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FOREST PARK NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO SPRING

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

By: Keith Goudy, President

WOW! WHAT A SEASON!

Hardly seems possible we are approaching the end of another fabulous season here in Forest Park. There were lots of activities and it was great to see the great participation.

Just a note that if you are planning an event for a time other than your regularly scheduled time, or you would like to have a private event at one of facilities, please contact me, Keith Goudy, first to help avoid any conflicts.

We hope everyone enjoyed their time here this season and you can see that things are already started for next season. If you are traveling away from here, have a safe journey and we will see you next season.

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

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

At our recent Social Club Leaders meeting we discussed some items that might be of interest. One was to develop the Horseshoe Pits. Another was to have a "Wii" event. Another was to develop Forest Park Tee-shirts for sale to residents. If any of these spark an interest in you, please contact a Social Club Officer with your interest.

Another item discussed was that Carol Goans has become our "excursions/trips" person and is exploring group trips for next season. She is asking for volunteers to assist her so please call her at 231-944-9524 with your help.

And Andy Chernow has been working on a Caribbean Cruise for next year so be sure to contact him at 989-482-3207 if you are interested.

SPRING IS HERE
ENJOY
HAVE A SAFE AND
HAPPY SUMMER



FUN PAGE



POSSIBLE TRIPS FOR NEXT SEASON

By: Carol Goans

Royal Lipizzan Stallions of Austria with lunch at "Yoder's"
 The Circus Museum and Ringling Museum of Art w/lunch at ??
 Bush Gardens
 Universal Studios
 Seaworld Orlando
 Arabian Nights Dinner Show (Good food and beautiful horses)
 Tarpon Springs to visit the Sponge Docks with lunch at Greek Restaurant
 The Florida Aquarium in Tampa
 Visani's Dinner Theater in Port Charlotte
 The Salt Caes of Naples with perhaps a visit to Tin City
 Hollywood Hard Rock Casino

In April there is a live performance of a time depicted in the Bible (This year it is the story of Noah) in Wauchule, Florida. There will be 150 live animals and a cast of 200 people. We do not know what will be the theme next year. This year it is non-stop action with 250ft panoramic set. Cost would be around \$20.00 plus the fee for the bus.

Please let us know if you have any interest in trips that may not be listed above. There will be a basket in the clubhouse for you to leave your suggestions for me to collect by April 10th. Have a safe and happy summer.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Come One! Come All! The Social Club meeting for Thursday, April 12 at 7:00 pm is an Ice Cream Sundae night. Cost will be \$1. What a way to end the season!!

"Nothing will ever be attempted, if all possible objections must be first overcome."

- Samuel Johnson

"I would feel more optimistic about a bright future for man if he spent less time proving that he can outwit Nature and more time tasting her sweetness and respecting her seniority." - E. B. White

WINNER, WINNER!!!!

BY: Carol Goans

The Hollywood Casino trip was great. February 29th was the luckiest day ever. Gary Eckels knows that statement to be really true. He won \$90.00 in the 50/50 raffle. We had lots of fun and we all look forward to our trip to Hollywood Casino next season.

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. We will have our first meeting in January 2013.

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.

PICTURE DIRECTORY

Having problem identifying the people you meet here in the Park? You look at the picture directory and they are not there! Well that's because that was done in 2008 and we have so many new people in the park. Perhaps it is time to do another one. Wanda Dickerson and Judy Watson put in countless hours spearheading that last one. Now it's time for someone reading this to say - "Hey, I'd like to see that happen. What can I do?" Judy and Wanda will be glad to provide information and some assistance but someone or two of you are needed to make it happen. Please contact Keith Goudy if you would like to participate in this project.

**HOW ABOUT A
CARIBBEAN CRUISE?**

By: Andy Chernow

The information meeting, that was held in the clubhouse on March 4th was informative with much interest shown. Marion Lobbett from Melamar Travel made a presentation on two different Caribbean Cruises that she is going to do next year. The cruises on the NCL Dawn January 27, 2013 and NCL Pearl February 10, 2013 are seven days with four port of calls from \$299 each. Port & Tax \$240, Bus \$50, Insurance \$60 optional but which is Highly Recommended. The cost is \$1178 Inside Stateroom for two people on the Norwegian Dawn. The Norwegian Pearl would be about \$1198 Inside Stateroom. Gratuities are \$12 a person per day. The bus pick up will be at our clubhouse.

