

# NEWSLETTER

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## ***VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION***

**Sunday March 6, 2011**  
**Clubhouse 1:00 - 3:00 pm**  
***By: Becky Conrad***

***Ticket sales Feb 27th***  
***1-3 pm***  
***Activities Building***

Please come join us at the clubhouse on March 6th to show our appreciation for all the volunteers who help keep our Park running. Pulled pork sandwiches, chips, beverages and brownies will be provided. Tickets are \$2.00 like last year and when you appear at the clubhouse on March 6th and present your ticket you will receive \$2.00 back. We just need to know how many plan to attend in order to purchase food items. ***Remember... bring your own place setting and cup or glassware.***

**Great door prizes**  
**(must be present to win)**

This is when the current Board shows its appreciation to the retiring Board of Directors members and others who have volunteered endless hours to keep Forest Park the beautiful place it is. We appreciate you all.



## 2011 FPPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **OFFICERS**

- Becky Conrad, President
- Lee Fisher 1st Vice President
- Jan Orlando, 2nd Vice President
- Jean Wilson, Secretary
- John Wright, Treasurer

### **DIRECTORS**

- Jim Arthur
- Bob Dickerson
- Don Griesey
- Pete Lawrence
- Sandy O'Brien
- Jim Ullrey

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## ***DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME***

WOW! It's here already. Yep, on Sunday, March 13th, Daylight Savings Time arrives. That means you move your clock one hour FORWARD.

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER*****By: Becky Conrad***

It is time to be thinking about filling out your V.O.I.C.E. forms for someone to check your home while you are out of the park during the heat of the summer. A copy of the form is included in this newsletter and they are also available in the office.

Please if you want your name in our Park phone book you have to sign the form to permit us to print it. STUPID! YES! But the law of privacy - none the less. We try to print in October so you must do this before you head North.

We will honor our Volunteers in Forest Park on March 6 from 1 to 3 PM. Tickets will be sold on the previous Sunday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 in the Activity Building. Tickets are \$2 each. You will get your money back.

The Fiduciary risk that board members will be subjected to if we return to an in-house accounting system similar to what we had is of great concern. We have already been subjected to a felon working in our office and the potential associated risks therein as well as the lack of information on our delinquent accounts. Upon learning of these delinquent accounts from PCS reports we implemented a system of follow-up and filing of liens which has resulted in recovery of several thousands of dollars; this is not possible if it isn't known or conveyed to decision makers, if it is known. Our internal procedures for knowing the exact status of our maintenance fees and who was past due were inadequate. None of these problems were avoided because of our internal park auditor assisting the treasurer.

Our accounting records in 2009 were turned over to an outside accounting firm who was to provide information back to the office so records could be looked up immediately. That did not occur. "Immediately" to the accountant meant "in the next day or so". A basic internal database was created but the necessary financial reporting could not be created from it.

Two of the parks ongoing problems are recruiting good board members and maintaining competent office staff. The concept of a "Trinity" has been implemented in the last year to deal with these issues. If we have a trinity of a good attorney with experience in community association law, and an outside CPA accountant (auditor), and a CAM licensed accounting service capable of providing reports for the board's use in administering the park....we have a chance to do a better job given the fact that our board are part time volunteers. In addition if the CPA, The Attorney, and the Accounting Company have liability coverage, the parks own liability and errors and omissions coverage is insulated from bearing the full brunt of any errors of omission. When the board unanimously voted to hire PCS in April of 2010 PCS agreed to train people in our office of all accounting procedures. PCS maintains our records of all income and expenses relating to FPPOA. They assist our CPA in preparing all tax returns. They provide us with monthly financial reports. They prepared for us an annual budget. PCS has maintained consistency in our accounting procedures and information even in the event of office staff turnover.

For those of you leaving the Park before the next newsletter, have a great summer and come back safely to us in the Fall.

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***FEBRUARY DANCE***  
 WHEN: SAT. 2/26/11  
 TIME: 7:00 - 10:00 PM  
 WHERE: CLUBHOUSE

Come dance to the music of Erich Fallisch. He'll keep you dancing all night to rock, oldies, disco, swing, country, latin, ballads and line dances. \$5.00 per person. There will be a 50/50 drawing and a drawing for a liquor basket.

Bring your friends, snacks, and drinks and enjoy a great evening.

