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## HAPPY HEART MONTH

#### ATTENTION: FOREST PARK'S NEW HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS

#### "MEET AND GREET" FEBRUARY 14TH VALENTINES DAY 7:00 PM IN THE CLUBHOUSE

Social Club is hosting a "Meet and Greet" gathering for new homeowners and renters.

A Special Invitation will be given to each new homeowner and renter. If you are a renter in our park, call 731-3943; leave your name and address, so that our special invitation can be taken to you.

Every leader of activities, clubs or events will be describing their endeavor.

#### Lots and Lots of Door Prizes and a Special Gift Certificate will be given out

Refreshments will be served Everyone looks forward to meeting and greeting you !!

#### SOCIAL CLUB OFFICERS

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

#### SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE

FEBRUARY 23rd 7:00 10:00 PM Cost \$5.00 per person

Music by the Chadburns. The Chadburns play a variety of music for couples as well as line dancers.

50/50 Drawing

Lots of Door Prizes and Gift Certificates

Special Basket full of goodies to be raffled off

#### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS By: Delores Holms

Entertainment Season is here and suddenly there is a mountain of things to do in Forest Park. A variety of Activities and Different Events are happening. We have HEALTH (Free Blood Pressure), RECREATION (All kinds of sport activities), CRAFTS (painting, quilting, knit & crochet) FITNESS (Exercise in the clubhouse, Water Exercise in the pool, Line Dancing at the Pavilion, as well as an outside paved fitness trail and exercise equipment around the Memorial Garden's) and much more to occupy your time. Be sure that you check your newsletter and calendar to see when they will occur. ENJOY all that Forest Park offers.

Did you like the new newsletter? We now have a newsletter for Forest Park every month year around.

When you go north for the summer, the newsletters are available on forestparkonline.com. All issues of our newsletter will be on this website. So now residents can stay current with what is going on in our park today and prior months.

The advertising in the newsletter pays for the printing which makes the newsletter cost free for Forest Park. Now, we can make each advertisement pertinent to our park. If you have a special company that gives you excellent service, give your company's representative a copy of our newsletter. On the front page, under the picture, is the company's name and telephone number. Have your representative call and place an advertisement. This is a great way to promote their business to Forest Park's residents. If you would like to advertise your own company in the newsletter, you are entitled to a 25% discount off their normal rates. Contact Community Media directly and let them know you are a resident of Forest Park to receive the discount.

#### **NEEDED: Large Gallon Glass Containers that holds**

**liquids.** Kitchen Ladies make ice tea, lemonade and other drinks in the one gallon jug that has a wide mouth opening. They only have a few left in the kitchen. Do you buy any food contained in a glass gallon jug? If you buy anything in this type of jug, please don't throw it out; give it to the kitchen. If you look into your cupboards and see a wide mouth glass jug, please bring it to the kitchen. The kitchen ladies will thank you!!

In our Forest Park Newsletter, we would like to acknowledge resident's birthdays. We would have a section in the newsletter titled "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" In accordance with Federal Rules about Privacy Laws, you need to sign your name to give us permission in order for this information to be published in our Newsletter. If you wish to be included in the Happy Birthday section, there will be a clipboard that you can sign your name and just mark the *month* that you were born. The clipboard will be at the General Membership Meeting on January 24th.

#### **SNOWBIRD CHECK-IN**

Please be sure to stop in at the office during the open hours of 9:00 am– 12 Noon, Monday through Friday to let us know that you are back. This becomes very important during an emergency or with issues concerning your property in Forest Park.

#### 2012-2013 FOREST PARK COMMUNITY PHONE BOOKS ARE HERE

Please stop by the office during regular hours 9:00 am-Noon, Monday through Friday and pick up your copy. If your name is not listed in the directory, please make sure you fill out an authorization form so that you will be included in next year's directory. Changes and additions will be noted in this issue and future newsletters. Only take one book per household please. If additional copies are available after the initial distribution, you may request an extra copy.

