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# FOREST PARK NEWSLETTER



## HAPPY HEART MONTH



### ***SOCIAL CLUB NEWS***

***By: Keith Goudy, President***

It is great to see so many familiar faces returning for the season and also so many new ones. Hopefully by now you are enjoying the many activities that are available here in Forest Park. There are many different activities in which to participate and if you think we should consider another one, please talk to a Social Club Officer. We are pleased to report that there were 199 in attendance at the Welcome Back Dinner hosted by the Ohio Club and 150 attended the Holiday Dinner hosted by the Northeast Club. There were 33 carts and 5 bicycles in the Christmas Parade, 71 people at the New Year's Eve Dance and 168 for the Dinner/Comedy show. Thank you all for participating in these and other events in the park.

This monthly Newsletter is provided to you and paid for by the Social Club. It reports the various "social" activities as submitted to us by the various clubs and activities in the park. It has tried to stay away from personal opinions and any discussions regarding management of the park. Our recently elected FPPOA President Bob Dickerson has requested there be a FPPOA section added for articles from him and/or the Board. The FPPOA Board will reimburse the Social Club for any added expense. A FPPOA section will now be included in the newsletter.

Trust you are enjoying our great weather and having FUN here in Forest Park. Remember to visit our website [www.forestparkonline.com](http://www.forestparkonline.com) for lots of information including our Calendar to help keep you up to date.

### ***SOCIAL CLUB MEETING***

***February 9, 2012***

The Social Club meeting in February is Thursday, February 9 at 7:00pm at the clubhouse. We will review the various happenings of the clubs and activities in the Park. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone in the park is a member of the Social Club so anyone and everyone is most welcome to attend. Hope to see you there.

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**The San Francisco  
Cable cars are the only mobile  
National  
Monuments**

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### ***SOCIAL CLUB OFFICERS***

Keith Goudy, President  
Delores Holmes, 1st Vice President  
Gail Ford, 2nd Vice President  
Mary Beth Schleter, 3rd Vice President  
Joyce Hines, Secretary  
Pat Schuren, Treasurer

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## FUN PAGE

### **2ND ANNUAL BUS TRIP HOLLYWOOD HARD ROCK CASINO SECOND BUS ADDED!!!**



Join us on February 8th. We will meet at the clubhouse at 7:15am and leave at 7:30am and return at 6:30pm. The cost is \$35.00 per person, however they will give you \$30.00 of free play along with a \$7.50 food voucher. So it looks like they are paying you to have fun!!!

A sign up sheet is in the clubhouse. Reservations need to be made and paid for by February 5th. **THE FIRST BUS IS FULL SO WE HAVE ADDED A SECOND BUS.** Please contact Carol Bradsher-Goans at 231-944-9524 with any questions.

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### **CARPORT SALE**

**By: Keith Goudy**



Have you cleaned out your storage area, assembled your craft items, found those items you just no longer need? If not, then now is time because the annual Carport Sale is coming up, Saturday, February 11 from 8:00am to 1:00pm. What better way to sell that "stuff" than to have the buyers come to you. Notices will be going up around the community so we expect a very good attendance.



### **J.C. BUFFET & CRUISE**

The Ohio Club will be hosting a J.C. Cruise on Wednesday, March 21, 2012. The cruise will be to the Gulf of Mexico. The cruise will last four hours (10:00 am - 2:00 pm) with a buffet. Anyone interested in joining us, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the club house. The cost of the cruise and buffet will be \$31.27 per person which needs to be paid for by March 1, 2012 to Nancy Wehrman, 241 Shrub Ln. North.

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### **50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

**By: Anna Thatcher**



The celebration will be held February 16th at 6:00 p.m. and is sponsored by the Ohio Club. There are three couples signed up as honorees for this event. You can still sign up to attend this event. Tickets & seating arrangement is scheduled for January 29th & January 30th from 1 - 3 p.m. Please go to the clubhouse on one of those days and get your table arrangements for the 50th Anniversary Celebration. It will be the responsibility of each table to furnish the entire meal for themselves. Honorees will have their meal prepared by Ohio Club.

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### **REMEMBERING TOM II**

**By: Isy McLain**

I am having a short celebration to honor Tom II on Sunday, February 19th at 2:00pm in the clubhouse. I waited so his friends in the North would be back. Everyone was good to him and he loved you all. So come and meet his family and enjoy a few goodies.

## ***MORE FUN THINGS***

### ***JANUARY DANCE***

***By: Keith Goudy***

Come join us for "DOWN HOME FUN" at our dance on Saturday, January 28th from 7-10pm. And this one is FREE!

Music provided by Rick Norris.



So come on down and 'get it on'.

### ***BOCCE***

Join us each Monday and Thursday at 2:30pm at the Bocce Court. Everyone welcome.

### ***KARAOKE***



The third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm the clubhouse comes alive with the sound of music. Join in or just listen. Both actions are welcome.