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***DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY***  
***MARCH 26TH***

You've just got to attend the March dance on Saturday, March 26 from 7-10 pm. The performers will be The Chadburns, a husband and wife team who have been performing together since 1987. They have a wide variety of music and have performed in many venues across the country, from Florida to the Midwest to Las Vegas to the Northwest.

Cost is \$5.00 per person. There will be a 50/50 drawing and a liquor basket drawing. Bring your own beverages and snacks.

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***BID EUCHRE***  
*By: Madaline Preston*

We have Bid Euchre every Wednesday & Saturday at 6:30 pm in the Clubhouse unless there is another activity going on in there. We then play in the Activity Building. We have several new players and would like to have many more join in on the fun

***BUNCO***

*By: Larry Tsicountouridis*

Join us the first Saturday of March and April at the clubhouse at 7:00 pm for a fun evening of Bunco.

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***EXERCISE PROGRAM***



**RECOMMENDED FOR "KIDS"**  
**AGES 55 AND UP!**

Join Nancy Lawrence and friends at the Clubhouse every Tuesday morning at 9am (except 3rd Tues at 8 am) and Saturday morning at 9 am for 30 minutes of fitness and fun. This program is designed to build up energy and mobility, burn fat and tone muscles. The video is called "Tony and the Folks", a series of stretches, movements and exercises for seniors. Men and women are invited. All you need to bring is yourself, a small pillow and a 2 lb. weight (you can use an unopened can of soup).

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***HAPPINESS***

Happiness is a byproduct.

You cannot pursue it by itself.

You were built to solve problems,  
and achieve goals.

You'll find no real satisfaction or happiness in life without obstacles to conquer and goals to achieve.

Happiness is in activity.

It's a running river not a stagnant pond.

Happiness is not in having or being,  
it's in doing something you love.

The secret of happiness is in having  
something to do.

**ST. PATTY'S DAY**

March 17, 2011

***The Northeast Club invites you to join  
in the fun!!***

**9:00 AM** Free Coffee & Donuts along with some Irish music in the Club House – 50/50 also.

**10:00 AM** Betty & Bo McClain will organize “**The Big Parade**”. Decorate your golf carts and bikes and join in – we’ll assemble at the Clubhouse at 9:30 AM. Betty and Bo will be checking with you to sign you up for the parade.

**5:30 PM** Corned Beef and cabbage dinner in the clubhouse. Bring your own place settings – another 50/50.  
Dinner Tickets: \$9.00

**7:00 PM** Entertainment by the “Bayshore Cloggers”. Come and enjoy the Cloggers even if you don’t eat with us.

***Dinner Tickets go on sale: Feb  
27th and Mar 6th in the clubhouse  
from 1-3PM***

**Save the date and come Have Fun!**

***Remember: “We’re all Irish on St.  
Patty’s Day!***

**KOFFEE KLATSCH  
MARCH 4TH**

Be sure to mark your calendar on Friday, March 4 at 9:00 to attend our March Koffee Klatsch at the clubhouse.

The speaker will be from Ellsworth’s Heating & Cooling to provide tips for caring for your cooling and heating units and what you can do when you travel away for extended periods. They will also be providing some very nice give away items.

There will be a 50/50 drawing. Donuts and coffee provided. **REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN CUP.**

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**MEXICAN DOMINOS**

***By: Evelyn Argueta***

There is plenty of room for anyone wanting to learn to play this fun game. There is usually around 14 people that varies from week to week. This game is lots of fun to learn, play and even engage your kids, grandchildren and friends up north when you go back home. I encourage you to come to the clubhouse on Mondays at 9:00 A.M. There is no membership fees. It takes approximately 2 to 2 1/2 hours to complete a set of 13 games. We play for fun and enjoy a little competitive kidding around with our fellow players! ha ha See you all there, eh!

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Jack & Carol Geppert’s names will be added to a plaque to be hung in the clubhouse thanking them for their donation of a tree to the memory garden.

**SOCIAL CLUB MEETING**

*By Keith Goudy*

The March meeting of the Social Club is for ALL the leaders of ALL the clubs and activities in the Park. It is on Thursday, March 10th at 10:00 am in the clubhouse. We will review this past season and review the schedule for next season. We also have some topics to discuss where your input will be important so please plan to attend.