#### KOFFEE KLATSCH By: Keith Goudy Friday, February 1st

You will certainly want to attend the next Koffee Klatsch on Friday, February 1st at 9:00 am. Our speaker will be Dr. Terry Tucker, Optometrist, who will be speaking about Age Related Macular Degeneration and also have

time for you to ask questions about eye care. There will be a drawing for a pair of sun glasses and a couple of other items in addition to our 50/50. Coffee and donuts provided. Please bring your own cup.



#### KNIT AND CROCHET CLUB By: Sharon Goudy



The newly formed Knit & Crochet Club had their first meeting on Monday, January 7, 2013. The club began meeting weekly on Wednesday, January 9th in the

Activities Building. The time will be from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm each Wednesday.

Since everyone who attended wanted to learn both to crochet and to knit, it was decided that we will alternate lessons each week. The meeting on the 9th taught us how to crochet a necklace. The next week will be a lesson in knitting. Then the following week we will return to crochet lessons etc. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring your yarn and needle (or needles) and join us each week. We have some wonderful teachers willing to share their talents. Not Associated with Superior Heating & Air

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#### WEBMASTER NEEDED FOR FOREST PARK WEBSITE

Please do not let the term "webmaster" scare you away from taking a look at what we need to maintain the Forest Park website. Bob Geisler has been our GURU when it comes to the website. He created it, tweaked it, and managed it. Now Bob is going to be leaving Forest Park in search of new adventures and we are looking for someone willing to be trained by Bob to keep the information current on the website. Bob assures me that he can teach anyone to maintain the site. So... we are looking for someone to step up and assume the role so we can have Bob do the training BEFORE he leaves us. Please call Mary in the office and she will make sure to notify the right person.

#### LAWN MOWING HOURS - 7 AM TO 11 PM JUNE 1 THROUGH AUGUST 31ST AND 8 AM TO 11 PM SEPTEMBER 1ST THROUGH MAY 31ST



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

Diana Gazarek, 418 Timber Lane N. OH David & Jeanene Jenkins, 217 Shrub Lane N. IN Randy & Brenda Shirley, 831 Hollyberry Ct. IN



#### NEWSLETTER ARTICLES By: Judy Watson

All articles should be sent to me at fpnews2013@gmail. com by the 13th of the month. Since the addition of advertising in the news letter has made it a very large file, we will no longer be able to send it out to individuals as an email. Please go to www.forestparkonline.com and look at the "News" tab to view the newsletter in full color.

#### FUNDRAISER DINNER By: Betty Campbell

A fundraiser dinner to benefit "Meals on Wheels" will be held on Sunday, February 24th at 5:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Proceeds will benefit seniors in need of food. Tickets are \$8.00 per person and will be sold in the Clubhouse on Sun. Feb. 10th & Sun. Feb. 17th 2-4:00 PM. For more information, please contact Betty Campbell at 239-567-1428.

#### **ROAD TRIP** *By: Carol Goans*

#### **GULF COAST CASINO TRIP TO BILOXI**

March 10th -March 13th. Three Nights and 4 Days staying at the Isle Of Capri Casino Resort. The cost is \$219.00 per person - double occupancy

Professionally escorted round trip motor coach transportation with refreshments, bingo, movies, and games while travelling, and 4 days/3 nights accommodations as well as all taxes and baggage handling fees. Leaving from Forest Park.

If you would like to sign up for this trip or want more information please call Carol Bradsher-Goans at 231-944-9524.

#### AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS FEBRUARY 15, 2013 By: Joan King

The AARP Safe Driving class is the nation's first and largest classroom course for drivers age 50 and older. Most insurance companies give a 5% or higher discount on your insurance premium after taking the class. Check with your insurance company to make sure they will honor the 6-hour Florida class.

The course provides a review of driving skills, and techniques to adjust to age-related changes in our abilities. The course will be given in the Clubhouse on Friday, February 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$12.00 for AARP members and \$14.00 for non members. Bring a check made out to AARP to the class, along with your driver's license and AARP number. Registration is necessary. Call Joan King at 239 567-0606 to register.

