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FOREST PARK NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATE GREEN

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

By: Keith Goudy, President

Based upon the comments I have heard, it would seem that our residents are having a fun time here this season in Forest Park and Southwest Florida. And the weather certainly can't be beat. It is great to see people involved and especially the newer faces in the park.

We continue to look for additional items that might be of interest and we also need your feedback. A possible group Caribbean Cruise and a Knitting and Crochet Club are being considered. There were active golf clubs in the past so maybe one of you might be interested in restarting them.

Have a great March in Forest Park and I'll end with this thought: "Never bear more than one trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds --- all they have had, all they have now, and all they expect to have." Edward Everett Hale

**Happiness comes through doors
that you
didn't even know you left open.**

SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

The Social Club meeting for March will be only the leaders of all the clubs and activities in our Park. It will be held Thursday, March 8 at 10:00am at the clubhouse. Look forward to having someone from each club or activity be present at this meeting as we review this past year and look forward to next season.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST RESIDENTS

Randy & Carol Shelton 5060 Forest Park Dr.
Verda Pokrak, 604 Sand Lake Ct.
Alice Varney 612 Pine Grove Ct.
Ken & Mary Ward 706 Palm Frond Ct.

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

FUN PAGE



MIAMI - THE LAST TRIP OF THE SEASON

**THURSDAY
MARCH 22, 2012**

**PRICE \$75.00 PER PERSON
(INCLUDING LUNCH)**

Upon arrival in Miami we will make our way to the top of Bank of America Tower, a city high rise cafeteria with a glass wall that affords diners a bird's eye view of downtown. An outdoor terrace with umbrella-shaded tables is even more picturesque and you can walk around the terrace and see many facets of the city of Miami. After lunch we begin our three hour motor coach guided tour of Miami City, Coconut Grove, Little Havana and the Miami Beach Art Deco Area. You will be amazed at all you see and learn about Miami. Our guide is amazing and assures that you will not only see and learn but you will be pleasantly entertained.

After our tour we will spend some time at one of Miami's best known attractions, Bayside Marketplace. You may want to shop, walk the marina to see the boats, sit at one of the outside tables for a beverage or just people watching. If your tummy wants a little something to eat there are over 20 eateries at the food court featuring most every kind of food imaginable as well as 15 restaurants, outdoor cafes and bars.

We will leave Forest Park at 7:30 A.M.

Lunch: 11:15-12:30pm

Miami Tour : 12:30-3:30P.M.

Bayside Marketplace: 3:30-4:45 pm

Return: Approx. 8:00 pm

ALL MONIES MUST BE PAID BY MARCH 11TH. CHECKS MADE OUT TO F.L. TOURS.

A SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE CLUBHOUSE. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: CAROL GOANS 1-231-944-9524 OR COME TO: 707 PALM FROND COURT



J.C. BUFFET & CRUISE

By: Nancy Wehrman



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 (11:00 am - 3:00 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. Checks should be made out to Nancy Wehrman and delivered to 241 Shrub Ln. North. Everyone will meet at the J.C. boat at 10:30 am. Nancy will pass out your tickets at that time.



St. Patty's Day Festivities

Saturday, March 17th

By: Jack Watson for the Northeastern States Club



St. Patrick's Day Dinner ticket sales will be held on Sunday, March 4th & 10th from 1 to 3pm in the Club house. Cost is \$9.00 per person.

St. Patty's day morning will begin at 9:00am in the Club house with free coffee and donuts and lots of wearing of the green! Please bring your own coffee cup and come join in the fun. There will be a 50/50 drawing!!

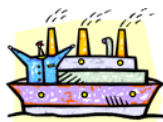
The St. Patty's day parade will be organized by Bo & Betty McClain. The parade will start at 10:00am from the Clubhouse. Please decorate your golf carts, bikes etc. and join the parade through the park.

The Corn Beef and Cabbage St. Patrick's day dinner will be held at 5:30 pm in the Club house. Please bring your own place settings. Another 50/50 will also be held. At 7:00pm we will be entertained by the Bayshore Cloggers. All park residents are invited to attend the show.

Hope to see you all for a fun filled day and night. Everybody's Irish on St. Patty's day!

TWO NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR NEXT SEASON

HOW ABOUT A CARIBBEAN CRUISE?