**RED HATS**

*By: Delores Holmes*

Thank You Everyone who donated products or services to the Charity Luncheon and Fashion Show hosted by the Hollyberry Red Hat Ladies. Also, an enormous Thank You to everyone who participated to make our Charity Luncheon a huge success! We made over \$500 dollars to donate to the Harry Chapin Food Bank and Suncoast Services.

**To All Forest Park Ladies**

If you would like to join Forest Park Red Hat Ladies, please contact Betty Campbell at 567-1428. Our dues are \$2.00 per year. The only requirements are that you are over 50 years of age, wear a red hat and purple outfit to our events.

**SHUFFLE LEAGUE**

**MARCH SCHEDULE**

Mar 2nd	Home with Poinsettia Park
Mar 9th	At Cypress Woods
Mar 16th	Home with Crystal Lakes

Everyone is welcome to come on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. to watch us compete with other Parks and CHEER US ON!!

**SHUFFLE LEAGUE**

*By: Ray Preston, Captain*

Our February schedule was full with an “Ice Cream Shuffle, Valentine Breakfast and a Fun Day”.

March is following with a full schedule too. **March 4th** we will host the “Koffee Klatsch” at 9:00 am with Ellsworth HEating/AC presenting the program. Please remember to bring your coffee cup.

**March 5th** at 9:00 am will be our next meeting in the Activity Building.

**March 19th** we are holding a KING/QUEEN tournament. A SIGN UP SLIP will be posted at the courts. We will serve coffee and donuts at 9:00 am, shuffle at 9:30 am and serve hotdogs, chips and a drink starting at 11:00 am- 12:30 pm. EVERYBODY IS WELCOME!!!

**March 27th** is our annual “Banquet” for all the Parks and will be hosted by Tamiami Village at 1:30 pm.

We discussed having a snack/finger food party for the league. The time and date will be discussed at our next meeting. We talked about what we would like to do as a team in regard to shirts for next year - this is being looked into and will be discussed at our March meeting. Election of officers will also be held at our March meeting.

Remember shuffling on Mondays Fridays and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. Also shuffle “FUN NIGHT” every Monday at 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. is Ladies Day.



## **MICHIGAN/CANADIAN CLUBS**

*By: Jim Barnett*

Our Pot Luck February meeting was a great success. Over 30 people were in attendance. Great food and a good time were had by all.

Our next joint meeting will be our annual Picnic meeting on March 10 at 12:00 noon at the Pavilion. The food will be supplied at a cost of \$4.00 per person. Fried chicken, potato salad and cold slaw. Bring your own beverage and place settings. Hope to see you there. There will be a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse for those wishing to attend.

The Michigan Club had a meeting to explore our future which was well attended. We will continue having our joint meetings with the Canadian Club. However, our club is looking for a new President. Please we need a volunteer for this important position.

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## **MEN'S KOFFEE KLATCH**

*By: Nancy Cooper*



**JUST FOR MEN!**

The next men's only Koffee Klatch is scheduled for Friday March 11th at 9:00 am in the clubhouse. Please stop in for some good fellowship, good conversation, a snack or two and a freshly made cup of coffee. Oh yes, bring a friend. There are lots of men in our park who would really enjoy a cup of coffee with "the boys".

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## **PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB**

*By: Gail Ford*

This month the Pine Tree Knots gave two comfort quilts away; one to Doris Pacos and the second to Rufus Durden. The total of quilts given is 59.

The date for our Quilt show is Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM. We have 25 items, which were donated by our members, to be raffled off. Tickets are being sold now two (2) for \$1.00 or ten (10) for \$5.00. They will be available at various meetings or talk to a Quilt Club member. They will also be available on the day of the Quilt Show.

We have been busy learning new techniques for quilting projects. Janet Clear taught us Circle Patchwork. Mary Ann showed us an easier way to quilt our projects called Quilt As You Go. Hazel Dirkse taught us Flying Geese and Shirley Kirkham, Strip Tubing. We also had a full day workshop to start more lap quilts for our park members.

Our Spring Quilt Luncheon will be held on March 24th at The Olive Garden. We need to be at the restaurant at 11 AM.

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## **MARCH BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE**

*By: Becky Conrad*

In order to not conflict with the festivities on St. Patty's Day the Board meeting has been changed to Wednesday, March 16th at 1:00 pm in the Activities Building.