Marion Lobbett is a licensed travel agent and is the owner of Melamar Travel. She has been booking Cruises from the area parks since 1995. She gets choice booking for our mid ship Staterooms, we will have reserved dining at the main dining room for Early Dinner. There will also be a cocktail party Sponsored by Melamar Travel. In addition NCL has given us an EARLY BOOKING ON BOARD Credit of \$25 Inside, \$30 Outside and \$50 Balcony per stateroom.

To Book call Marion at (239) 995-7480. You can also reach me, Andy Chernow over at 554 Peace Lake Ct., or call me at (989) 482-3207 for more information. Hope to hear from you, if you're interested in joining us on next year's cruise.

"Strangers are friends that you have yet to meet."

Art Dealer, Roberta Lieberman

C.E.R.T.*By: Keith Goudy*

A few residents are exploring how to restart the CERT program here in Forest Park. CERT stands for **Community Emergency Response Team** and it is just that - being organized to respond to an emergency such as a hurricane or tornado or other perils. The Park was a fully certified CERT member a few years ago and still has most of the equipment and supplies. What is needed is for some volunteers to renew the program and training.



Some of you might think that this is just for those residents who live here all year. While the possibility of a hurricane happening is most likely in the summer, many of the previous volunteers were part time residents who wanted to be sure there was a plan in place to assist those who would most likely be here during a disaster and help with assisting the Park residents deal with the situation. So this is for everyone in the park - full time residents as well as season residents.

By the time you read this there should have been a presentation at the FFPOA General Membership meeting on March 22nd. Hopefully this has stirred an interest in you to volunteer to be part of this program. Please contact Mary Gibson at 239-543-7594 and tell her how you will help. Thank you.

**NEW RESIDENT
AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**

A group of people have formed a New Resident Ambassador Program. The objective is to be sure that all new residents to the park, both owners and renters, receive a visitation from representatives of the Social Club welcoming them to the park and answering their questions. Another part of it is to "assign" an Ambassador from the park who would be willing to be their "Ambassador" for the year and answer their questions and perhaps encourage them and help them get involved in the activities. If you would like to be an Ambassador, please contact Sharon Goudy and she will put you on the list. Email Sharon at sharon.goudy@gmail.com or call 239-543- 9770 during the season (Nov-Apr).

THE ART SHOW*By: Jack Watson
Forest Park Art Class*

The Art Show was held Sunday, March 18th in the club house. The many talented artists displayed their works of art and some were available for purchase. Betty Leis, our instructor had a large display of her "minnies" for sale in addition to her many outstanding paintings. Betty donated a large copy of the Sanibel Lighthouse for this year's annual raffle. Ron Powell, one of our artists from Carriage Village was the lucky winner.

MORE FUN THINGS

MARCH DANCE

By: Keith Goudy



Everyone is invited to attend our last dance of the season which will be Saturday, March 31, at 7:00 pm. Come join in as we celebrate another great season with friends here in the Park and we dance and listen to the variety of music provided by Aaron Davis. Only \$5 per person. Bring your own beverage of choice and any snacks you desire.

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, April 7th 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.

BOCCE

By: Olga Mei

Join us each Monday and Thursday at 2:30pm at the Bocce Court. We like seeing new people so everyone is welcome. We have no “book of rules” so we play Bocce the “Forest Park Way”. Lots of laughter and good fun.

**KOFFEE KLATSCH***April 6, 2012*

Please join us at the last Koffee Klatsch of the 2011-2012 season on Friday, April 6 at 9:00am. Our speaker will be Russ Luther from ECHO who will present information about their program just a few miles east from here. You will want to hear about this. Donuts and coffee provided. Please bring your own cup.