One of the ways to enjoy a cruise is with your friends. So we are exploring what interest there might be in Forest Park for a group cruise next year. You are invited to a meeting at the clubhouse on Sunday, March 4, 2012 at 3:30pm where there will be a short presentation about a cruise to the Caribbean next year. If this might be of interest to you, be sure to mark your calendar and we will see you there. If you can't attend this meeting but desire more information, please contact Forest Park resident Andy Chernow at 989-482-3207.

KNIT AND CROCHET CLUB



Several people have expressed an interest in starting up a Knit and Crochet Club where experienced knitters and crocheters could meet with those of us who would like to learn how to begin as well as those who dabble in these activities but would welcome some higher learning.

If you would be interested in participating in a Knit and Crochet Club for next season please email Sharon Goudy at sharon.goudy@gmail.com or call Sharon at 239-543-9770.

MORE FUN THINGS

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.

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.

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

BUNCO

By: Larry Tsicountouridis

Please join us in the Clubhouse Saturday, March 3rd 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.

PICKLEBALL WANT TO TRY IT?

This activity is a court game that is a combination of ping pong and tennis and the net and playing area is located in the pavilion. The paddles and balls are in the storage building where the miniature golf and bocce balls are stored. This game is fun and makes for a great way to keep you moving.

We would be happy to help you get started and explore this activity. Just show up at the PAVILION on WEDNESDAYS at 9:00 a.m. and then Ed Thomas and/or Leo Bedard will share the basics of PICKLEBALL. Hope to see you on Wednesday.

HOLLYWOOD PARK CASINO BUS TRIP

By: Carol Goans

A great time was had on the February 8th bus trip. There were 107 Forest Park residents on that trip.

Bus #1 50/50 was won by Carlo Mei
Bus #2 50/50 was won by Chris Major

We are looking forward to our next trip scheduled for February 29th. (The Luckiest Day of the Year).

KOFFEE KLATSCH*March 2, 2011*

Be sure your calendar is marked on Friday, March 2 at 9:00am for our Koffee Klatsch. Our presenters will be Ellsworth Heating and Air Conditioning to provide tips about maintaining these very important parts of our homes. Donuts and coffee provided. Please bring your own cup.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY
Sunday, March 4th

Please join us at 1:30- 3:30pm in the clubhouse to thank those volunteers that help make Forest Park a great place to live. Everyone is welcome.

Tickets will be available Saturday, February 25th. 1:00- 3:00pm. There is a \$2.00 fee per person, however, if you attend the celebration you get your money back. That way we know how many to expect and we can plan accordingly.

We will be serving ice-cream sundaes. Please help us "go green" by bringing your own bowl and spoon. The F.P.P.O.A. Officers and Board of Directors will welcome each of you.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG
MARCH 22, 2012

You may be only one person in the world,
but you may also be the world to one person.

SHUFFLE LEAGUE*By: Ray Preston, Captain*

We held our Feb. meeting on the 4th to plan our activities for March. We hosted "VALENTINE BREAKFAST" on the 14th and "FUN DAY" on the 25th of February.

March we will host "Coffee Klatch" with Ellsworth Heating & A/C sponsoring it. Please bring your own COFFE CUP Thanks. Please attend they give very good gifts.

The Spring Tournament will be held March 19th & 20th at the Library courts.

The "KING & QUEEN" contest will be held March 24th at 10 am - we will have coffee/donuts at 9:30am. A SIGN UP SLIP WILL BE POSTED AT THE COURTS. EVERYONE WELCOME!!!!

The Spring "BANQUET" will be March 25th for ALL PARKS; hosted by "FOREST PARK" - a catered Dinner will be at 1:00pm.

Our "Shuffle Banquet" will be discussed at our March meeting.

March League Schedule:

March 7th AWAY AT CARRIAGE VILLAGE

March 14th AWAY AT POINSETTIA PARK

REMEMBER: Shuffling every Mon. Fri. & Sat. at 10:00am. Monday night at 7:00pm is "FUN NIGHT" and Tuesday is LADIES DAY at 10:00am

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

**Some mistakes are too much fun
to only make once.**

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. The office needs your written permission to include your information in a published phone directory.

Please add the following information to your current directory.