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY By: Jack Watson

Just a reminder, March is corned beef and cabbage time. Since St. Patty's Day falls on Sunday this year, we will be celebrating with donuts and coffee at 9am, a parade at 10am and dinner on Saturday, March 16th. So, keep the date open and look for further details in next month's newsletter.



#### 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY DINNER FEBRUARY 21, 2013 By: Nancy Cooper

Please join us on February 21st at 5:30pm as we gather to honor couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2013. The Northeast Club will host the evening and it promises to be a joyous evening of love and marriage. Tickets for the event will be passed out on February 3rd and February 10th at 1:00 pm in the Clubhouse. Gather your friends, put together a table, plan a meal and join us for a Celebration of Love. We will be recognizing all couples married 50 plus years. Guess who is the longest married couple in the Park? Find out on the 21st!

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

By the time you read this article we will have had our first Hot Dog Dinner of the season and starting to think about the next one. The dates for the next Hot Dinners are February 5th and February 26th. At one of these we will have a chicken dinner and at the other we will have a pork dinner. Since we are not sure of the side dishes yet I won't mention them. We don't want to get your taste buds set for something that we are not serving. We hope that you will come out, enjoy and leave the cooking to us.

We have welcomed some new members this year and hope that we will continue to grow. We always welcome new members and hope that if you are interested you will join us. Remember we meet every Wednesday in the Club House at 9:00 AM. We do crafts, but also socialize with coffee and treats. We are working on some different things this year for charity. We are making Teddy Bears and dolls to give to hospitals for sick children and possibly to the fire department so that if they are called out to a fire or accident and there is a small child they can give them something to comfort them. We are trying to get new ideas, not just for us to use but things we can give away. Kathy Fanning also brought a new idea to us of using your old Beanie Babies. We are hoping to make small afgans to wrap the Beanies in to give to children for the same purpose as the Teddy Bears and Dolls. Also some of the members are making baby hats with looms. So come and join us, give us ideas or learn some new ones.

We just purchased three new trees for next Christmas to use in the Activity Building and Club House. We know a lot of people asked about the one in the Activity Building, but the ones we had were in sad shape, so we had to toss them out, but next year there will be a tree in that building also.

Next month I will have information regarding the Flea Market which will be March 9th, so mark your calendars now and start cleaning out those closets. We welcome donations for our sale, or rent a table on your own and sell some things. We will be having hot dogs and sloppy joes again this year to sell at the Flea Market.



#### FOREST PARK BOOK GROUP

By: Joan King



The Book Group read a historical novel, The Winter Sea by Susanna Kearsley for January and will discuss it on Friday, January 25th at 1:00 p.m. in the Activities Building. We've chosen a couple of good books for February and March. Shanghai Girls by Lisa See is the February title. Another historical novel, it explores the bonds of sisterhood and the American immigrant experience. The book begins in 1937 Shanghai and ends in modern-day Los Angeles. If you like exotic and unfamiliar places, read this one. Meeting date, February 22, 2013

Hold onto your seats for the March title; Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn. The story of a marriage gone terribly wrong, the terrifyingly believable characters draw you in and keep you reading through every thrilling, chilling moment. It is suspenseful, inventive, unsettling and very well written. This title is still on best seller lists so put your name on the library reserve lists now. Meeting date, March 22, 2013. Come and join our discussions. Call 239 567-0606 for more info.

#### BINGO By: Anne Domingos

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



#### 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 watch future newsletters for start date and times.

#### BOCCE By: Olga Mei

Come join the fun each Monday and Thursday at 2:30pm at the Bocce Court. All are welcome. Don't be shy. It is lots of fun and no experience needed. We are not pros.... Hope to see you there.



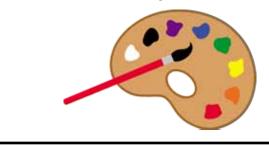
The third Monday of each month at 6:00 pm the clubhouse comes alive with the sound of music. Join in or just listen. Both actions are welcome. The next Karaoke will be February 18th.