***"One kind word can warm three winter months."***  
**Japanese Proverb**

### ***BUNCO***

***By: Larry Tsicountouridis***

Please join us in the Clubhouse Saturday, February 4th at 7:00pm.

### ***BINGO***

***By: Anne Domingos***

Please joins us on Tuesdays at 6:45pm for 7:00pm Bingo in the clubhouse each week. Cards are \$.50 with a minimum purchase of four cards. Night Owl cards are \$.25.

### ***BID EUCHRE***

***By: Madaline Preston***

We have Bid Euchre every Wednesday & Saturday at 6:30pm 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

### ***FEBRUARY DANCE***

***By: Keith Goudy***



You won't want to miss the dance in February. It will be Saturday, February 25 at 7:00. Our guest performers are the popular Live Wires. Cost is a mere \$5 per person, what a bargain. Bring your own snacks and adult beverage and enjoy a great evening of listening and dancing.

## ***F.P.P.O.A. BOARD NEWS***

### ***FPPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESIDENT'S CORNER***

***By: Bob Dickerson***

I would like to thank Becky and the outgoing Board members for their service to Forest Park. FP looks great and we are in pretty good financial condition. I hope that I, with the help of the new Board, can do as well.

Self managing a park of this size requires a lot of work. Most of us don't want to spend the time required or may feel unqualified. This is evidenced by the five unopposed positions for President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer. But, what if no one ran? What would we do? When talk of me running for President came up in my household a couple of months ago, I said "No way in 'heck' do I want that job! Too much work and responsibility". The next Sunday at church, the sermon was on using the talents God has given us. When we got home, Wanda said, you have to run, you have the experience, you have the interest, and you can do it, if you will!

So here I am! There are, no doubt, more talented and capable people in Forest Park than I am, to do this job. (I hate to think that there aren't). But here I am to try and do the best job I can with the little "talent" and experience that I have. With your help and support and relying on Gods guidance to help me use the talents I have been given, we will carry on.

We have to have your talents and energy as well. We will no doubt call on many of you before long to put those talents to work.

I did not intend to write my first article in this way, but I did. I will put in other articles today and in the future on how we are doing, what we intend to do, and why.

I now must add "Go Forest Park" to, "Go Blue" ( U of M ).

***GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG  
FEBRUARY 23, 2012***

### ***2012 FPPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

PRESIDENT: Bob Dickerson

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Betty Campbell

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Jan Orlando

SECRETARY: Bob Lang

TREASURER: John Wright

#### **DIRECTORS**

Jim Arthur

Jim Barnett

Judith Burkhead

Pete Lawrence

Lou Smith

Jim Ullrey

### ***Open Mike at Membership Meetings***

***By: Bob Dickerson***

We will sit aside time at each Membership Meeting for questions or comments you may have. I think it is important that the membership be heard. These are your meetings to let the Board know what is on your mind. The BOD will report and you respond. I ask that you be brief and concise in your comments or questions. We all sometimes get a bit long winded when we have a mike in our hands so be brief and to the point and by all means respectful and civil. We will not tolerate personal attacks or tirades. I hope that we have people lined up waiting to speak. Having been shy all of my life (believe it!), I know how difficult it is to stand up and speak before a crowd. But just be yourself and know that you are in a community of friends. Oh, by the way, I am sure no one on the Board would object to a compliment once in a while if one is deserved.

## ***F.P.P.O.A. BOARD NEWS***

### ***TRASH PICK UP***

This service is provided by FPPOA for all residents. Please read Section XIII of the Rules and Regulations of Forest Park (below). Bags should not exceed 30 pounds in weight. Please make sure your trash bag will be picked up by keeping the weight under the 30 lb. limit. The Trash and Horticulture committee has instructed Butch & Steve to leave any bag over the 30lb. limit. If it is separated into bags meeting the limit, the trash will be picked up the next trash day.

### ***BLUE BARREL RE-CYCLE***

The blue barrel is used for all *other types* of recycling such as paper, metal, plastic, etc. This is a separate program from our regular trash and the truck comes on Wednesdays.

***It's not what we eat but what we digest  
that makes us strong; not what we gain  
but what we save that makes us rich;  
not what we read but what we  
remember that makes us learned; and  
not what we profess but what we  
practice that gives us integrity."  
Philosopher, Francis Bacon***

### **XIII. GARBAGE, TRASH AND HORTICULTURE**

FPPOA will provide garbage, trash and horticulture removal/pick-up service.