MICHIGAN/CANADIAN CLUB*By: Jonie Emery*

The April outing will be on April 18th at Bonkers restaurant in Marinatown. If you would like to carpool, meet at the clubhouse at 11:30am. We must leave the clubhouse by 11:45 am. Lunch is scheduled at 12:00 noon.

MEN'S KOFFEE KLATCH*By: Nancy Cooper***NO MEETING IN APRIL****SHUFFLE LEAGUE***By: Ray Preston, Captain*

The March meeting was held on the 3rd.

The King/Queen Shuffle was held March 24th.

The Banquet for all Parks was held March 25th hosted by Forest Park.

Our league banquet was held March 21st with a "Pizza Party"

We planned our schedule for 2012 - 2013 which will be in the November Newsletter.

The election of officers were held and are as follows:

Captain - Ray Preston

Co- Captains - Dale Stafford & Norm Reekie

Sec/Tres - Bev Bensen

Our 1st meeting for 2012 - 2013 will be Nov. 3rd at 9am.

I would like to "THANK" all the ladies that helped with refreshments; making them and serving them.

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!!

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.

Carlson, Ross & Barbara 5141 Forest Park Dr., [740-815-2077](tel:740-815-2077), OH
Coder, Gary & Betty 5130 Forest Park Dr., [937-232-1994](tel:937-232-1994) [937-672-4888](tel:937-672-4888), OH
DiRocco, Joe & Jeanne 504 Pine Tree Ct. [978-957-0772](tel:978-957-0772), [978-337-5358](tel:978-337-5358), MA
Dotson, Ron & Eleanor 416 Timber Ln. N. [304-670-5461](tel:304-670-5461), WV
Fabyan, Cynthia & Cizek, Debra 636 Forest Palm Ct. 616-399-1380 MI
Hill, Ed & Sandy 753 Knotty Pine Cir. 401-539-7347, RI
Kolb, Geri 209 Shrub Ln. N. [239-731-6402](tel:239-731-6402), (corrected #) IL
Lussier, Donna & Miller, Bill 5450 Forest Park Drive 239-731-3713 MI
Ward, Ken & Mary 706 Palm Frond Ct. [519-866-3547](tel:519-866-3547) CAN
Williams, Wayne & Jane 753 Knotty Pine Cir. 401-539-7347, RI

New residents be sure the office has your current information and written authority to publish your info in the community phone directory.

**WELCOME TO OUR
NEWEST RESIDENTS/HOME BUYERS**

Walter & Leah Olszowy 246 Shrub Ln. N.
Diana Prittenen 453 Jacaramba Ct.
Phillip & Marilyn Rich 760 Knotty Pine Cir.
Chuck & Debbie Stortzum 5301 Forest Park Drive
John & Deidre Wilson 565 Peace Lake Ct.

**TIPS FOR CLOSING YOUR
HOME FOR THE SUMMER**

There is a checklist available of items to do to make sure your home will be okay through the summer months. Please stop by the office and pick up a copy.

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 will 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.

**RESOURCE FOR FLORIDA
SENIORS**

There are lots of ways for you to save money and time if you are a Florida Senior. Your State has provided a website for you to visit with lots of great information. Check it out.

www.myfloridacfo.com/onguard

***"You can preach a better sermon
with your life than with your lips."***
**Playwright and Poet, Oliver
Goldsmith**

HEALTH & WELFARE

By: Mary Gibson

The last Blood Pressure of the season on 4/17/12 from 10 am to 12 noon. See you all again in November. Thank you all for coming.

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. The pool is limited to 18 persons in the pool at any one time so come early to insure your spot.



ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION***FOREST PARK 2012******By: Judy & Jack Watson
for the Northeast Club***

A Grand Day was had by all – Irish or not! We started the day off with free coffee and donuts at 9:00am, listened to Irish music, shared lots of camaraderie and photo shots all dressed up in green, downed 14 dozen donuts and 210 cups of coffee – WOW!!

At 10:00am, Bo & Betty McClain, organized and led the BIG parade through the entire park. We had 26 golf carts and a fleet of bicycles all decked out in Green and Irish regalia, playing Irish music and tossing out candy and beads to the many parade onlookers. Our thanks to Bo & Betty for all their efforts.