#### **PICKLEBALL** *By: Edwin Thomas*

Would you like to learn how to play Pickleball ? If so, please join us at the pavilion for Pickleball fun on M-T-W at 9:00am. If interested, please call Edwin Thomas 239-652-4001, 739 Knotty Pine Circle.

#### ART CLASSES By: Jack Watson

Art Class started on Monday, January 7, 2013 @ 9:00 am in the Activities Bldg. Cost is still \$10.00 per class payable upfront. Supplies will be available for first timers. Class will meet every Monday from 9:00am to 12 noon through the end of March. Any questions call Betty Leis @ 239-997-1880.



#### PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB By: Gail Ford

We continue to meet each Thursday morning from 9:00am to 11:00am each week. Lots of ideas have been tossed about. Some have been firmed up.

Jan. 17th was our Secret Pal reveal luncheon at the clubhouse. We held a "extra" fabric for a Scrappy Fabric Trade on Jan. 24th and Janet Clear taught us how to make a "mystery" block.

Jan 31st Gail Ford will try to demonstrate "Paper Piecing".

Feb 7th Janet Clear will teach us how to transform a man's shirt into a man's funky apron. Each of us is to bring a man's long sleeve shirt. One can be purchased at Goodwill or any other thrift shop inexpensively.

Feb 28th Peggy Baker and LoRita Hettich will demonstrate a version of a "Jelly Roll Quilt".

A new member joined us at the January meeting. Her name is Leah Olszowy, who is a new 2012 resident to Forest Park. Welcome Leah.



#### SHUFFLE LEAGUE By: Ray Preston, Captain & Dale Stafford, Co-Captain

We hosted our 1st "HOT DOG" shuffle on Jan. 12th and our 2nd "ICE CREAM SHUFFLE" on Jan. 26th.

We will be holding a "VALENTINE BREAKFAST" on Feb. 14th from 8am - 10am. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Then on Feb. 23rd we will have our yearly "FUN DAY" at the SHUFFLE COURTS. We have coffee/donuts at 8:30am with SHUFFLING starting at 9am. This is OPEN TO EVERYONE IN THE PARK sooooo come and have a FUN DAY!! There will be a sign up slip at the courts. This is a FREE DAY.

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2013**

| Feb 2nd  | 9:00 am         | Meeting in the Activities Building   |
|----------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Feb 14th | 8:00 – 10:00 am | Valentine Breakfast in the Clubhouse |
| Feb 23rd | All day         | Fun Day                              |
| Mar 1st  | 9:00 am         | Koffee Klatch hosted by Shuffle      |
| Mar 2nd  | 9:00 am         | Meeting in the Activities Building   |
| Mar 23rd |                 | King/Queen Shuffle                   |
|          |                 |                                      |

#### **OUR FEBRUARY LEAGUE SCHEDULE**

FEB 6th AWAY AT TAMIIAMII VILLAGE FEB 13TH AWAY AT CRYSTAL LAKES FEB 20TH HOME WITH PIONEER VILLAGE FEB 27TH HOME WITH LAZY DAYS



#### OHIO CLUB By Anna Thatcher

The Ohio Club met on January 7th for their first meeting of the season. Unfortunately, due to lack of interest in people filling the Officers positions, it was voted to dissolve The Ohio Club. We have kept our status as Limited Liability Corporation. If there is interest in reforming The Ohio Club it would be simple to do. It is our hope that there will be people who will take an interest in reforming the club. The Ohio Club members voted to disburse the funds in a "Social Event" which will be hosted by a committee headed by Jan Harmon. This event will be open to Ohio Club Members who have paid their dues in 2012. The "Social Event" is planned to be held Monday, March 4th and we will provide a sign-up sheet for those interested in attending. It is our plan to hold that event in the Pavilion. For more info please contact Jan at Jan@janharmon.us

We want to thank all who have participated in the Ohio Club in prior years. There have been a lot of good events held by this club and quite sure there will be a feeling of loss in Forest Park. There have been so many officers who have held positions for the Ohio Club, worked diligently to make the events successful, as well as so many members who have volunteered their time and effort. We do certainly thank all for their input and support. Good Luck & see you in Forest Park.

