluable resource for non-emergency issues and community concerns and by utilizing 311 we can ensure that our community remains a safe and pleasant place to live. Remember, for emergencies or immediate threats to safety, always call 911. Here are some scenarios when you should consider using the 311 service:

- Reporting Vandalism or Graffiti: If you notice vandalism or graffiti in your neighborhood, you can report it to the 311 service to ensure it is promptly addressed and removed.
- Streetlight Outages: If a streetlight is out or malfunctioning, report it to 311. Proper lighting is crucial for maintaining visibility and safety in our community.
- Abandoned Vehicles: If you come across an abandoned vehicle on your street, use the 311 service to report it. This helps keep our streets clear and safe.
- Bulk Pickup: If you have items that are too large to fit in your green trash bin, schedule bulk pickup with 311. Please note: they do not accept construction materials.
- Property Maintenance Issues: If there are issues with public property maintenance, such as potholes, broken sidewalks, or damaged street signs, report them to 311 to ensure they are fixed promptly.



Don't forget, if you're a paid Forest Park Civic Association member, which you can become for only \$30 per year for the entire family, you can submit a vacation request to our Supplemental Security Liaison, Daryl Van Mercetta by sending it to dvanmercetta@gmail.com; mailing it to 2131 Honeytree Court, Columbus, OH 43229; or filling it out online at [fpcivic.org](http://www.fpcivic.org). Knowing that you have additional security measures in place can provide peace of mind for you and your family. 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 _____

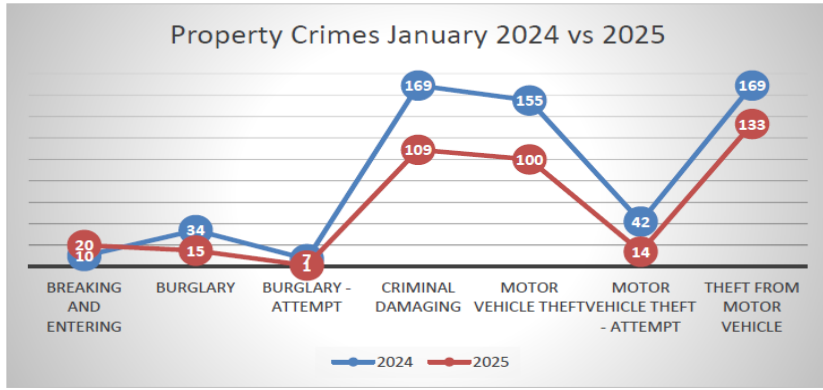
Will older children be in and out? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, make and model of their car _____



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Zone 1 Property Crimes



Crime	# of Incidents
Breaking and Entering	20
Burglary	15
Burglary - Attempt	1
Criminal Damaging	109
Motor Vehicle Theft	100
Motor Vehicle Theft - Attempt	14
Theft from Motor Vehicle	133
Total	392