A traditional corned beef & cabbage dinner began at 5:30pm. The food was delicious as usual and plenty of seconds for all. Many thanks to the kitchen crew, Doug & Gail Ford, Jack & Judy Watson, Ray & Madaline Preston and Mike & Kathy Fanning.

At 7:00pm we were treated to a great show by the famous “Bayshore Cloggers”. As always, they stole our hearts away with their superb clogging and adorable smiling faces.

All in all, a very successful and fun filled day was had by all. Hope to see you all again next year. Our thanks also go out to Don Urquhart and Larry Wehrman for all their hard work on the floors.

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

Our Final Ohio Club Meeting for the Winter Season will be held April 2nd at 4:00 p.m. at the Pavilion. Our theme will be "Hawaiian Luau". Please feel free to dress in that attire if you chose. There is a sign up sheet in Club House for those interested in attending this event. It is imperative that you sign up if you anticipate participating. There is a sense of necessity for this since we are serving Barbecue Ribs and will need a count for that in order to monitor costs. The final day for sign up will be March 28th. We hope to have a major part of our club present since we have an important topic to discuss and vote on.

Our Bake Sale for Ohio Club was an enormous success. Financially and participant wise it was the largest ever. We especially thank those on the Committee who diligently put so much effort into this event. Thank you from everyone, good job! A great thanks to those who donated all of the Bake Goods for this event. This was such a success in so many ways. Great volunteering, great products and great enjoyment in the project. It is a statement for the good products when you look at the table and 80% of the Baked Goods were sold so early in the morning.

We are ending our Winter Season here in Forest Park! Our Club would like to wish you a healthy and happy summer. We hope you enjoy the days to come in your home town and for those who stay in Forest Park during the summer, our wishes are the same for you. As always we look forward to seeing you next season. God Bless!

"Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned."
Clergyman, Peter Marshall

PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB*By: Janet Clear*

Our members are not winding down slowly, but have been exceptionally busy! 77 lap quilts have been given to date to Park members who are ill or house bound. Our Spring luncheon was held March 15 at Magnolia Landing. All received beautiful, colorful aprons with sewing notions in the pockets. (Food was good also.) Our Quilt Show was held March 18th with a large group of people attending. We had wonderful displays of quilts, jackets, vests, etc. that showed how hard our ladies have been working. We had 32 items in our Chinese Auction which was very well received. Our large queen size blue and yellow quilt was auctioned off and Peg Howe was the lucky winner! We appreciate all those who attended and supported our Quilt Show. We must now say our seasonal "Goodbye's" and will see all of you next season.

MICHIGAN CLUB*By: Keith Goudy*

The Michigan Club is doing some exploration of who they are and what they want to do. Jonie Emery has agreed to spearhead this and they are exploring the possibility of changing the name to the Midwest Club to include residents from Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and other "Midwestern" states. Of course as is true of all our clubs, you don't have to be from those particular states to be a member so all are welcome. Jonie needs some assistance so please contact her at 239-731-0886 with your help. We have lots of residents from that part of the country so this could be another dynamic club in our park.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/
PATROL (NWP)***By: Lou Smith*

Neighborhood Watch meeting will be Wednesday, April 11th at 10:00am in the activities building. This will be the last meeting for this season. Please bring your coffee cup; we're having donuts and coffee for this last meeting. Please have a safe and happy summer. See you in October.

NORTHEAST CLUB*By: Nancy Cooper***ANNUAL PICNIC****APRIL 9TH----5:00 P.M.**

Please join fellow members for a picnic in the pavilion. Menu includes hamburgers, coleslaw, chips, beverage and dessert....\$5.00

Please bring your own table settings.

Tickets must be purchased before April 4th from
Nancy Cooper.

ART CLASSES*By: Jack Watson*

There are a couple more classes in April and then the Art Classes will resume in January 2013. Have a great summer.

RED HATS LADIES*By: Betty Campbell*

Forest Park Red Hatters will meet in the clubhouse Friday, April 13th at 1:00 pm.