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

The Neighborhood Watch meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 10 am in the Activities Building. Bring your coffee cup; there will be coffee and donuts for Valentine's Day. More volunteers are needed for security patrol. If interested, please contact Becky Conrad.



#### NORTHEAST CLUB By: Nancy Cooper

A "Pooped-Out Pizza Party" is planned for Monday, Feb.25th at 5:30pm in the Clubhouse. After working so hard on the 50th Party, we will sit back, eat and relax. Join members for an evening of food and fun. Please bring your beverage of choice and your place setting. Pizza and iced tea will be provided.

#### RED HAT LADIES FEBRUARY LUNCHEON By: Pat Schuren

As there were not enough Red Hatters interested in going to the Dinner Theater Train, we have cancelled that event and will be going to Cristof's on McGregor for lunch on Friday, February 15th. We will meet at the clubhouse at 11am to carpool. Cristof's will need to know how many to reserve for, so please let your Red Hat caller know by February 11th if you will be attending. Hope to see you on the 15th.



RED HAT LADIES MARCH OUTING By: Carol Geppert & Marilyn Nufryk

On March 6th, 2013 the Red Hat Ladies will be going to the Broadway Palm Theater to see "The Sound of Music" and also to enjoy their great buffet. You may pay cash or write a check payable to the Broadway Palm Theater. The cost will be \$43.00 per person total. The money needs to be paid by February 13th to either Marilyn Nufryk 543-5073 or Carol Geppert 731-3132.

The sign up sheet will be on the back shelf in the rear of the clubhouse. You must be a member of the Red Hat Ladies. We will be meeting at the clubhouse at 10:30am for anyone who needs a ride. Any driver who has a full car please call Carol Geppert and give her their names. Meet at the theater at 11:30am Wednesday, March 6th. Drive Safely! It is a great show and you will not want to miss it.

#### 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. In many cases, the club can help fix the problem. If not, we can usually 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. Contact Sherrill or John Wright @ 239.731.7524, email fpcclub@yahoo.com

#### CANADIAN/MICHIGAN CLUB By: Jim Barnett

The January meeting was scheduled for the 20th and since this is the 13th I cannot report on it at this time. There is a signup sheet in the clubhouse with about 30 names on it. Look for an article in the March newsletter. The February 17th meeting will be a "Pot Luck". A signup sheet will be in the clubhouse in February.

#### HEALTH & WELFARE By: Mary Gibson

Free Blood Pressure Clinic on Tuesday, February 19th, from 9:00am to 11:00am in the Clubhouse.

#### CHORALEERS WANTED By: Joyce Hines

Practice will be held in the Clubhouse each Tuesday at 1:00pm. If you like to sing, please feel free to join us or if you know someone who would join us, please keep an ear out for possible new members. We are practicing for our debut performance at the 50th Anniversary Celebration on February 21st. Any questions, please call Joyce Hines at 239-731-3274.

#### GOSPEL SING By: Richard Taylor

Come on out and join us for a good old fashioned "Gospel Jubilee" on Sunday, February 10th from 2:00 to 5:00pm in the Pavilion. Come out and sing or just sing along! Contact Richard Taylor at 239-997-2040 if you need further information.

# EASY WATER EXERCISE

Most of the water exercises are the same as the Tuesday & Saturday exercises, except they are done 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. Exercises are also subject to weather cooperating.

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

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FEBRUARY 2013 By: Bob Dickerson, President FPPOA

Congratulations to Richard Taylor and Jack Watson on their election as Directors for the next three years.