The following conditions must be met by all residents/occupants:

- A. Pickup is on Tuesdays and Fridays (or as determined by the FPPOA Board of Directors with sufficient notice). (Please keep horticulture separate)  
Bundles torn open by animals will not be picked up.
- B. Items are to be placed in front of home on your own property no earlier than 6pm the day before pickup and no later than 7am on pickup day. Do not put on the road as it could create a hazard.
- C. Bags must be plastic of good quality. If they break, you must clean it up.
- D. The filled bag weight must not exceed 30 pounds.
- E. Bags must be tied.
- F. Horticulture limbs must be tied securely and not exceed four (4) feet in length and sixteen (16) inches in diameter. Tree limbs are not to exceed four (4) inches in diameter.
- G. Do not mix garbage and horticulture in the same bag.
- H. Residents are not permitted in the maintenance area to dump trash in dumpsters at any time.
- I. Boxes (corrugated cardboard) must be broken down, tied and left out with the blue recycle bin on Wednesdays (or as determined by the Board of Directors).
- J. Contractors, lawn cutters, etc. working at your home are responsible for removing trash and horticulture from the park.
- K. To have appliances and large items removed, call the office for the number to be called for free pick-up.



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## ***F.P.P.O.A. BOARD NEWS***

**The Board of Directors has approved the following Committees:**

**Construction Committee:** The Construction Committee, led by Ron Moon will review all new contracts, to make sure we are getting what we are paying for, and that the contracts are properly written. Unless it is impractical to do so in certain cases, we will insist on at least two bids or quotes on work or replacement equipment. The committee will also be composed of members and advisors with experience in the various trades. We will call on their expertise to make sure that we really need the recommended repairs or replacement of equipment and are not being “oversold”. The Committee will advise the BOD on letting of contracts, make sure permits are pulled when required, that insurance and license of contractors is in force, follow the progress, and make sure the job is properly done before final payment is made.

**Legal Committee:** The most common complaints I have heard relate to pets and lack of rule enforcement. The Legal Committee will be reactivated and the first thing we will do is to identify all of the pets residing in non pet areas and take whatever action is available and necessary. I love my pet but we made sure she was allowed before we bought on Palm Frond Court. If you know of a pet which lives and is let outside in Non Pet sections, send a complaint to the office.

**By-Law Committee :** The newly appointed By-Law Committee under the leadership of Dale Monette has started reviewing our current By-Laws, the notes from the Committee of 2-3 years ago, and the proposed By-Laws submitted to the membership last month, in addition to amendments submitted to the committee. Dale expects to have a rewrite completed for presentation at the February Membership meeting with a vote at the March meeting. Dale and the other members, Kay Westall, Sherrill Wright, LoRita Hettich and Dave Brugh are all well versed in the current language and interpretation of the By-Laws and have spent much time on previous committees. I have confidence that they will produce a document which makes necessary modifications, cleans up language, duplication and conflict and can be easily read, in a booklet also containing our Deed of Restrictions and Rules. Upon completion of the By-Laws, I will ask them to continue with the Rules and Regulations. In future columns I will address the written legal opinions which we have, regarding what rules and regulations we have the authority to make or not make.

**Financial Overview Committee:** Dave Small and Anna Thatcher have the responsibility of overseeing our financial situation, not to conflict with or interfere with the Board or Treasurer, but to offer advice on how we conduct our financial affairs within the scope of generally acceptable accounting procedures. They will also assist in putting together written procedures for the office and other BOD responsibilities, so that we can have continuity from one administration to the next.

**Planning Committee:** Jim Barnett will head our Planning Committee. We would like representatives from the major Clubs to serve on this committee, either as members or advisors, so that we have a broad spectrum of interests in making longer term plans for Forest Park. What do we want? What do we need? What can we afford? Want, need and afford should guide the Committee.

**Real Estate Committee:** Lee Fisher and Floyd Hasler will serve on this committee and attempt to keep us abreast of the situation regarding vacant homes in foreclosure in FP. We want to do whatever we can legally do and within our ability to do so, to keep investors from buying to rent or profit from foreclosures, etc., of these homes. Additionally, it is in our best interest to work with local agents and realtors to make sure that people interested in buying in Forest Park are fully aware of our restrictions and requirements.

**Sergeants at Arms:** Al Thatcher and Melton Herrick have agreed to act in this capacity at Membership Meetings. They will handle the microphones when people are speaking from the floor and provide assistance to anyone needing it including perhaps whispering in the ear of anyone who has been ruled out of order ( but I don't expect that will be needed.)

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***FOREST PARK COMMUNITY PHONE BOOK CHANGES***

The current Forest Park community phone book is missing a few names and numbers. If you do not find your name listed in the book, please notify the Forest Park office by calling 239-543-1155 or email to [fpoinc@gmail.com](mailto:fpoinc@gmail.com). The office needs your written permission to include your information in a published phone directory.