Mary Kay Cosmetics will be our program presentation. There will be a \$1.00 charge for refreshments.

Please contact April hostesses Madaline Preston or Marilyn Samsel for more information. Everyone is invited.

This will be our last meeting until October.

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I get super sad and hug
them because I know
how hard life is for
the visually impaired.

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**ST. PATRICK'S DAY****GOLF CART AND BICYCLE PARADE***By: Betty McClain*

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Parade. The Golf Carts and Bicycles all looked very good. Everyone looked so Irish and seemed to enjoy themselves a lot. Our next Parade will be Christmas Eve and we hope everyone who owns a Golf Cart or bicycle joins us and makes it just as successful.

FOREST PARK BOOK GROUP*By: Joan King*

There will be no meeting in the month of April for the Book Group.



Have a great summer and we will start again in the Fall. Keep Reading...

**CHORUS DIRECTOR FOUND!
CHORALEERS MISSING!***By: Joyce Hinds*

Madeline Parkinson from Old Bridge Village has offered her skills as director of our Forest Park Choraleers. I recently spoke with her and she was quite enthusiastic about filling the director shoes.

What we now need to do is find out how many people in our park are interested in participating in a chorus. I will place a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse on the back counter. If you think you would be interested in becoming a part of our newly formed chorus, please sign the sheet immediately or call me at: 731-3274!

ACCOMPANIST NEEDED!

Madeline has directed and accompanied simultaneously, however I am sure it would be much easier for her if we had someone from the park who could play the piano while she directed! If you can "tickle the ivories" and enjoy working with multi-talented people, please call me at the phone number listed above!

WE WANT YOU!

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

Hope everyone has had a great 2011-2012 season and that you have a safe trip back to your northern families and homes. The Craft Club is already planning for our next season and hoping that everyone will again join us at our Hot Dog dinners and Annual Flea Market. We are having elections, which are held every 2 years, and Ruth Malago has decided after 4 years as Secretary it is time to step down. Brenda Palmer has volunteered to be our secretary, Dee Hicks will remain Treasurer, June Kearschner Vice President and Wanda Dickerson President.

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who helped, again, to make our Annual Flea Market a success. Thanks to the ladies of the Craft Club for taking their whole day on Friday to set up and working from 7:00 am until 2:00 pm on Saturday. Also a big THANK YOU to the men who were there on Friday setting up, moving tables and chairs and again on Saturday returning them all to the right places, sweeping floors and carrying boxes. Trying to list everyone would be a mistake because I am sure I would miss someone, but we certainly do thank you. We also want to thank everyone for all your donations, because without them we would not have a Flea Market; and again this year, like the other years, what did not sell was donated to Habitat for Humanity.

In my previous newsletter articles I neglected to thank two very important people that are a tremendous help to us. We would like to thank Mike and Kathy Fanning for all their help during our Hot Dog dinners. Mike took over for Doug Ford a few years ago cooking hot dogs, helping us lift heavy pans, etc. and we truly do enjoy and appreciate him and Kathy. We will have to make them Honorary Craft Club Members. THANK YOU MIKE AND KATHY.

In our last newsletter article I said we would be going to Edison Restaurant for our Spring Luncheon but found out they were not as accommodating as in previous times (they only want large groups, so unless you have about 100 people don't bother calling). The ladies have decided this is not our favorite place to dine anymore. Olive Garden does not care that we are a "small" group of 20, and the food is good and they have a great wait staff.

The Craft Club will have their last meeting April 11, 2012 and resume meetings the first of October 2012. The day and time for Craft Club meetings will continue next year to be the same as in previous years, Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM.

Hope everyone has a happy, healthy and safe summer, and we will see you in November.

"Envy is the art of counting the other fellow's blessings instead of your own."
Humor Columnist, Harold Coffin

F.P.P.O.A. BOARD NEWS

FOREST PARK RESIDENTIAL SURVEY***By: Bob Dickerson, President FPPOA***

The Legal and Mediation Committees will soon be doing a survey of the park to identify locations where there are violations of our Documents. They will be looking for places which have weeds, high grass, are in need of power washing, have storage in carports, are parking on front lawn and other conditions which violate the Rules or Deed.