Richard was appointed last year to fill out my term as Director and will now be continuing for three more years. He has done an extraordinary job of watching over our drainage system, ponds, pumps etc. and is now also in charge of our mechanical equipment and has oversight authority of our maintenance department. Richard did a great job last summer in evaluating the problem with the Putt Putt sink holes and recommended a \$2500 solution rather than the \$100,000 solution which was recommended by a contractor. He is dedicated to getting us the most "bang" for our "bucks" in all repairs and purchases.

Jack has extensive experience in the landscaping arena, owning and running a landscaping company and now helps out when the new manager, his daughter, needs help. Jack and Judy have been active in Forest Park for years and this year have really thrown their hats in the ring with Jack as a Director and Judy editing the newsletter. I have asked Jack to take over the responsibility for our "Grounds" which includes maintaining the beautiful appearance of the common areas and the preservation and management of the "Memorial Garden". Jack will have help available to him from Becky Conrad and Jerri Duchesne. We are fortunate to have Richard back with us and Jack joining the team.

I have asked Betty Campbell to be the Board Liaison with the Social Club in addition to her duties as head of Mediation. Betty's people skills and extensive experience with social functions and service on the Board, as President and now 1st Vice President, should provide seamless communication and cooperation between the Board and Social Club. I have also asked Betty, in her role as head of Mediation, to do a survey of the houses in the park and pick out the ones in need of power washing, upkeep, lawn care, illegal storage on patios and other violations of our rules. Betty is good at "nudging" us into compliance with the rules. Sometimes we (and I include myself) get so busy with other things that we don't pay particular attention to the slow deterioration of our homes and just need to be reminded.

If Betty's "nudging" doesn't work and in those cases where it is necessary, she will refer the matter to the Administrative Review and Appeals Committee. The Committee, composed of myself, John Wright, Bob Lang, Jim Barnett, Lou Smith, and Jan Orlando will have a hearing to see if there are extenuating circumstances to be considered, and will try to resolve the matter. In most cases we get cooperation and resolution of the problem. In those cases where we are unable to reach an amicable solution, we will continue with those enforcement tools at our disposal including; having work done and assessing the cost against the property, legal action, and finally, law suit. In most cases we will have an acceptable solution

Our secretary Bob Lang will be in charge of the Office, along with responsibility for all records. Bob has faithfully recorded Board and FPPOA Meetings in the last year and worked with Bob Geisler to put them on the Forestparkonline.com website.

Mary Diaz, our Office Secretary is such a nice person and tries to be helpful to all who come into the office. The problem is that too many people think of her as their personal secretary and it is just taking too much of her time. We have cut the office hours down to give her quiet time after 12 o'clock to do all of the accounting and routine duties which must be done. But we are still getting people coming to talk to her after hours.

I am asking all residents, including Board members, to respect her need for quiet time to be able to focus on those necessary duties. Please do not expect Mary to spend time with you to fax, copy, and all the other things, which she is called on to do. I don't want to tell her to stop all assistance but if we must, we will. Mary is there to receive maintenance payments and provide information and answer questions from residents, not to provide secretarial services to 435 residents. I go to Office Max if I have personal faxing to do and if you don't have a computer with a printer for copying, we put one for your use in the large room of the activity building. So please do not bother Mary more than is absolutely necessary.

I started to write an article commending all of the Forest Park volunteers for their time and service. It got to be two pages long and I was afraid I would forget to mention someone so I decided not to list each individually. We have close to 100 people who contribute in one way or another in the service to Forest Park. Look on pages 3 and 4 in your new phone book to see the list of "leaders" who Mary has identified. Most of the leaders also have numerous people helping them. We are blessed to have so many people willing to give of their time and energy. We also have residents that have businesses who sell their products wholesale to the park and skilled tradesmen like Dean Hull who we call on for electrical problems and the "builders", Brooks, Moon, Emery, Lang and others who rebuilt the shed, we can't forget to thank them also.