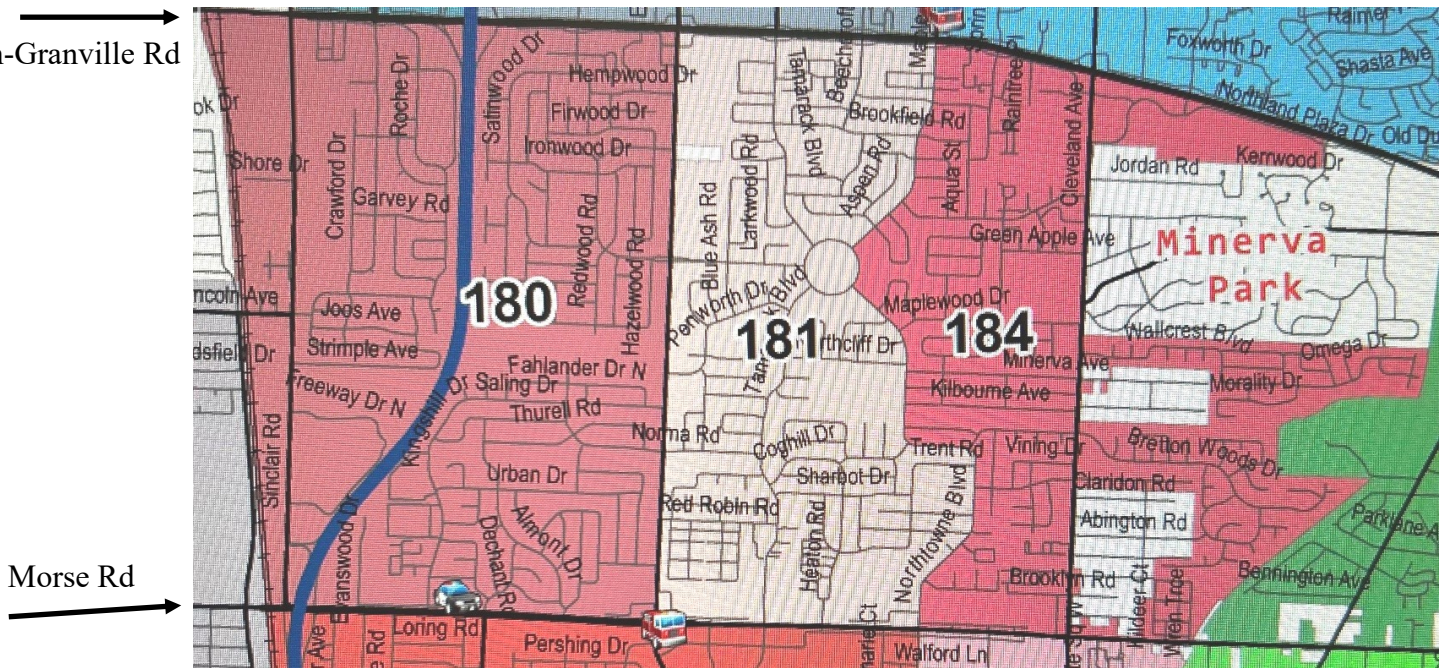
Precinct/CD	Breaking and Entering	Burglary	Burglary - Attempt	Criminal Damaging	Motor Vehicle Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft - Attempt	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Total
1	10	6		46	34	5	80	181
10	1			16	13	2	33	65
11	4	1		14	4		25	48
12	3	3		4	6	1	12	29
13	1	1		6	2	2	6	18
14	1	1		6	9		4	21
6	5	3		45	27	6	39	125
60	1	1		5	4		2	13
61	1	1		21	17	4	18	62
62	2			15	5	1	13	36
63	1	1		3	1	1	4	11
64				1			2	3
18	5	6	1	18	39	3	14	86
180	2	1		3	7		3	16
181		3		8	14	1	8	34
182				2	9			11
183	2	2	1	2	3	1	2	13
184	1			3	6	1	1	12
Total	20	15	1	109	100	14	133	392

Above are Property crimes in our Zone for 2024 & 2025. Forest Park districts are the some of the last 5 lines of the chart. The city of Columbus is broken up into 5 zones. Forest Park is part of Zone 1 which includes the north side and northeast side of Columbus.

Zone ONE contains several police cruiser districts. Forest Park is part of districts 180 (cover FP-West & west of 1-71 to Sinclair Road) 181 (FP-East) and 184 (FP- East & east into around Minerva Park) . The map below breaks down those cruiser districts.

The chart above is January 2025 stats and with the graph above, you can see crime is down overall in the North side of Columbus from 2024. For 2025, according to the chart, Forest Park has the biggest issue with Motor Vehicle Theft.

161- Dublin-Granville Rd



Morse Rd

Clear the Clutter, Clear the Mind

When my grandpa was a mailman in Hoboken, NJ, I loved to hear his stories about the young professionals who spent all of their money trying to pay the rent. “Their living room was one chair, their bedroom was a sleeping bag, and their kitchen was a fork, knife, and a spoon!” he would joke.

This is what some of us might imagine when we think of a minimalist lifestyle. However, it doesn't have to be! We can work towards having a “less is more” approach in our homes by focusing on what we use the most and letting go of what we can trash, donate, or borrow.