Another item which was brought up at the last membership meeting will be encroachments onto the prescribed easement areas. Many of these have no doubt been in place for years without notification of the violation. We will now notify the owners and ask for remediation of those conditions. There should be clear access to the rear of the property by the FPPOA equipment and/or utility company equipment.

So, if you get a letter, don't feel that you are being picked on. Many homes in Forest Park will be cited. There has been an expressed interest in Rule Enforcement by the membership and we will start enforcement actions now and follow up next season. We ask and expect full cooperation from those cited.

2012 FPPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT: Bob Dickerson
1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Betty Campbell
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SHEDS, PAVEMENT, ADDITIONS***By: Bob Dickerson, President FPPOA***

If you are considering a shed, pavement of any kind, additions, and even trees. You should be aware of the easement restrictions which may apply. Get a review application from the office and pick up the "hand out" on sheds. A hearing will then be set up for you before the Legal/Construction Committee as explained in the handout.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG
APRIL 19, 2012

F.P.P.O.A. BOARD NEWS

RECENT BOARD DECISIONS

By: Bob Dickerson, President FPPOA

The Board minutes of meetings are always posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Please read them for more complete information. The following are issues which I feel should be published in the newsletter for all to read.

- At the February meeting, the Board of Directors voted that we will no longer loan tables and chairs. The issue was brought up again at the March 15th Board meeting and the Board confirmed their previous decision.
- A policy regarding the walking of pets in non pet areas was mentioned at the Feb. membership meeting. It was stated that pets must be walked in pet areas only. By a show of hands the membership supported this policy. At the March 15th meeting, the Board voted to officially affirm this policy. Pets may be transported to pet areas by golf cart, auto, bicycle, or carried, but they should not be walked through non pet areas.

Also, it is expected that when walking pets in pet areas, the person walking the pet will have bags and will pick up any droppings. This will be enforced by neighbors who should report any violators. After a warning, we will consider publishing the names of repeat offenders in the newsletter.

- The Board at the March meeting affirmed a policy, which has been in place for years, that residents who own one or more empty lots which adjoin the lot containing their principle dwelling will have a reduced monthly maintenance fee. The logic for this apparently was that the empty lots have no impact on garbage collection or use of amenities. The wording on the fee schedule did not specifically indicate “adjoining empty lots“, causing some residents to interpret it to include two or more non adjoining lots. This will be made more descriptive on the fee schedule in the future.

Anyone wanting to attend the Board Meetings has a right to do so, if you want to make a statement concerning an issue which you wish to bring to the Boards attention, you must request a hearing at least three days prior to the meeting.

You may view recent Board Meetings or Membership Meetings on line at www.forestparkonline.com. Go to association documents on left and click, then click on meeting videos. You must then enter a username - fpowner -and password - fp33917. Then you can sit back and enjoy hours of videos of meetings. Have fun! Seriously, they can be very informative.

Note! The pet/no pet area extends to the center of the street. In those areas where one side of the street is pet and the other is no pet, the pet owner may cross from the no pet side of the street to the pet side to walk the pet.

F.P.P.O.A. BOARD NEWS************By: Bob Dickerson, FPPOA President*****Powell Creek Conservation Construction**

I am sure we have all noticed the work being done to the Preserve Area next to us. People living along the perimeter adjacent to the preserve have been impacted the most with all of the noise and dust being generated. We met with the Project Manager, Anura and his assistant, Brian on Tuesday 3-13-12 to discuss these concerns as well as the question of the breach of security with the openings in the perimeter fence. He said that upon completion of the project, they will have the openings re-fenced and where our "canal" goes into the Preserve, the fence will run to the bottom with barbed wire at the bottom to provide security for us.