While I don't want to continue naming volunteers, I feel that I must also call attention to Dave Small and John Wright for the many hours they have worked and continue to work on bringing our accounting procedures up to acceptable standards so that we will be able to fully report and answer to the membership. They have worked tirelessly and doggedly with our accountant, Stroemer & Company to get the information and reports that Dave, John, Anna Thatcher, and Mary think are needed. Dave and John have gone over records from the last several years to identify areas where improvement is needed. Stroemer has been very cooperative and have given us all of the information and reports which we contracted with them to do, and are working with their software company to get the additional info and reports that Dave thinks we need in order to reach "perfection". I am usually satisfied with things being "pretty good", but my buddy Dave insists on perfection, and is working to attain it.

I must also commend Mary for the amount of extra work which is required in the initial stages of this project. Mary is always agreeable and has worked through many lunch breaks to get the work done. We are very fortunate to have her. And my thanks also to Anna Thatcher who lends her expertise as a former CPA to guide us away from problems, and Sherrill Wright who is always willing to fill in so Mary can attend discussions and meetings.

So to all of you volunteers who so freely give of your time, I say, THANK YOU!

P.S. As an afterthought, it seems that with all of the willing volunteers we have, there is difficulty maintaining members and especially officers in our "Clubs". I note that the Ohio Club has disbanded because no one was interested in serving as officers, and the Michigan Club disbanded because of low attendance. Also, attendance is down at dances and shuffleboard. What is this all about?? Is there something that can be done to improve in these areas? If you have ideas or suggestions, I am sure Deloris

and Ray Preston would be glad to hear them.

P.P.S. One more thing, I just returned from watching and carrying the water bucket for the guys replacing an antenna for the WiFi. There was Doug, Bob G, Ron, John, Ray H., and a couple of others whose names I don't recall, working to drop the tower and install a new (one of several) antenna. Climbing that ladder to release the tower is dangerous work yet Ron and John were willing and able to do it, as the others would be also, I am sure, if needed. This is just another example of volunteerism that is for the most part unnoticed and therefore unappreciated.

And lastly (you say finally!), I just want to let you know that the Smalls, Bob Lang and I went to the arraignment of the fellow who did the recent break-ins in the park. What an experience that was. There were upwards of 100 people being arraigned that Monday, all sitting in the audience with us as they waited to be called up.. I tried to look "upstanding" so I wouldn't be mistaken for a potential felon. Anyway, very sad to see these, mostly very young, people being charged as felons, knowing that conviction will forever be a black mark on their record which is difficult if not impossible to overcome. So many troubled youth in this country now, many of whom might not have been tempted into crime if decent jobs had been available to them, as they were for my generation.

Our guy came in with handcuffs on and was arraigned with court dates set for early February. No way can he make bail and I expect him to plea down to lesser charges but with so many cases pending against him, I expect he will be in the "can" for years to come. This is so sad for him, but so good for Forest Park. I feel that he is the one responsible for all of the recent break-ins and with his incarceration and the publicity we received for our cameras and help in catching him, I think the bad guys will avoid Forest Park. Let's keep our guards up but cease worrying and start again enjoying our retirement.

Can you believe, I have been worried that I wouldn't have anything to write this month!!! Hope I didn't tire you too much.

#### FPPOA PARK PLANNING By: Jim Barnett

With the problem of Sink Holes in the land south of Maintenance/Bocce Courts, it has been brought to our attention of what should we do with that common property. We will have to relocate the Putt-Putt Course and the placement of a possible Hobby Shop building which may require the use of some of that space. There is general acceptance that the Memorial Garden is a great idea, but how large an area is required. Another way of looking at this is how much green space do we want in that area. We only have a limited area for future amenities and how do we set aside space for that possibility should some members want a volleyball court, tennis court, member garden plots, etc. can this be accommodated in this area.