Allen, George & Roberta 528 Timber Lane S. 860-428-9409, 860-428-6610 CT
 Carlson, Ross & Barbara 5141 Forest Park Dr. 740-815-2077 OH
 Coder, Gary & Betty 5130 Forest Park Dr. 937-232-1994, 937-672-4888 OH
 Curnyn, Carol 602 Pine Grove Ct. 843-446-3954 *(number correction & please remove Jack's name)*
 Geary, John & Gladys 434 Timber Ln. N. 239-543-6482 NY
 Harvey, Reg & Barb 464 Jacaramba Ct. 239-567-0751, 519-884-3430 ONT
 Hummel, LaVergne 526 Blossom Ct. 239-738-6554
 McRae, George & Marian 804 Hollyberry Ct. 239-731-3662
 Miller, Judith 214 Shrub Ln. N. 734-755-1645
 Myers, Bruce & Judy 703 Knotty Pine Cir. 952-221-7982, 507-744-3558 MN
 Putnam, Martin & Janet 5111 Forest Park Dr. 239-543-1101, 508-450-3588
 Stortzum, Chuck & Debbie 5301 Forest Park Dr. 618-267-4235 IL
 Welty, Marlene 410 Timber Ln. N. 239-731-1292 IN *(number correction)*
 Wilson, Larry & Jean 457 Jacaramba Ct. 260-728-2047 OH *(change home state to OH)*
 Wilson, Larry & Jean 457 Jacaramba Ct. 260-223-5193 *(change home state to OH)*
 Wooley, Geraldine 437 Timber Ln. N. 269-426-1644 MI



HIGHER POSTAL RATES ***Effective 1-22-12***

Our friendly postal carrier Cindy wanted you to be aware that there was a postal rate increase as of January 22, 2012. First class domestic postage increased \$.01 to \$.45 and \$.05 to Canada to \$.85.

If you use the "Forever" stamps, your rate is not affected but if you are using the stamps with a \$.44 (or other) denomination it will be returned with a postage due notice. If you are mailing to Canada they do not return mail; it is sent to the "Dead Mail" at the Post Office. You will not be notified regarding any unpaid bills so please be sure that you are using correct postage!



F.P.P.O.A. BOARD NEWS**************Forest Park Legal Documents******By: Bob Dickerson, FPPOA President***

One of our residents recently asked to have a “Crash Course” on our documents. What are they? How do they work? And which takes precedence? All good questions. In the following few lines I will attempt to summarize our documents and their order of importance.

-Articles of Incorporation.

(This document is not found in all the Booklets which contain the Deed, By Laws and Rules. If you would like a copy, please see Mary in the Office).When the FPPOA was formed in 1978, it was incorporated as a "Not For Profit" Corporation under Florida Statute 617. This document indicates the purpose of the corporation, the way officers are elected, qualification of members, and how to amend it. It gives basic rules for running the corporation. This document may be amended by a majority vote of the members as we did when we voted to elect officers and directors by the membership rather than the way it was prescribed in this document.

-The Deed of Restrictions.

This is the short name for the full title, “Declaration of Conditions, Covenants, Charges, Restrictions and Reservations Affecting Property Located in Forest Park”. This document tells how to manage the land.

We “inherited” this document when we bought the park in 1994 from the original owner and developer whose company name was Vista Villages. It is, in effect, our Constitution regarding maintenance fees, easements for utilities and maintenance. It requires us to provide a clubhouse, recreation area, pool, picnic area and shuffleboard courts. In general, it tells us how to manage the “Common Elements” in Forest Park, those owned by the Corporation. Changing or amending the Deed is very difficult since it requires unanimous consent of the Corporation Share Holders.

-The By-Laws.

The By Laws are the rules on how we run the Corporation. This document prescribes how we elect the Board of Directors, the duties of officers, Committees and appointments, meetings and how we conduct them, and how we conduct our business. Changes in By Laws must be voted on by the membership and may be changed in the prescribed manner by a majority vote. A revision (group of amendments) will be presented at the February Meeting and voted on at the March meeting.

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Bob Dickerson's article continued from previous page.

-The Rules and Regulations

These are rules of behavior of how we wish the residents to behave and care for their own property and the property of the Corporation. In some ways this is an extension of requirements from the "Deed", of which you will see references when reading the "rules".

So, in summary, these are the four documents which control the way we conduct our business, and run Forest Park. In order of priority, The Articles of Incorporation are over the Deed, the Deed is over the By Laws and the By Laws are over the Rules. Now don't hold me strictly to that, there are some things which overlap and some exceptions to this, but for the most part that would be the order of authority.