- Eliminate clothes that do not fit you today. If they are too small or too big, it is time to go. Turn all of your clothes hangers backward and hang them back up properly as you go along. After six months, donate the clothes that still have backward hangers.
- Do all of the items in your home have a parking spot? Where do you keep scissors? Hairbrushes? Group them together to keep the one (or two) that is in the best shape or most sentimental. It is okay to have multiples if they serve a different purpose.
- Put items like pencils or snacks in a jar, box, or drawer where they will be easily visible and accessible. If the container becomes overstuffed, you know it's time to get rid of some.
- Pretend the items in your home will “perish” like a sandwich. Is it stinky and moldy in the back of your closet, or does it look almost as fresh as the day you got it?

Try to declutter like this for five minutes a day. If you are on a roll, keep going. If you feel overwhelmed, take a break. You can do it! One less thing at a time.



Ziggy Cicchella, LISW

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Membership Stuffing Party Saturday, April 5

Hello Forest Park Residents!! At the time I wrote this article it was Valentine's Day weekend and we were filled up with rain and snow! But now there are signs of early spring: Girl Scout Cookie Delivery, cash lost to bad NCAA tournament brackets, and your invitation to come join the FPCA stuffing party at Schoedingers.



Our April issue of the Forester will get combined with our annual membership form and stuffed, then mailed so that all neighbors in Forest Park East and West are assured a copy.

This year, our assembly day will be Saturday, April 5 in the early afternoon (specific time TBA). We need a large number of volunteers to help assemble our April Forester/membership mailing materials. With enough people it typically takes over two hours and the process is fun. As always there will be food and drink.

Assembly groups that just put together envelopes as they meet new neighbors and socialize. Volunteers do a great service for the neighborhood as they hopefully have a lot of fun along the way.

If you are able to help, feel free to reach out to
Erin Materu at mmateru@hotmail.com or
Mike Stone msto0103@yahoo.com

NCC Report February 2025

The meeting took place on February 4, 2025, at Westerwood. The meeting was chaired by VP Pat Hammel, as our president Alicia Ward had to resign due to a job move. Our police liaisons for Zones 1, 6, and 18 (Forest Park is 18) noted that there has been a rise in robberies on SR 161. Stolen vehicles remain an issue. Fortunately there have been no homicides this year in our area. They are working on semi parking issues. Louisa Edzie, currently the Zone 5 attorney has been introduced by Sarah Pomeroy as our soon to be Zone Attorney, as Sarah is moving to the county in a similar role. “Consider Biking” noted that the South side of 161 will soon be getting the new service road, roundabout, and shared use path treatment following the completion of the Northside. There will be an upcoming tour of the Westerville Water plant, and the city is beginning planning for the third stage of the Big Walking trail. The Karl Rd library notes to check their website for upcoming programs. The next NABA lunch will be in March. Our city liaison, Devin Deal, noted that there is a tree assistance program that can provide help to communities—grant applications open thru March 31. There are city summer program grants available, applications due February 14. Also the Columbus Food Collective is looking for members for an advisory council.

Zone In: Phase II planning is completed, mostly dealing with SR 161. Public comment sessions are coming up, and there will be information postcards sent to affected residents and businesses. Heck the city website for more information, A lively discussion took place. This will soon be your chance to speak and be heard. Take advantage of it. Two public hearings ARE required.

Treasurer’s report passed. Civics are asked to think about nominees for the annual NCC awards banquet. Our Vice President is attending the Zone In meetings and has invited others to join. The Independence Parade committee will be trying a “new” way to meet this year—zoom meetings. Information to follow or see their website. Officer elections took place. Treasurer Roger Davidson, Secretary Christine Osero, and Vice President Pat Hammel were reelected by acclamation. The president’s slot remains vacant. You must be an officer in your civic association to run for this. A good discussion on how to ease the burden of the office by using committees and other methods took place, with a leading role played by Forest Park Vice President Mark Bell. Next meeting is March 4, 2025 at 7 pm at Westerwood.