***Please add the following information to your book.***

Abbott, Ken & Judy, 5330 Forest Park Dr, 978-914-0365, MA (correct home state)  
Allen, Albert & Jeannette, 450 Jacaramba Ct. 239-543-8806  
Argueta, Evelyn, 513 Pine Tree Ct. 321-352-6543  
Caughlin, Wanda & Edith, 216 Shrub Lane N, ONT (added Wanda's name)  
Cline, Delano & Elizabeth, 611 Pine Grove Ct 863-558-0885, OH (add 2nd phone line)  
Craven, Joseph E. & Frances C., 408 Twig Ct. S, 240-398-9426  
Croop, Dale & Barbara, 5010 Forest Park Dr. 570-759-8118  
Crum, Reuel M., 709 Palm Frond, 239-543-5587, 765-258-3663 (new phone #'s)  
Cunningham, Bob, 403 Twig Ct. S, 239-848-5539 (new phone #)  
Goldsboro, Larry & Jody, 5471 Forest Park Dr., 618-283-0417 & 618-322-9887  
Guerrini, Vincent A., 522 Pine Tree Ct., 239-731-7374, 508-339-3780, 508-212-4400  
Hampton, Jon & Kathleen, 710 Palm Frond Ct. 239-543-6539, 239-994-2554  
Kaschak, George, 633 Forest Palm Ct. 239-543-9469  
Kolb, Geraldine, 209 Shrub Ln. N. 239-543-6402 IL  
Lang, Robert & Gail, 766 Knotty Pine Cir, 239-543-8855, (home state TN)  
Lanza, June, 601 Pine Grove Ct., 860-573-5606, CT  
McFall, Joyce & Brunswick, David, 5460 Forest Park Dr., 239-543-1460, OH  
McKee, Ken & Irene, 551 Timber Lane S, 239-731-9565, RI  
Nault, Roland & May, 170 Forest Park Dr. 603-508-0754  
Nufryk, Nick & Marilyn, 5041 Forest Park Dr. 239-543-5073, 585-507-8569, NY  
Palmer, Herman & Brenda, 5021 Forest Park Dr., 717-524-9456 PA  
Pinette, Delores, 606 Pine Grove Ct. 239-567-2252, NY  
Plantenga, Donald & Janet, 5430 Forest Park Dr. 765-413-0771  
Pokrak, Verda, 604 Sand Lake Ct. 941-763-2818 (new resident)  
Pray, Robert & Sharon, 637 Forest Palm Ct. 239-543-5625, FL  
Rowe, Cynthia, 310 Shrub Lane S., 248-736-4569, MI  
Small, Dave & Moni, 607 Sand Lake Ct, 239-567-0446, ONT  
Swift, Robert & Domingos, Anne, 408 Timber Lane N. 239-567-7982 MA  
Teal, Dick & Ann, 742 Knotty Pine Cir, 920-912-0264 WI  
Townsend, Helen, 701 Palm Frond Ct. 239-731-0477, FL  
Treece, Tom & Renee, 406 Twig Ct S., 734-777-0850, 734-777-2228, MI  
Welty, Richard & Marlene, 410 Timber Lane N. 239-73-1292, IN

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**ALUMINUM CAN RE-CYCLE****By: Anne Domingos**

Please remember to put your aluminum cans in a bag and place at the curb each Monday evening for pick up early Tuesday morning. Make sure cans are rinsed and clean. DO NOT place plastic, glass or metal cans in the bag. Those go in the blue tote bins. Money collected for can recycle helps pay some of the costs of Social Club activities. So, it benefits all residents of Forest Park.



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**KOFFEE KLATSCH****February 3, 2011**

DO YOU LOVE YOUR HEART? Sort of a crazy question but sometimes we fail to take proper care of it. Join us at the February Koffee Klatsch on Friday, February 3 at 9:00am to hear a representative from Lee Memorial SHARE talk about our heart and how to give it proper care. February is Heart Month so what better time is there than now. Coffee and donuts provided. Please bring your own cup.

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**RESOURCE BOOK**

In the clubhouse there is a Resource Book which has been put together by members of Forest Park. These are referrals or warnings of how outside vendors have performed in the Park. Before you hire someone, please check the book to see if someone in the park has used that particular company or person. If you would like to add a name or business you may do so.

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

January saw an increase in users of the Forest Park WIFI system. In mid January we had over 165 users on the system. It is important to note that our WIFI system is just a small piece of getting on the internet. When the wifi system is slow it could mean that the internet traffic is heavy and/or the site we are trying to go to may be extra busy. We have a test that we run so that we can isolate the problems when they occur.

Outside antenna users-- if your system is extremely slow, try unplugging the antenna's little black box from the AC outlet for 30 seconds, and then retry.

We have seen some real heavy usage from some users, which could mean that they are watching a regular movie. It is okay to watch a Youtube video or download a book to an e reader. Please call me with any wifi related problems.

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**CANADIAN/MICHIGAN CLUBS****By: Jim Barnett & Lou Smith**

The Canadian & Michigan Clubs will be having a pot luck supper in February (date TBD). You do not have to be a member to attend, however, space is limited in the Activities Building. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse.

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**WELCOME TO OUR  
NEWEST RESIDENTS**

Bill & Pam Maynard 750 Knotty Pine Circle  
Ronald & Diane Price, 606 Sand Lake Ct.