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**COMPUTER CLUB***By: Sherrill Wright*

The Computer Club is a group of friendly people who meet every Thursday (changing in December from Wednesday) 2 - 4 PM to help each other with computer issues. If you have a problem related to computers, or a skill you think might benefit others, *YOU ARE WHO WE NEED IN OUR CLUB!* Please come and join the group.

Membership costs \$10/household per winter season, and we take a break and have coffee and cookies around 3 PM to a little socializing and get to know each other and any new members. Most members use Windows, but some use Macs or Linux and most software programs are compatible with each system. Each week, we usually have a person show something they are experienced in, or we focus on a particular problem or investigation of something new together.

The computer club will help those who would like to connect to the park system. Those close to the transmitting/receiving radios may be able connect to the park WiFi with the built-in antenna of their laptop or with an adapter in their desktop, but the connection will probably be unreliable. The majority of residents will need an external receiving unit with line-of-site to the transmitter. The computer club has found the Ubiquiti NanoStation M2 works well. However, even with this unit, a number of factors may limit the performance of a connection. The age of the computer, the operating system, sites visited, type of downloads and expectations of the operator are all contributing factors. The park computer club is gaining experience in wireless technology and keeping abreast of new developments so we can improve the system over time.

**WI-FI UPDATE***By: Doug Ford*

The Forest Park wifi system has had over 220 laptop, I pod, I pad users sign into the system, this is in addition to 100 outside antenna users. Most of the laptop users are visitors to the park. About 75 users are active at peak times. We had to reduce the speed because there are users still downloading movies which slows everyone down. We still are running faster than 1.5 mps DSL. We had some phone line problems around the first of Feb. which caused a severe slow down which was corrected that Friday. Any wifi problems please call or send an email to [forestparkwifi@gmail.com](mailto:forestparkwifi@gmail.com).

To see if the Forest Park WIFI system will work for you, the computer club has mounted a test unit on a mast and will help you rig a temporary connection to your computer. You can then run for a few days. If you find the connection is not meeting your needs, you can stay with your DSL connection. But if you find the park system acceptable, you will know in advance how the permanent installation will perform. If you are experiencing any wifi related problems please call Doug at 731-2028. or send an email to [ComputerClubwifi@gmail.com](mailto:ComputerClubwifi@gmail.com)

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**EMPTY USED INK CARTRIDGES**

In keeping with Forest Park's "Green" effort, the Computer Club will have a collection box to recycle Inkjet Printer Cartridges in the Activities Building, (on the counter next to the community printer). These can be recycled at Office Depot and Office Max and the club will get a small credit.

**NORTHEAST CLUB***By: Joan King*

Mardi Gras will be here before you know it and we invite you to celebrate with us on March 14th at 7:00 p.m. We'll have a traditional King's Cake and crown the Mardi Gras king or queen; then we'll give out the cash prizes for the best costume or hat or mask. So begin searching the thrift shops for the very best costume ever and join the NE Club celebration. There is no cost for this one, just bring your Mardi Gras spirit, your coffee mug and a fork for the cake.

**FOREST PARK BOOK GROUP***By: Joan King*

The Book Group will meet on February 25th at 1:00 p.m. in the clubhouse to discuss the southern classic "To Kill A Mocking Bird". We will show the 1962 movie version about 2:00 p.m., right after our discussion. Anyone is invited to attend.

The book for March, "Angry Housewives Eating Bon-bons" by Lorna Landvik will be available at the Feb. meeting. This popular book, a story of friendships through good and bad times, follows five women in a book club in Minnesota from 1968 to 1998. They do much more than read books and eat bon-bons as you will see if you join us in reading the March book.

*"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young."*

**Henry Ford**

**CHORUS NEWS***By: Joyce Hines*

Our Forest Park Choraleers, under the direction, of Marge Elliott, presented their program for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary honorees and guests on the evening of February 17<sup>th</sup> at the 50th Wedding Anniversary Dinner. This performance featured songs requested by the honorees and also featured the Choraleers' own selections. In addition, our accompanist, Janet Brewer performed a beautiful piano rendition of One Moment In Time. It was an honor to be included in the special program honoring our friends celebrating their 50 years together!