Submitted by Ken Gilbert



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FPCA will again have a Mulch Sale. Orders will be taken in April with delivery scheduled for early May.

Keep an eye at our Website, fpcivic.org, facebook or our April Forester.

FOREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING Minutes

Date: February 11, 2025

Location: Epworth United Methodist Church

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 PM by Ed Vanasdale

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance was taken via roll call.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Ed Vanasdale - ed1vanasdale@gmail.com

All officers and committee chairs were asked to bring one goal that they have for their position for 2025.

Goal for 2025: To bring more synergy to the organization and continue to work with everyone to bring in more new faces into the FPCA.

Guest Speaker: None

Vice President

Mark Bell - MarkBellncc@insight.rr.com No Report

Goal for 2025: To become more knowledgeable about the workings of FP, and to get to know the members of the NCC.

Secretary Lou Bernard - loubernard3@gmail.com

Goal for 2025: To get us up and running with either Google Workspace for Nonprofits or Microsoft 365 for Nonprofits.

Attendance:

Officers/Committee Chairs Present: EV, MB, LB, CL, RW, DVM, KVM, SL, LH, EM, MSt, TS, KG, QM, SB, AH

Officers/Committee Chairs Absent: MSg, DP

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

Area Reps Absent: 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 (vacant)

Total meeting attendance: 23

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

Attendance Sheet thru Feb: View in online minutes

Treasurer Cheryl Lutman - cllutman17@gmail.com

Goal for 2025: To continually keep accurate records for this year. January was a very quiet month. 2 new household memberships, a few expenses and some advertising dollars.

Public Relations

Mary Sguerra - marysguerra@howardhanna.com *Absent*

Save the Dates:

- The Spring Community Garage Sale will be Sat., May 17
- Gabby's Night - Potluck Gathering will be Sat., June 7th

Forester Editor Rita Woeste - forester_ed@fpcivic.org

1. Link to page of DUE DATES for year 2025 is located via a link in the online minutes.

2. Need articles/Ads/Photos by no later than Saturday Feb 15th, this will be the first PRINTED Forester for 2025, let's make a GOOD one!

3. Will need help with delivery of bags to deliverers this month PLEASE

Looking for new ADs this 2025

Goals for 2025:

1. Work with Grant committee to make multi-lingual Forester issue that celebrates/informs folks about Forest Park East/West
2. Update delivery list, create easier/functional way to contact delivery folks
3. Look to fill the position of person counting/distributing Foresters (I have been doing that in addition to my publisher job for 2+ years now.)

Supplemental Security

Daryl Van Mercetta - dvanmercetta@gmail.com,

Katie Van Mercetta - kvanmercetta@gmail.com,

Dan Yandrich (CPD Liaison Officer) -

dyandrich@columbuspolice.org 614.645.1418

See report in the *Forester*.

Business Representative

Sheridan Landon - slandon52@gmail.com

Goals for 2025: 1) to get 10 more business members for this year, and 2) to create a way to contact people instead of just going door to door.

Civic Action Officer Vacant

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welcome Committee Chair Laura Hayes -

hayeslaura2@gmail.com

1. I have spent January finalizing materials that will go into the 2025 welcome folders.

2. I am getting ready to assemble the next round, and purchased ink and paper to print on.

Goal for 2025: To be able to track memberships coming in through the welcome folders.

Volunteer Coordinator Erin Materu - mmateru@hotmail.com

Goal for 2025: To get a working list of people who want to volunteer and to rework the membership form concerning volunteer opportunities.

Membership Coordinator

Mike Stone - msto0103@yahoo.com

1. April stuffing for membership envelopes.

2. We are working on getting the database updated. Thank you notes were sent out virtually and through the mail.

3. We are 6 weeks away from the April stuffing.

Goal for 2025: The information chain needs to be better established. Mike is frustrated because he is not getting membership info in a timely manner. He is working on cleaning up this process.

Social Activities

Tiffany Smith - tsmith1599@yahoo.com

Goal for 2025: Wants to get acquainted with her position and all of the people involved with the FPCA.