The By Laws and Rules are easy to understand and each resident should make it a point to read and understand them. The Articles and Deed have more legalese in them and sometimes require interpretation by Attorneys. We have several Legal Opinions from Attorneys from over the years regarding the Deed and answers to other questions which we have asked. These written opinions signed by attorneys take precedence over any verbal pronouncements we may get from other attorneys.

I would be glad to go into more detail with anyone interested but hopefully this very brief description will give you an idea of what governs behavior and business in Forest Park.

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
Richard Taylor
Jim Ullrey

APHORISM: A short, pointed sentence that expresses a wise or clever observation or a general truth.

1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow, right on time.
2. Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
3. If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.

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. We to go year round as long as there are people who want to participate. 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 March 20th from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon at the Clubhouse and will continue on the third Tuesday of each month until April.

Bloodmobile - Many thanks to everyone who came and donated blood in February. We appreciate all that you are doing.

MASHED FAUX-TATOES

This recipe is a great heart healthy substitute for mashed potatoes.

1 head cauliflower
 ¼ cup butter
 ¼ cup organic or raw half-and-half
 Salt and pepper
 Organic butter – to taste
 Grated cheese – to taste
 Chopped garlic or garlic powder – to taste

Steam cauliflower in steamer or small amount of water until tender. Drain. In food processor, blend cauliflower with remaining ingredients until smooth. You can't get this smooth enough without a blender or food processor.

Add butter, cheese, garlic or other seasonings to taste. Can also blend in green beans or peas or lima beans for a different taste.

**Living on Earth is expensive,
but it does include a free trip
around the sun every year.**

MEN'S KOFFEE KLATCH**By: Nancy Cooper****FREE COFFEE AND DONUTS FOR MEN ONLY**

Friday, March 9th at 9:00 am

NOTE TIME CHANGE BACK TO 9

Grab your mug, your best buddy and join your pals in the Clubhouse. This is your chance to be waited on.....No gimmicks. No 50/50. No sales pitch. No fees. Just a guy's morning out!

RED HATS LADIES**By: Betty Campbell**

March program is a trip to the Broadway Palm Theater to see Brigadoon.

MARCH DANCE**March 31, 2012**

Please join us for the last dance of this season on Saturday, March 31 at 7:00pm as we dance and listen to Aaron Davis provide all types of music. Put on your dancing shoes and bring your own beverages and snacks and let's have fun celebrating the great times we had so far this year.

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

March Ohio Club Meeting will take place on March 21st on the River Cruise to Gulf of Mexico. If you have not signed up for that and would like to go along please sign up. You do not need to be a member of Ohio Club to participate in this cruise.

The 50th Anniversary was a huge success. Steve served as MC for the evening and was superb in his performance. Richard Taylor, we can't say thanks enough and to Lee Fisher, thanks for your participation in the music. A special thanks to those who were on the committee and involved in the entire process. Thanks to Bernie Waltz and Bill Sheehan for their services in entertaining the guests before service started and as well for serving the guests their meal. Yes, it was a tiring task but turned out to be a wonderful night and a touching one.

The Ohio Club will be participating in the Craft Club event on March 10th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please come out and support that event and get your baked goods.

Our last and final meeting for the season will be held on April 2nd at 4 p.m. in the Pavilion. Our theme will be Hawaiian Lua. Please plan on attending that, it will be a good night of fun

How great it is to see Ross & Barb Carlson back in the park. Barb has been fighting some serious health problems and we're so glad to see she was able to return for a short time.

Time is winding down for some of the Snow Birds. If we do not see you at a meeting or mingling in the park, we wish you a great & healthy summer. Thoughts and Prayers are with you.

PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB*By: Janet Clear*

The yearly Quilt Show will be held Sunday, March 18, 2012 in the Clubhouse.

A beautiful blue and yellow quilt will be raffled off on that day. Tickets for the raffle may be purchased at the show or ahead of time from any quilter and at the hot dog dinners where the quilt will be displayed. There will also be a Chinese Auction repeated this year at the Quilt Show with many beautiful items to be won. Ladies in the Quilt Club have made and given four lap quilts to residents in the Park. The ladies had a class on Continuous Quilting and have made some beautiful quilts using this method. Remember the Show on March 18th!!!!