It is with regret that Marge is resigning as our Chorus Director. Marge moved from Forest Park last year and is now living at Shellpoint. She has been a fantastic and creative director, but more than that, Marge has been a good friend to each member of our group. She will be truly missed by all of us.

Marge's resignation leaves our group without a director. Thus: **THE POSITION IS OPEN!** If we do not have someone with musical experience to step up to the task, our chorus will no longer be operational. Janet Brewer has also requested that we advertise for an additional accompanist. Plus, we hope to attract new members! In our favor or defense, we are a fun group who simply enjoy getting together once a week to sing. We call these events "**PRACTICES**", but in fact they provide each member with a chance to interact with others, to gain a feeling of accomplishment, and to achieve the goal of "giving something back" to our friends and neighbors in the form of entertainment.

We hope you have enjoyed our performances over the years and that some of you will seriously consider joining us next year!



**CRAFT CLUB**

*By: Ruth Malago*

Our famous, fabulous, FLEA MARKET will take place on Saturday, March 12th, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. There are even going to be tables set up in the pavilion since we got such a terrific response.....along with hot-dogs there will be sloppy joes, brownies, chips, & desserts and drinks.....there will also be four (4) large tables with just baked goods for sale..... and we also put in an order for terrific weather !!!!!

TABLE RENTALS FOR OUR FAMOUS FLEA MARKET WILL BE:..

CLUBHOUSE ----- \$ 4.00 ea.  
PAVILION ----- \$ 3.00 ea.

CALL JUNE.....239-731-9169



Remember our Craft Club meetings on Wednesdays at 9:00 am in the clubhouse.....we are doing some terrific crafts....so many of our residents here in the park have great ideas for making memorable crafts....they are now finishing the latest project .... darling little purses made from men's neckties.....we also serve fresh coffee, tea & baked goods..... come & see for yourself !!!!!

**OHIO CLUB**

*By: Anna Thatcher, President*

The February Meeting was held February 7th with Pizza, Salad & dessert served. Not-So-Newlywed Game was played by four couples, Dan & Sandy O'Brien, Bernie & Velma Waltz, Bill & Carrie McGinnis & Jack & Lois Dilts with Jack & Lois being winners.

March meeting will be held on March 7th with the theme being "Mexican". We would like for you to join us in a fun night, please wear something representative of "Mexican". We will concentrate on keeping our Mexican food "non-spicy" so that all can enjoy. ***Please sign up for attendance at the next meeting as we need a count for preparation of meal to be served.***

Thanks to Peggy Baker & Carrie McGinnis for auditing Ohio Club books.

Time is winding down for those "Snow-Birds". Let's all get out and enjoy the presence of all members of Forest Park.

**HEALTH & WELFARE**

*By: Mary Gibson*

Bloodmobile March 9th 8:30 am to Noon in front of the clubhouse. Sign up sheet in clubhouse, but, walk-ins are welcome. Blood Pressure check will be held on Mar 15th, 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the clubhouse.

**THE 2010-11 RESIDENT DIRECTORY IS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE**

## ***NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ PATROL (NWP)***

***By: Nick Nufryk***

Please read this letter carefully so you know what to ask if a prospective worker comes to your house. It will save you from being taken from your hard earned money that you worked for all your adult life.

If someone comes to your door, don't let them in your house. Ask them what their business pertains to. Then ask if they have been to the Park office to get an approval card to do work in this park. If they say they did, ask them to see the card. If they do not have a card from the office, DO NOT do business with them. Tell them that there is "No Soliciting" in this Park. A sign at the front of the Park as they came in will verify that statement. If you let them do work at your house and they are uninsured and get hurt, they can sue you and you don't have a leg to stand on.

Try to get a tag number and State that the tags on the vehicle are issued from and also any writing that is on the vehicle they are driving.

Do not give them any money until the work is done. If they are in business, they are supposed to have money to buy the materials needed. We have some residents in the Park who gave workers a deposit and never saw them again.

Call the Lee County Fraud line 239-477-1242 and give all the information you have to them. Also call Lee County Sheriff's office 239-477-1000.

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## ***GIVING THANKS***

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wishes to those honored at their gala. May you have many more memories.

A Thank You to everyone who helped make the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration an enormous success, Social Club Officers want to Thank all of our committee members for their excellent cooperation and a job well done. We appreciate your help.