1. Asked for a list of established events: The Northland 4th of July Parade, Bikes-n-Trikes, Trunk or Treat, and National Night Out

2. Another of her passions is families, moms, and babies and their needs.

She is looking for people to work with her and find the focus.

NCC Representatives Ken Gilbert - kgilbert78@att.net, Mark

Bell - MarkBellncc@insight.rr.com

Ken's Goal for 2025: To represent the diverse residents of Forest Park to the best of his ability.

See report in the *Forester* and a link via the online minutes.

We need to get our nominations into NCC for the Volunteers of the Year Award at the NCC banquet.

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NCC Development Representative

Ed Vanasdale - ed1vanasdale@gmail.com

See report on the website via a link in the online minutes.

Grant Writing Committee Chair

Quentin Monden - q.monden@gmail.com

Goal for 2025: To foster a vibrant community where residents are empowered with healthier more connected lives.

1. Quentin introduced members of his committee.
2. We had an Emergency Meeting on January 30th to discuss and plan the next steps for supporting New Americans and immigrants in the Forest Park Area due to the increased presence and raids performed by ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement)
3. We met with a member of <https://www.crisohio.org/> - Community Refugee & Immigration Services to discuss the best way for our community to support the immigrant community in our area.
 - a. The best 3 ways we identified:
 - i. Provide supportive information (via *Forester*) at the Karl Rd Columbus Metro Library.
 - ii. Provide the same information at North YMCA— Information will be in *Forester*
 - i. Purchase and donate to CRIS Ohio commonly requested non-perishable items from Costco in bulk to help families in need. Wants to have a table at the Elevate Northland event to help spread the word of who we are.

Website Administrators

Scott Biggs sbiggsmail@yahoo.com (Website/Facebook)

Dave Paul dwpaul@fpcivic.org *Absent* (Website)

Ashley Howard ahoward@ashleynicolecounseling.com (Instagram/Facebook)

Our website/Facebook page is always - always being updated with new and upcoming info! Please check it out!!

Please subscribe/follow us.

Goal for 2025: Scott's goal is to revamp and modernize our website.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/IDEAS

1. Sign Committee: The sign on the corner of Satinwood and Pegwood was rundown again. A 311 report was filed and Devin was contacted. The city is in the process of replacing it. We have decided to hold the 3rd Annual FPCA Mulch Sale in the Spring!!

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Meeting minutes submitted by Lou Bernard, Secretary, FPCA



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NEIGHBORHOOD Update!



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March. 2025



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FOREST PARK RESIDENT

818-7636

Dear Neighbors:

Now that things have settled down after the holiday season, the real estate market is beginning to pick up. If you need help in 2025 with either selling or buying a home, please give me a call! Let me show you what Howard Hanna and I can do for you. I hope you have a **GREAT 2025!**

2024 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 27	\$317,378	\$317,713	\$ 185,000 - \$385,000
SPLIT 22	\$297,568	\$295,655	\$ 210,000 - \$393,500
RANCH 28	\$284,836	\$284,868	\$ 217,500 - \$345,500
BiLv/CapCds 3	\$281,633	\$281,800	\$ 256,500 - \$309,900
TOTAL SOLD 80	* (FYI Great News! Average Days on the market for 2024 was 15 days)		

CURRENT MARKET WATCH

The following homes are **For Sale** with Howard Hanna:

New listings of homes coming for sale soon :)



Howard Hanna homes In Contract

Looking for buyers to help them find a new home :)

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

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All Homes SOLD

Homes sold since 1/21/25

	Asking Price:	Sold Price:		Asking Price:	Sold Price:
1760 Rocky Pine LpN	299,900	290,000	1379 Yellowwood Dr	319,900	319,900
5203 Tamarack Blvd.	315,000	300,000	1801 White Pine Ct	374,999	375,000
5645 Sandalwood Bl	319,900	319,900			

Information obtained from the Columbus Realtors - MLS as of 2/15/25. If your property is currently listed For Sale with another realtor please disregard this offer