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

Our January Wine and Cheese meeting was very successful with 85 in attendance. We had to move it to the Clubhouse as the Activities Building was too small. Unfortunately our February Pot Luck meeting had to be canceled because of a number of conflicts. The March meeting will be a Picnic at the Pavilion on March 11th at 11:30 AM. We will supply fried chicken with potato salad at \$4.00 per person. BYOB. A sign up sheet will be in the Clubhouse

FOREST PARK WEBSITEwww.forestparkonline.com**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/
PATROL (NWP)***By: Lou Smith*

Neighborhood Watch meeting Wednesday, March 14th at 10:00am in activities building.

NORTHEAST CLUB*By: Nancy Cooper*

WE'RE GOING GREEN!!!!

March 26th.....5:00 PM

Ultimate salad bar (including meats and cheeses), rolls, dessert and beverages.....\$5 per person. Tickets available at the February meeting and from Nancy Cooper. Please bring your own place settings.

"Green Hat" Contestprizes given for the man's and woman's winning hats. Plenty of games and fun for all!

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).

CRAFT CLUB

By: Wanda Dickerson, President

Things are starting to wind down with the Craft Club. Our last Hot Dog Dinner for the season will be held on the 28th of February and we hope everyone has enjoyed them all. We try to think of new things to cook each year, so if you have something you think would be a hit with the folks in the park, please let us know and we will try to fix it next year. As I wrote in another newsletter the Craft Club sends many donations to different local soup kitchens, food banks and senior services, not only at Christmas, but also at other times. Your participation in our dinners enables us to do this and we would like to thank everyone who helps make it possible. I, personally, would like to thank all of the ladies in our club who make it possible. They donate their Tuesday (sometimes almost all day) and make the delicious pies we serve. They are a great group to work with and without everyone in our club these dinners and other things we do would not be possible.

On March 1st the Craft Club, along with some others, are treating ourselves to a day out at Troyers Dutch Heritage Restaurant in Sarasota. They have a gift shop along with a Bakery and Cheese Shop. There are also a few other shops within walking distance that some of us might also visit.

Don't forget the Flea Market on Saturday March 10th. We will be selling donuts and coffee in the morning and Hot Dogs with all the trimmings, Sloppy-Joes, chips and drinks for lunch. Don't forget to bring some extra money so you can do some shopping at our different tables. The Craft Club is setting up a table this year to sell some of the things we have made in our club this season. We hope everyone will come out and join us.

On March 28th we are going out for our Spring Luncheon. The Edison Restaurant seems to be our favorite place, so we will be going there again. They have a beautiful view of the golf course and the food is good.

FOREST PARK BOOK GROUP

By: Joan King



The March meeting of the Book Group will be Friday, March 23rd at 1:00 p.m. in the Activities Building. The title for March will be announced at the February meeting. Everyone is invited to join us for an hour of lively discussion with coffee and goodies, Call Joan King at 239 567-0606 for more information.

"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these."

- George Washington Carver

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.

Talk about a SENIOR moment!

Several days ago as I left a meeting at our church, I desperately gave myself a personal TSA pat down. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing. Suddenly I realized, I must have left them in the car. Frantically I headed for the parking lot. My wife, Diane, has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. Her theory is that the car will be stolen. As I burst through the doors of the church, I came to a terrifying conclusion. Her theory was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately call the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all, "Honey," I stammered. I always call her "honey" in times like these. "I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen."

There was a period of silence. I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard Diane's voice, "Ken," she barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me."

Diane retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this policeman I have not stolen your car!"



WHAT ARE THEY DOING TO THE PRESERVE?

Many of you may be wondering what is happening to the preserve that borders the south side of the Park. If you visit www.conservation2020.org/documents/lsp/pcp.pdf you will find a complete land management plan. Below is the Vision Statement from that document. There is a lot of information to help you understand the “big picture” of the work in progress in the preserve. Basically, it is a filtration system (marshland) that is being developed along with a hike and birding trail.

A few years ago, the plan was presented to Forest Park and Carriage Village. The plan was approved and work began in January 2012. Be sure and visit the document link above and check it out. The final project results should be very nice.

Vision Statement

Powell Creek Preserve Conservation 20/20 Land Plan

It is the vision of the Lee County Department of Parks and Recreation and the Conservation 20/20 Program to conserve, protect and restore Powell Creek Preserve to a productive, functional and viable ecosystem. Although the Preserve is small, it contains the northern most reaches of the natural channel of Powell Creek and provides water storage for areas to the north of the Preserve. The primary management objectives for Powell Creek Preserve will be exotic removal/control throughout the Preserve and hydrologic improvements on Powell Creek. Because the Preserve is in an urban area, it will provide hiking and birding opportunities for surrounding neighborhoods. As stewardship staff continues with the control of exotic plants, the Preserve will be a unique birding and outdoor learning experience for the local community due to its urban setting.