We also discussed the problem being experienced by people on Shrub with the noisy pumps running continuously. He had met on Monday with some of the people on Shrub and had agreed to attempt to quiet the noise by cutting down on the speed of the pumps and putting sound deadening insulation around the pumps. The pumps must run continually because they are installing 30 inch drain pipe in the ground 10 feet deep, and at that depth water flows into the excavation and must be pumped out while pipe is being laid. The pumps will be moved as the piping advances, about 200 feet approximately once a week. So the inconvenience will only temporally affect those living along the fence line. Hopefully the reduced speed of the pumps at night and the insulation will help reduce the noise.

I realize that this is and has been a dusty and noisy inconvenience for many of our residents, but the project should be completed sometime late spring or early summer unless there is an unexpected delay. When finished it will be beneficial to Forest Park by providing a more appealing setting which I believe will enhance our property values.

Note! The following comments were sent by the project manager after I asked him to review the article.

1. The cost of fence installation will be the responsibility of Lee County while removal of the debris collected at the fence line will be the responsibility of the Forrest Park Home Owners Association.
2. Most of the construction work will be finished by end of July. The contractor has until September to complete all the work.

V.O.I.C.E.

Lee County Sheriff's office offers vacation checking of your home while you are visiting other areas of the country. They will drive by and get out and check for any broken windows or signs of foul play. Please get a form from the FPPOA office and fill it out before you leave for the season. Return the completed form to the FPPOA office. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND WE WILL SEE YOU IN THE FALL.

F.P.P.O.A. BOARD NEWS

I'll Be Dead Then!

Few FPPOA members have anything negative to say about our reserve funds. But, those who do grumble, most often say "I'll be dead then!". What they are referring to, is that we accumulate funds for repairs, replacements and refurbishments that sometimes are made far into the future.

One reason we fund long term replacements is because our Articles of Incorporation indicate FPPOA will have **perpetual existence**. This means that our amenities must be maintained into the indefinite future. It requires us to contribute our fair share to sustain our amenities, regardless of whether a particular restoration will occur in our lifetime.

There is also a personal reason to ensure we have an adequate reserve. Each member is also sustaining the value of their home in Forest Park. Consider a 55 year-old person who purchases a home in the park. That person will plan to enjoy our facilities for about 25 years, and will expect these facilities to be there when the home is sold. The value of the home at that time will be affected by the condition of the Park's facilities and the size of the Park's reserve fund. The purchaser must consider that, when the home is sold again, our facilities will be over 60 years old. Proper reserve planning will ensure that funds will be on hand when it is time to renew or replace these facilities.

The reserve funding required is calculated by estimating the remaining life and the cost of renewal for everything we own. Then we contribute an amount each year to the fund so that, when an item is worn out, we have cash to replace or refurbish it. For instance, the A/C units on our activity building should last 15 years, and cost \$15,000 to replace. So, we need to put \$1,000 per year into the reserve fund. After 10 years, our fund has accumulated \$10,000 toward A/C replacement. We have multiple buildings, and each has major components such as roofs etc. We also own streets and drains, and our recreational amenities. Each item must be funded for renewal. We could fund each item individually in a myriad of dedicated funds, but it is more practical to pool the funds. This provides flexibility and allows us to cope with the variability that comes with prediction of the life of many items.

Forest Park's approach to reserve funding can be summarized as follows:

"We anticipate the wearing-out of items we own and ensure we have cash on hand to renew them when they do".

The formal approach to reserve funding was summarized at a financial seminar a few years ago as:

"If the association maintains a pooled account of two or more of the required reserve assets, the amount of the contribution to the pooled reserve account as disclosed on the proposed budget shall be not less than that required to ensure that the balance on hand at the beginning of the period for which the budget will go into effect, plus the projected annual cash inflows over the remaining estimated useful lives of all of the assets that make up the reserve pool, are equal to, or greater than, the projected annual cash outflows over the remaining estimated useful lives of all of the assets that make up the reserve pool based on the current reserve analysis. The projected annual cash inflows may include estimated earnings from investment of principal. The reserve funding formula shall not include any type of balloon payments."

FPPOA's statement is clearer.