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## ***APOLOGY***

***By: Keith Goudy***

In the February newsletter we thanked a number of people who have left or changed positions in the Social Club. I forgot to mention Wanda Dickerson who resigned last fall from First Vice President to become President of the Craft Club. We want to Thank her for her service to the Social Club over the last few years.

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## ***EASY WATER EXERCISE***

Most of the exercises are the same as the Tuesday & Saturday exercises except we do them in the pool. This means less stress on joints plus we get those healthy rays of sunshine at the same time. We have volunteers to cover Mon-Fri. Thanks to Myra for taking Wednesdays. We have a great time exercising and catching up on the latest in Forest Park. Please come join us from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday at the pool.

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***"Tact is the knack of making a point  
without making an enemy."***

**Sir Isaac Newton**

**NEWSLETTER IN COLOR***By: Sharon Goudy*

This newsletter is available in a new full color digital format. It was delivered to you in black and white because we cannot assume that you would want it sent via email. However, if you would prefer to see your copy sent to you via email and in full wonderful color, just email me at [sharon.goudy@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.goudy@gmail.com) and I will send you one.

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**SPEAK UP!  
IT'S YOUR PARK**

Attend the budget meetings planned for the last Friday of Feb & Mar at 11:00 am. You have the opportunity to help decide what is needed and/or wanted in Forest Park. The Budget Committee members need your input.

**FPPOA CALENDAR CODES**

\* means function is held in the Activity Bldg.

**P** means function is being held in the Pavilion.

Other indoor activities are held in the clubhouse.

**NOTE:** Keith Goudy handles the updates to the calendar. Please contact him for calendar changes. [keith.goudy@gmail.com](mailto:keith.goudy@gmail.com) or 543-9770

**DISCARDED CIGARETTE BUTTS***By: Delores Holmes*

Lately, as I walk the streets in Forest Park, I notice lots of cigarette butts along side the road. A thrown cigarette does not dissolve quickly and makes our roadways look untidy. If you smoke, do what the service men were taught - clip the lighted end of the cigarette, and place the butt into your pocket until you find a proper disposal unit. Thank You for taking the extra few moments to properly dispose of your cigarette butt. Everyone walking along the streets also Thanks You.

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**RESIDENT'S CHANGES TO THE  
PHONE DIRECTORY**

Helen Marconi      239-567-2742

Jim & Mary Beth Schleter have a new local phone number 239-543-4681

**CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS**

Ren and Bev Whitaker  
[rbwhit@yahoo.com](mailto:rbwhit@yahoo.com)

*Editor's Note: Thank you all for your submissions and please keep them coming. Please submit your notices no later than 6:00 p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to [sharon.goudy@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.goudy@gmail.com) or leave in the box in the clubhouse. Don't forget this is your Newsletter and it will be as successful as your participation allows. Sharon Goudy*

# March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM Tickets for St. Pats</li> <li>2:00 PM Cribbage*</li> <li>6:30 PM Pinochle</li> </ul>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Mexican Dominos</li> <li>9:00 AM Art Class*</li> <li>10:00 AM Mixed Shuffle-board</li> <li>12:30 PM Duplicate Bridge*</li> <li>3:00 PM Bocce</li> <li>6:30 PM SKIP-BO*</li> <li>7:00 PM Shuffleboard Fun Night</li> </ul>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Exercise Program</li> <li>10:00 AM Ladies Shuffle-board</li> <li>1:00 PM Chorus</li> <li>6:45 PM Bingo</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Craft Club</li> <li>12:30 PM Shuffleboard League</li> <li>6:30 PM Canadian Euchre*</li> <li>6:30 PM Bid Euchre</li> <li>7:00 PM Square Dancing p</li> </ul>	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30 AM Veggie man p</li> <li>9:00 AM Quilting</li> <li>1:00 PM Bingo</li> <li>2:00 PM Computer Club</li> <li>3:00 PM Bocce</li> </ul>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Koffee Klatsch board</li> <li>10:00 AM Mixed Shuffle-board</li> <li>10:30 AM Line Dancing p</li> <li>6:30 PM Bridge</li> <li>6:30 PM Poker</li> </ul>	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Exercise Program</li> <li>9:00 AM Shuffleboard Club *</li> <li>10:00 AM Mixed Shuffle-board</li> <li>1:00 PM Bingo</li> <li>6:30 PM Bid Euchre*</li> <li>7:00 PM Bunco</li> </ul>
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N. FT. MYERS, FL 33917**

**VACATION HOUSE CHECK  
V.O.I.C.E.**

**NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ZONE \_\_\_\_\_**

**ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_**

**PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_**

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**WHERE OWNER CAN BE REACHED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

**NAME \_\_\_\_\_**

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**KEYS TO HOUSE WITH**

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**Turn completed form in to the Forest Park Office**



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***To the Community of North Fort Myers:***

In the recent weeks and days we have experienced an increase in automobile burglaries. Please take a few moments and share with your neighbors and friends the importance of locking your vehicle doors and practicing crime prevention.