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**HEALTHY LIFESTYLE OPTIONS FOR OUR SENIORS****EXERCISE PROGRAM****RECOMMENDED FOR "KIDS"  
OF ANY AGE!**

Join Nancy Lawrence and friends at the Clubhouse every Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 9:00 - 10:00 am for some fitness and fun beginning in October 2011. We will be going year round as long as there are people who want to come. The first program at 9:00 am 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. Both 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). The second program is Leslie Sansone's walking tape at 9:30 am.

**EASY WATER EXERCISE**

Most of the water 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 a great time exercising and catching up on the latest in Forest Park. Please come join us from 10:30 am to 11:30 am Monday-Friday at the pool.

**HEALTH & WELFARE**

*By: Mary Gibson*

Blood Pressure Clinic will be held on February 21st from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon at the Clubhouse and will continue on the third Tuesday of each month until April.

**Reminder to all residents:** Please update your "File of Life". Remember to enter the information in pencil....Add or change any new medication, illnesses or surgeries.

If you are a new resident in Forest Park you may obtain a "File of Life" form at the office. If you need help in filling it out, please call me at 543-7594. You may need to get a new plastic red folders for the form. The information should be visible on the outside of your refrigerator door.

**Bloodmobile** - Monday, February 13. Watch for notices in both buildings and for a sign up sheet to be posted in the clubhouse at the back of the room.

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**DIABETIC SHOES??**

If you have been diagnosed with Diabetes and are on Medicare, you may be able to get a pair of shoes designed especially for diabetics without cost to you. This resource was brought to my attention by a resident who has benefited from the program. Contact Jeff Cole, Manager of Advanced Diabetic Solutions to see if you qualify. Jeff's cell phone is 239-848-8474.



**MEN'S KOFFEE KLATCH****By: Nancy Cooper****JUST FOR MEN!**

The next Men's Only Coffee will be held Friday, Feb 10th **from 8:00am - 10:00am**. Please note the change in time. It is hoped that by having the coffee a little earlier more men will come by for a cup of coffee, a donut and a lot of good conversation. Sit, relax and chat before you begin your "Honey-Do List"!!

**RED HATS LADIES****By: Delores Holmes**

RED HAT LADIES are sponsoring a pizza party on Friday, February 10th in the clubhouse starting at NOON.

Our program will be a demonstration of silk flower arrangements. There will be silk flower arrangements for SALE from \$15.00 and up. There is a sign up sheet in back of clubhouse. The deadline for sign up is February 3rd.

We will be taking donations for the Harry Chapin Food Pantry. For more information call me at 239-731-3943.

**Reminder Red Hat Ladies**

Your money for the Broadway Palm Theater event is due by February 13th to Carol Geppert or bring your money to Carol at the pizza party.

**OHIO CLUB****By: Anna Thatcher, President**

February Ohio Club Meeting will be held February 7th at 6:00 p.m. We will serve Pizza, salad and drinks. Cost for that evening will be \$2.00. If you have visitors please bring them along. Tickets for this will be on sale January 28th at Club House from 1 - 3 p.m. Please come by to sign up and get your tickets. Thanks for the support in getting your 2012 dues paid. It gives Forest Park residents the opportunity to have some delicious desserts instead of having to prepare them.

The Ohio Club has a new Treasurer. Her name is Sandy O'Brien. Welcome Sandy, we are pleased to have you onboard. At the same time we want to thank Ruth Malago for her service in the past few years as Treasurer. What a wonderful job done by Ruth and much appreciated by everyone in the Ohio Club.

We would like to remind everyone about Craft Club Flea Market scheduled for March 10th. The Ohio Club will have tables of wonderful deserts for sale. If you would like to donate baked items for that event, it would be much appreciated. Rita Booth, Carrie & Bill McGinnis, Carol Beconder, Sandy Eckles & Donna Pucak will be those working for that event. If you have questions you may contact one of those or me if you choose.

Our wish is that you are enjoying the winter days here in Florida instead of the dreadful cold.

**FOREST PARK CALENDAR**

Keith Goudy handles the updates to the calendar. View the calendar at the website [www.forestparkonline.com](http://www.forestparkonline.com) Please contact him for calendar changes. [keith.goudy@gmail.com](mailto:keith.goudy@gmail.com) or 543-9770

***PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB******By: Janet Clear***

January was a busy month for the Quilt Club as people were arriving from up north. We had our annual luncheon at Perkins to reveal who our Secret Pals were and we had a lot of surprises!!

We were given some green sparkly fabric to cut out Christmas trees for Meals on Wheels for next Christmas. It never hurts to get a head start on projects.

We had a program where we were shown how to make a Continuous Quilt (or Quilt as you go) and also how to make quilts from a jellyroll (that's strips of fabric rolled up). We are still making lap quilts for our shut-ins to spread a little cheer.

We are all looking forward to new projects. Come join us in the clubhouse at 9:00 am every Thursday morning.

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***NORTHEAST CLUB******By: Nancy Cooper***

Chinese New Year will be the theme for the meeting February 27th at 5 PM. Members will enjoy an evening of food and fun. Dinner tickets may be purchased from Nancy Cooper for \$5 per person. Celebrate the Year of the Dragon with games and holiday traditions. Don't forget to wear your kimono!

***NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/  
PATROL (NWP)******By: Dick Gagner***

The monthly neighborhood watch meetings are well attended and very informative. Everyone is welcome, so please join us and help keep Forest Park one of the safest communities in South West Florida.

It was noted that someone in a truck was seen trash picking on the evening before pick up day. While this is not against the law, you can, if you object ask them not to take your trash and they must comply. The main concern is that they do not take the cans that are left out as the social club relies on the proceeds of those cans to support many activities in our park.

If your neighbors are not home and there are newspapers piling up or phone books in their driveways, pick them up so it does not appear that no one is home. Keeping our eye on each others well being is what neighborhood watch is all about.

Once again, please note that the speed limit is 15 MPH in Forest Park and STOP signs are posted at various intersections. These are not public streets, they are private. The incentive for compliance is not the risk of getting a ticket, but rather to use the utmost caution and regard for your fellow residents who walk our streets, ride their bikes or travel in golf carts.

Lets all be courteous and safe out there.

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***"Great minds discuss ideas, average  
minds discuss events and small minds  
discuss people."******U.S. Navy Admiral, Hyman Rickover***

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

***Recycle: Don't throw away your used ink cartridges!***

***I can take them to Office Max and get a credit for them, which is then donated back to the Computer Club. There is a collection container on the Activity room counter.***

The Computer Club is a group of friendly people who meet every Thursday, 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. We take a break and have coffee and cookies around 3 PM to socialize. 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. Usually, the club can fix the problem. If not, we can define the situation to assist if professional help is needed. If you have a particular interest, a new piece of equipment like an iPad or similar tablet or I-Phone that you would like to show and demonstrate, please join us. This also includes your friends and family who might be visiting. Also, if you have a particular need, or problem that you would like help with, please come along and join us, but let us know in advance so we can schedule it on that week's meeting. This season we have 35 members.

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**FOREST PARK WEBSITE***By: Bob Geisler****webmaster@forestparkonline.com***

[Forestparkonline.com](http://Forestparkonline.com) has a new feature. It's called a blog. Either go to [blogs.forestparkonline.com](http://blogs.forestparkonline.com) or click the menu button on our home page.

A **blog** (short for web log) is basically a journal that is available on the web. The activity of updating a blog is "blogging" and someone who keeps a blog is a "blogger." Blogs are typically updated using software that allows people with little or no technical background to update and maintain the blog. Postings on a blog are arranged in chronological order with the most recent additions featured most prominently. It is common for blogs to be available as RSS feeds.

**RSS ( Really Simple Syndication)** is a family of web feed formats used to publish frequently updated works—such as blog entries, news headlines, audio, and video—in a standardized format. You can add an RSS feed to your home page(Google,Yahoo, etc.) by clicking on the **entries RSS** button on the right hand side of the blog page and following the instructions there. You will then be automatically up to date without having to check the page every day.

Also check out the latest [photo galleries](#). Thanks to Helen Smith and Helen Hasler for supplying all the new pictures.

***“WE UN-DID IT”!******By: Joyce Hines***

On Friday, January 6, 2012, we gathered after the Koffee Klatsch to “un-decorate” the clubhouse and entrance grounds. Unlike repacking a suitcase for a return trip, taking down the Christmas decorations was accomplished in a much quicker fashion! But that, of course, is due to the many hands performing the task. Thanks go out to: Peggy and Dean Hull, Dick Pucak, Bob Howe, Carol Goans, Reggie Harvey, Lou Smith, Russell Lyons, Delores Holmes, Janet Brewer, Bernie Waltz, Jim and Charlene Wash, Ray Hosey, Geri Kolb, and Jack Diltz. (If I have inadvertently forgotten to name someone, please inform me!) After the decorations were removed a few of us remained to pack and sort in hopes of making next year's decorating project go easier. Accolades to those who helped with the packing and organizing!

Special thanks go to Butch and Steve for putting up and removing the icicle lights around the Clubhouse. Please give them a “thumbs up” if you see them around the park! They certainly made our job easier and safer!

As for me, I am breathing a sigh of relief now that the first year of decorating is under my belt! My thanks to everyone who helped with the project. Also thanks to those who verbally mentioned how much they enjoyed the festive look of our Forest Park grounds! I am actually looking forward to decorating next December now that I know that help is so willingly given! Remember: all suggestions will be welcomed!

SEE YOU ALL NEXT DECEMBER...SAME TIME, SAME PLACE!

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**If Wal-Mart is lowering prices  
every day,  
how come nothing is free yet?**

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

Our February meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Activities Building. We will be discussing the novel “Water For Elephants” by Sara Gruen. This is a story of a depression-era circus and it's array of quirky freaks, captive animals, good guys and bad guys and, yes, it includes a love story and a surprise ending. You can pick up a copy at the January meeting (Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>) or call Joan at 567-0606. The recently released movie “Water for Elephants” will be shown sometime in February.