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 from 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. Contact Sherrill or John Wright @ 239.731.7524, email fpclub@yahoo.com

Another season is coming to a close. Hopefully, we have provided support and solved problems for our members and other Forest Park residents. I feel we have, as there is a faithful group that comes every week. I know our tech guys have been busy in this area and I have been busy being a "Purchasing Agent" for our 25 new antenna installations. Some people have done their own, but if not, Gerry Bauer has provided excellent service to those who needed help. Many thanks to Bob Geisler our webmaster. If there are any new residents who have burning desire to learn about "webmastering" Bob would love some help.

We have our yearly costs for the Web Site covered by the vendors advertising on the Web Site. If anyone can think of any new vendors who might be interested, please let me know. It is still one of the biggest bargains around at \$10/year. Thanks to all who supported us with donations of time, money and computer equipment when they upgrade. It helps the club and also the environment.

Sherrill, John, Doug, Bob G and the rest of the group.

"The next best thing to solving a problem is finding some humor in it."
An Anonymous Author

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 dried out 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.

Bob Boruff 217 Shrub Lane N

George Brown 346 Shrub Lane S

Mildred Shirley 634 Forest Palm Ct

If you know of others, please send me an email at sharon.goudy@gmail.com or call me at 543-9770 (Nov-Apr) 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 (Nov-Apr).

THATS ENTERTAINMENT

This back page is a place for jokes and recipes. If you have a favorite of either, please send them to me for posting in future newsletters.

It has been a joy to create this newsletter during the 2011-2012 Season and hope to be able to continue for many more seasons. Thanks from your editor, Sharon Goudy.

FITNESS CLUB

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotard on, the class was over.

**SALMON ARTICHOKE
APPETIZER**

1 cup smoked salmon, flaked
4 eggs
½ pound cheddar cheese,
grated
2 – 6 oz. jars marinated
artichoke hearts, drained and
diced.
3 green onions, finely chopped
12 saltine crackers, crushed
(can use some almond or
coconut flour)

Mix all ingredients thoroughly.
Place in a buttered 9x9 inch
baking pan. Bake at 325 for 1
hour. Cut into squares.

Clothesline Poem

A clothesline was a news forecast, to neighbors
passing by,

There were no secrets you could keep, when
clothes were hung to dry.

It also was a friendly link, for neighbors always
knew

If company had stopped on by, to spend a night
or two.

For then you'd see the "fancy sheets", and
towels upon the line;

You'd see the "company table cloths", with
intricate designs.

The line announced a baby's birth, from folks
who lived inside,

As brand new infant clothes were hung, so
carefully with pride!

The ages of the children could, so readily be
known

By watching how the sizes changed, you'd know
how much they'd grown!

It also told when illness struck, as extra sheets
were hung;

Then nightclothes and a bathrobe too,
haphazardly were strung.

It also said, "On vacation now", when lines hung
limp and bare.

It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged,
with not an inch to spare!

New folks in town were scorned upon, if wash
was dingy and gray,

As neighbors carefully raised their brows, and
looked the other way.

But clotheslines now are of the past, for dryers
make work much less.

Now what goes on inside a home, Is anybody's
guess!

I really miss that way of life, it was a friendly
sign

When neighbors knew each other best, by what
hung on that line.

Author Unknown

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 April Fools' Day 6:30 pm Pinochle	2 9:00 am Mex. Dominoes 9:00 am Art Class 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 10:30 am Pool Exercise 12:30 pm Pool Exercise Duplicate Bridge 2:30 pm Bocce 4:00 pm Ohio Club 6:30 pm SKIP-BO ...	3 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Ladies Shuffle 10:30 am Pool Exercise 6:45 pm Bingo	4 9:00 am Craft Club 9:00 am Pickleball 10:30 am Pool Exercise 6:30 pm Canadian Euchre 6:30 pm Bid Euchre	5 9:00 am Quilt Club 10:30 am Pool Exercise 1:00 pm Bingo 2:00 pm Computer Club 2:30 pm Bocce	6 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	7 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Mixed Shuffle 1:00 pm Bingo 6:30 pm Bid Euchre 7:00 pm Bunco
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