Remember, most crimes are “crimes of opportunities,” and most burglaries are to unlocked and open doors and windows. Take that extra second to lock your doors and secure belongings such as GPS systems, wallets, purses, etc. Remember don’t leave any valuables in sight within the vehicle.

Thank you,  
Lee County Sheriff’s Office  
Crime Prevention Unit

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**HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY**

***ALUMINUM CANS PICK-UP  
MONDAY OR TUESDAY???***

Please place your aluminum cans near your mailbox Monday evenings after 5:00 pm. Jim and Mary Beth Schleter have volunteered to pick up the cans to be recycled. They both belong to the Ohio Club and the Northeast Club which meets on Monday evenings during the months of Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr. Therefore, it may be Tuesday morning some weeks before the cans are actually picked up from your property. Butch is aware of this change and will not pick up the bags containing just aluminum cans during his Tuesday trash pick up. Jim and Mary Beth feel that using their small green pickup truck makes it easier to do this job instead of their golf cart with trailer. They now have “FP Patrol” signs on the truck so you will know it is ok for them to pick up the cans whether it be Monday night or Tuesday morning.

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***GREEN TREE STICKER***

There is a little green tree sticker available in the office that goes on the back window of your car. All residents with automobiles should have this highly visible authorization to be in the Park. This will help the safety patrol on their nightly rounds. If you are a temporary resident and don’t want any stickers on your window, then scotch tape it there while you are here.

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## ***SUPPLEMENT TO THE MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER***

The Board of Directors requested both positions of the upcoming ballot be presented and distributed to the membership via the newsletter distribution system. Therefore these two articles are a supplement to the March 2011 newsletter and paid for by the F.P.P.O.A.

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### ***POSITION #1***

#### ***Professional Community Service, Inc. In Forest Park***

By: Becky Conrad, President with the approval of the Board of Directors

A few years ago a number of people from Forest Park began attending the Southwest Florida Resident Owned Communities (SWFROC) meetings where resident owned communities would get together to have presentations and discuss topics of concern to communities like ours. As discussion took place, most other communities were very surprised that a community our size did not have a certified manager or management company. Investigation began into the process and what that might mean for Forest Park.

At this same time we had to hire four different people over the last two years for the office, which presented tremendous difficulties in continuity and procedures.

During this time there were also changes being made to the office procedures for collection and handling of maintenance fees and the accounts payable including hiring outside accounting firms that did not work out.

After a result of exploring various options and looking at possible management companies and what they offered, it was decided in April 2010 by the Board Of Directors to hire Professional Community Services, Inc. to provide automated office services at \$2,000 per month with a one year contract and month to month after that.

The main services provided are handling the maintenance fees including keeping account balances, handling of the accounts payables, placing the employees on the PCS payroll, and financial accounting. **PCS is NOT managing Forest Park**, They are doing our automated office services. Your elected Board of Directors is still managing the Park.

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This provides a continuity and stability for the Park year round. PCS also takes the responsibility of training new office employees on the automated office procedures.

One of the first items reported from PCS reports was that there were thousands of dollars of maintenance fees that were past due and uncollected that our old system did not control – most of which have since been collected.

PCS has maintained consistency in our accounting procedures and information even in the event of office staff turnover. They have provided us with a computerized picture of delinquencies monthly which has proven helpful, whether they be for foreclosure or any other reason. In addition to website services, easier payment options, internal checking of accounts by members, newsletters and announcements, we have a CAM certified person available for consulting on an as needed basis. If the membership chooses to not have a certified, licensed firm looking over our shoulder, as a board making decisions we are setting ourselves up for the possibility of fraud.