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**FREE RE-CYCLE****By: Sherrill Wright**

[www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) is good website place to donate items locally. Almost anything related to computers gets immediate attention. The idea of the website is to keep things out of the landfill. I have belonged to it for many years both here and back in Canada. It is open to anyone. You have to be approved by the moderator, but that is usually not a problem. Over the years, I have advertised items for others and when we get items donated to the computer club, and they can't be used or no-one wants them, I put them on the free cycle and they go instantly. You have to pick up the item if you ask for something, of course, but if you offer something, the other person must do the same.

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

This newsletter is available in a new full color digital format. It was hand 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 (and help to save a tree), just send me an email at [sharon.goudy@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.goudy@gmail.com) and I will send you one and put you on the email list for future newsletters instead of a hard copy.

**CRAFT CLUB****By: Wanda Dickerson, President**

The Craft Club would like to give a big THANK YOU to all the people in the park who came out and supported us at our first Hot Dog Dinner of the season. We hope that everyone liked what they had to eat and will come out again on February 7th for our next one. We will be serving Spaghetti and Meatballs with salad and bread along with our regular Hot Dogs, potato salad and baked beans. February 28th will be our last Hot Dog dinner which will be Ham, Scalloped potatoes and vegetable along with all our old favorites. We hope to see as many at these two as we did our first one. Remember you don't have to tip us or use your car to go out and eat.

**Our annual Flea Market** is coming up on March 10th and we are selling tables for it. If you would like one please call June Kearschner at 731-9169. The tables are \$4.00 each in the Clubhouse and \$3.00 on the Pavilion. They go fast so if you want one please call. If you have anything you would like to donate to the Craft Club to sell then, please call June at the number above or myself at 543-9517. We will meet you to drop it off at the Clubhouse. We will be selling donuts and coffee in the morning and Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs with the trimmings, potato chips and drinks for lunch.

The Craft Club is working on some different projects to sell at the Flea Market so everyone can see what we do. If you would like to come out and join us, we meet at 9:00 am every Wednesday. If you just want to come observe, or work a little and not join you are always welcomed to come for that also. You might have such a good time you will want to join us every week.

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**Editor's Note: Thank you all for your submissions for this newsletter. It is great fun creating this newsletter for you to enjoy. Please submit all articles by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.**

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

**NO RESPONSE YET!  
NEEDED: CHORUS DIRECTOR!**

**GIVING THANKS**

A BIG thank you to the Hodsons, the Moores, the Schleters, and the Woods for handling the luminaries on Hollyberry Ct., Christmas Eve. David Moore.

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Many, many thanks to Mr. Doug Ford and the Computer Club. My computer was in trouble and so that meant that I was in trouble. I called Mr. Ford and that is all it took. He was so knowledgeable and patient and due to his being so resourceful my computer is back online and I can't say THANKS ENOUGH!!! I also had help from the Computer Club for which I am most grateful. The Forest Park WIFI is saving me money each month and it really does work (in case there are those out there still wondering). Carol Goans.

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January 6th was a very special day for Virgil and June Allensworth. It was their 70th Wedding Anniversary. They celebrated with a small group of friends and their son Ed Allensworth, from Ohio. Virgil and June married in Gnadenhutten, Ohio June 6, 1942. CONGRATULATIONS TO A VERY SPECIAL COUPLE!!!!

**ART CLASSES***By: Jack Watson*

Art Classes started Monday morning January 9th. Class time is 9:00am to 12:00 noon and are held in the Activity Building. Cost is \$10.00 per lesson paid monthly. Come join us and see how talented you really are. Classes are taught by Professional Artist, Betty Leis. Any questions, please call Betty at [239-997-1880](tel:239-997-1880).

**SHUFFLE LEAGUE***By: Ray Preston, Captain*

We held our Jan. meeting on the 7th. Our Jan. activities were: hosting the "Hot Dog Shuffle" on the 13th; we had a good turn out. Jan. 27th we held our 2nd "Ice Cream Shuffle" at 12:30pm.

Our February meeting will be on the 4th at 9:00am in the Activities Building.

FEB. 14th we will hold our annual "VALENTINE BREAKFAST" from 8:00 - 10:00 am EVERYONE WELCOME!!!

FEB. 25th will be our "FUN DAY"; at 9am coffee/donuts, shuffle at 9:30am A SIGN UP SLIP WILL BE POSTED AT THE COURTS PLEASE EVERYBODY COME JOIN IN THE FUN!!

***February league schedule:***

Feb. 1st	AWAY AT TAMiami VILLAGE
Feb. 8th	HOME WITH LAUREL ESTATES
Feb. 15th	AWAY AT PIONEER VILLAGE
Feb. 22nd	HOME WITH CRYSTAL LAKES
Feb. 29th	HOME WITH CYPRESS WOODS

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## ***WHO WILL SIGN YOUR DEED WHEN YOU ARE DEAD?***

***By: Lee Fisher***

Nobody who has lived in Forest Park has lived forever. In the last few years, several residents have died without a will or what is legally known as intestate. There is a plan for your assets (your home and belongings in Forest Park) after your death..... either your plan or one made for you by the State of Florida. You most likely would prefer your own plan, but that requires at least a simple will.