GREEN CHILI AND EGG DISH

1 pound green chili strips. There is a 1 lb. 11 oz can available, if you can find it, and I used the whole can.

1 pound longhorn cheese, grated.

10 oz. Monterey Jack cheese, grated - I use the grated Mexican blend instead and use enough to generously cover both layers.

1 pint sour cream

8-10 eggs

1-1/2 tsp. salt.

Beat eggs, add sour cream and salt.

Layer 1/2 chili strips, then 1/2 cheese (9 x 13 baking dish).

Repeat.

Pour egg mixture on top.

Bake at 350 for 45 minutes, until firm and golden brown.

Can add flour to egg mixture to make it firmer.



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.

ALUMINUM CAN RE-CYCLE

By: Anne Domingos

Please remember to put your washed out and dry 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 and **DRY**. 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.

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 and I will send you one and put you on the email list for future newsletters instead of a hard copy.

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.

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 which is picked up on Tuesdays and Fridays. The re-cycle truck comes on Wednesdays.

FAREWELL DEAR FRIENDS

The following dear friends have passed away and their names were not noted in previous newsletters. They will be greatly missed.

Dorothy Barnett 613 Pine Grove Ct
 Bob Hinton 563 Peace Lake Ct
 Brenda Leffel 855 Holly Berry Ct
 Don Morell 5421 Forest Park Dr

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

FOREST PARK CALENDAR

Keith Goudy handles the updates to the calendar. View the calendar at the website www.forestparkonline.com Please contact him for calendar changes. keith.goudy@gmail.com or 543-9770

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 2:00 pm Cribbage 6:30 pm Pinochle	27 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 5:00 pm Northeast Club 6:30 pm SKIP-BO 7:00 pm Shuffle Fun ...	28 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Ladies Shuffle 10:30 am Pool Exercise 4:00 pm Hot Dog Dinner 6:45 pm Bingo	29 7:30 am Hollywood Casino Trip 9:00 am Craft Club 9:00 am Pickleball 10:30 am Pool Exercise 12:30 pm Shuffle League 6:30 pm Canadian Euchre 6:30 pm Bid Euchre	1 9:00 am Quilt Club 10:30 am Pool Exercise 1:00 pm Bingo 2:00 pm Computer Club 2:30 pm Bocce	2 9:00 am Koffee Klatsch 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 10:00 am Line Dancing 10:30 am Pool Exercise 6:30 pm Bridge 6:30 pm Poker	3 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
4 1:00 pm Tickets, St. Pat's Dinner 1:30 pm Volunteer Appreciation 2:00 pm Cribbage 3:30 pm Caribbean Cruise Info 6:30 pm Pinochle	5 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 7:00 pm Shuffle Fun	6 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Ladies Shuffle 10:30 am Pool Exercise 6:45 pm Bingo	7 9:00 am Craft Club 9:00 am Pickleball 10:30 am Pool Exercise 12:30 pm Shuffle League 6:30 pm Canadian Euchre 6:30 pm Bid Euchre	8 9:00 am Quilt Club 10:00 Social Club Leaders 10:30 am Pool Exercise 1:00 pm Bingo 2:00 pm Computer Club 2:30 pm Bocce	9 9:00 am Line Dancing 9:00 am Men's Coffee 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 10:30 am Pool Exercise 6:30 pm Bridge 6:30 pm Poker	10 7:00 am Flea Market 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 1:00 pm Bingo 6:30 pm Bid Euchre
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18 1:00 pm Quilt & Art Show 2:00 pm Cribbage 6:30 pm Pinochle	19 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 ...	20 Vernal Equinox 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Blood Pressure Clinic 10:00 am Ladies Shuffle 10:30 am Pool Exercise 6:45 pm Bingo	21 9:00 am Craft Club 9:00 am Pickleball 10:00 am J.C Cruise by Ohio Club 10:30 am Pool Exercise 6:30 pm Canadian Euchre 6:30 pm Bid Euchre	22 7:30 am Miami Tour 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	23 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	24 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am King/Queen Shuffle 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 1:00 pm Bingo 6:30 pm Bid Euchre
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