Somewhere along the way a difference arose regarding the method of the accounting style. Forest Park has been on a Cash method and PCS was using an Accrual method. This caused disagreement as to financial data that was supposedly not available. Statements have been made that PCS has not provided the required data. This resulted in a list of requests that were presented to the Board, which was forwarded to PCS. It was reported to us by PCS that all the accounting requests were already fulfilled or subsequently fulfilled and/or are available on line. In addition, effective Jan. 1, 2011, PCS has changed back to the Cash accounting method to accommodate our financial personnel.

So the question arises as to why the statements are occurring that indicates that PCS is not fulfilling its contract when upon review of the contract, ***all contracted automated office services have been fulfilled.***

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**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.**

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## **POSITION #2**

### ***Proposal To Terminate The PCS Contract And Seek Other Bidders***

*By: John Wright*

#### Forest Park Financial Management System

Our Forest Park financial management system was introduced ten years ago by our financial committees. It relies upon the grouping of payments as operating, reserve or improvement expenses. This grouping method may not be a common practice for property owner associations, but it is easily accommodated by popular bookkeeping software. The method has been refined and applied through Forest Park projects totaling over a million dollars to date. The system's priority is that operating expenses are paid first. Then we fund our reserves. Any surplus after attending to operating expenses and reserve funding is available for improvements. Our system is easy to understand and monitor. It has been accepted and applied by successive boards through seven F.P.P.O.A. presidents. In our budget and planning meetings we use familiar language, but in accounting terms, our method depends upon systematic grouping of **cash flow** for all income and expense items and frequent calculation of **accrued liability** for our reserve fund. **The method is consistent with generally accepted accounting practices and strictly follows procedures for reserve funding that have been presented at financial seminars by prominent accounting firms.** Our reserve funding calculations draw heavily on the knowledge and experience of our residents. I presented our Forest Park pooled reserve funding system to a meeting of the Southwest Florida Resident Owned Communities last year. The presentation was well received and there were no critical comments. Our goal is to manage our finances so that we sustain everything we own, with no need for a special assessment. Ever!

#### Interaction With PCS.

We reviewed our historic reporting method with PCS before the spring 2010 departure. But when PCS began issuing reports a few months later, they were in a different format than those that we had been using for the last 19 years. So, I requested that they also provide one in our Forest Park format. We could only communicate by email and at the end of 2010 we had responses that indicated PCS could not meet the Forest Park requirement. In December, in an email, PCS stated, “the industry does not use a financial report that starts with last month's cash balance of all bank accounts then adds the income received to the balance and comes up with a new grand total cash balance”.

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It went on to say “I think the biggest problem is that the methods you are using to make your reports are OK for a small one bank account little association or boy scout troop, but will not be acceptable by an auditor for an association with so many bank accounts and homeowner histories. PCS continued, “ John's desire to have expenses coded to one of three areas as Operating, Reserves and Improvements is an area that no one in this industry has ever heard of and we collectively do not know how to address this. They are either operating expenses or reserves”. My response was that my treasurer's reports give cash flow in a manner recommended by industry professionals and in accordance with our governing statute, (FS.617). Furthermore, our reports are examined by a park shareholder who spent his working life performing audits. When I pointed this out, PCS replied “I think the best answer for you is to consult with a CPA that provides accounting and audits for community associations.”

Consultation With An Accounting Firm

I took the advice of PCS. The budget committee, Lee Fisher and I visited the firm that put on the seminars I mentioned previously. The senior partner in this firm was a partner in the same company that serviced Forest Park for 12 years. This company indicated it would have no difficulty in providing the reports we asked for. The CPA we talked to indicated he can meet our requirements and would like to work with us. His initial estimate for service was \$1,500 to \$2,000/month, depending upon the level required. I believe the lower level would meet our needs.

Bids From Other Accounting Firms

When a contract with any service is about to end, it is a good idea to review it, see if we are receiving value, and consider seeking new bids. The contract with PCS will terminate at the end of March 2011. I propose that the board seek bids from accounting firms and rank them on the basis of qualification, experience, level of service, attitude, and cost. Then select the best candidate for approval by the membership at the March FPPOA meeting. (We did not follow this procedure in 2010 because of the urgency of the situation). I now ask the membership to insist that their F.P.P.O.A. Treasurer, and a committee of his choosing, lead the candidate selection process, because our financial requirements are of utmost concern.

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