If you have no plan and die intestate, somebody has to file an affidavit for a summary administration of your estate with the court, there are costs involved for the court to handle this process and it can be quite lengthy in time to process before a judge or personal representative can prepare to convey your property to a new owner. While this process is working, your property is running down physically, the lot is growing weeds, and your friends and neighbors in Forest Park are having to make up your share of the park income, no longer being paid monthly by you.

In the current documents governing the park there is no authority granted to anyone to step in and resolve this problem. So properties sit and run down and make the park look bad.

You can make a plan with your attorney, it doesn't have to be elaborate or expensive, but you need a plan. If you need help with this check the "Resource Book" located at the back of the clubhouse or check with the legal committee for more information.

**We could learn a lot from crayons:  
some are sharp, some are pretty,  
some are dull, some have weird  
names, and all are different  
colors....but  
they all exist very nicely in the  
same box.**

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### ***GOLF CART & BIKE PARADE OF LIGHTS***

***By: Betty McClain***

OOPS.... We left out a "thank you" to two very important people who contributed to the Parade of Lights. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus completed the magical procession. Thank You Santa and Mrs. Claus for being a part of our Parade and sharing in the fun.

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### ***FAREWELL DEAR FRIEND***

The following dear friend passed away since our last newsletter. He will be greatly missed.

Omer Frechette 512 Pine Tree Ct.

If you know of others, please send me an email at [sharon.goudy@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.goudy@gmail.com) or call me at 543-9770 so I can list their names in the next newsletter.

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### ***MEMORY GARDEN***

***By: Nancy Cooper***

Becky Conrad made a very generous donation to the Memory Gardens. This is the second time she has shown her support by making a donation. Thank you, Becky!

Bernie Waltz gave us a beautiful gold gazing ball in loving memory of his wife, Velma. She enjoyed participating in the morning water aerobics so it seemed fitting to place the ball just outside the pool gate. Thank you, Bernie.

## February 2012 - FOREST PARK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 1:00 pm Tickets for 50th Anniversary 6:30 pm Pinochle	<b>30</b> 9:00 am Mex. Dominoes 9:00 am Art Class 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 10:30 Pool Exercise 12:30 pm Duplicate Bridge 1:00 pm Tickets for 50th Anniversary 2:30 pm Bocce 6:30 pm SKIP-BO 7:00 pm Shuffle Fun	<b>31</b> 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Ladies Shuffle 10:00 am Neighborhood Watch and Patrol 10:30 Pool Exercise 1:00 pm Cards, Golf 6:45 pm Bingo	<b>1</b> 9:00 am Craft Club 10:30 Pool Exercise 12:30 pm Shuffle League 6:30 pm Canadian Euchre 6:30 pm Bid Euchre	<b>2</b> 9:00 am Quilt Club 10:30 Pool Exercise 1:00 pm Bingo 2:00 pm Computer Club 2:30 pm Bocce	<b>3</b> 9:00 am Koffee Klatsch 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 10:00 am Line Dancing 10:30 Pool Exercise 6:30 pm Bridge 6:30 pm Poker	<b>4</b> 9:00 am Exercise Class 9:00 am Shuffle Club 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 1:00 pm Bingo 6:30 pm Bid Euchre 7:00 pm Bunco
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<b>19</b> 2:00 pm Tom McLain II Memorial 6:30 pm Pinochle	<b>20</b> Presidents' Day 9:00 am Mex. Dominoes 9:00 am Art Class 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 10:30 am Pool Exercise 12:30 pm Duplicate Bridge 2:30 pm Bocce 6:30 pm SKIP-BO 6:30 pm Karoke 7:00 pm Shuffle Fun	<b>21</b> 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Blood Pressure Clinic 10:00 am Ladies Shuffle 10:30 am Pool Exercise 1:00 pm Cards, Golf 6:45 pm Bingo	<b>22</b> Washington's Birthday 9:00 am Craft Club 10:30 am Pool Exercise 12:30 pm Shuffle League 6:30 pm Canadian Euchre 6:30 pm Bid Euchre	<b>23</b> 9:00 am Quilt Club 10:30 am Pool Exercise 1:00 pm Bingo 2:00 pm Computer Club 2:30 pm Bocce 7:00 pm FPPOA Meeting	<b>24</b> 9:00 am Line Dancing 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 10:30 am Pool Exercise 1:00 pm Book Club 2:00 pm Budget Meeting 6:30 pm Bridge 6:30 pm Poker	<b>25</b> 9:00 am Exercise Class 9:00 am Shuffle Fun Day 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 1:00 pm Bingo 6:30 pm Bid Euchre 7:00 pm Dance
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