I am not suggesting that the planning already taking place for these projects should be delayed as Lee County is now evaluating the possible site for the Hobby Building and the Put-put evaluation is presently underway. Both of these projects will require Board and membership approval. A preliminary estimate to reclaim that area of the sink hole was over \$100,000. This is a lot of money but any land such as this would be expensive to buy. I would like to create a committee reporting to the Planning Group to develop an overall plan. To deal with this issue I would expect that it will take until the end of the year to complete and any such plan will need to be submitted to a combined Budget/Planning group for approval. The Board of Director's should then review and if approved go to the general membership for final approval. This official plan could then be used for future development. I would hope that this process would include anyone who has an interest to participate in this transparent plan. Anyone who is interested in this committee should contact me as I suspect that we may have a large number of people with an opinion wanting to participate in this process.

After this process is completed we should also look at Peace Lake area as well as the R.V. Parking area to determine what, if anything should be done to those areas and involved in our official plan.

#### FOREST PARK WIFI By: John Wright

The Forest Park WiFi system is a relatively recent addition to our amenities. It has the capability of providing "normal" internet usage for everyone in Forest Park. "Normal" internet usage involves email and web surfing, including reception of small "YouTube" and similar videos. The system is technically incapable of supporting internet television for everyone. "NetFlix" and similar web-based television systems take up much more of our system's resources than it can reliably carry. Some satellite-based TV systems, (e.g. Direct TV), are now offering web-based TV programming in addition to their satellite-based programs. These "free" offerings are internet-based and attempts to use them will put a heavy load on the Park system. Anyone attempting to receive internet-based television programming through the Forest Park WiFi system is using far more then their fair share of the system. Please do not attempt to run internet-based TV on our system.

Usage and load on our system is monitored by our dedicated technical supporters of the system. If you attempt to receive TV programming through our system, they will detect your heavy usage and adjust the system so that other users are not deprived of access to the internet. This adjustment is likely to limit your reception of internet-based TV programs and will probably prevent smooth running.

To run internet-based TV, you need an individual internet connection as provided by Century Link DSL. This travels through the telephone lines and must be installed by Century Link technicians.

Other TV options, such as Prism or regular satellite dishbased systems, do not affect the park WiFi system. A variety of programming is available.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MTG FEBRUARY 21, 2013 9:00 AM

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG FEBRUARY 28, 2013 7:00 PM

#### SEASONAL CRUISE MEETING By: Andy Chernow

#### ALUMINUM CAN RE-CYCLE By: Mary Beth Schleter & Anne Domingos

Mark your calendar for the upcoming cruise information meeting that will be held on Feburary 26, at 1:30pm, in the clubhouse.

With this year's cruises' off to a good start, Marion Lobbett, of ( Melmar Travel, will be here to give us information and answer questions about next years cruise or cruises. She will be booking cruises after the meeting if you are interested. There will be more information in upcoming newsletters. Hope to see anyone who is interested in the cruises at the meeting. If you have



questions call me, Andy Chernow, at 989 482 3207, or stopover at 554 Peace Lake Ct.

#### **EXERCISE PROGRAM**



#### RECOMMENDED FOR "KIDS" OF ANY AGE!

Please join us on Tuesday and Saturday mornings at 9:00am in the clubhouse for a fun, easy exercise program.

Bring a small hand weight or even a can of soup to use to build muscle. Also bring a small pillow.

#### BEGINNER LINE DANCING By: Reggie Harvey

If you are interested in beginner line dancing, we meet at the pavilion Friday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30am unless it's the first Friday of the month which is Koffee Klatsch and then we meet from 10:00 to 11:30am. The cost is \$2.00 per person. Come join in and learn how to line dance and have lots of fun and exercise. Please remember to put your washed out and dried out aluminum cans in a bag and place UNDER YOUR MAILBOX Monday evening for early Tuesday morning pick up.



Make sure cans are rinsed and clean and DRY. Please place away from trash cans/bags. 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.

Thank you to Mary Beth Schleter for picking up the aluminum cans and to Anne Domingos for crushing the cans. Great Job Ladies!

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

The blue barrel is used for all other types of re-cycling such as paper, metal, plastic, etc. This is a separate program from our regular trash that is picked up on Tuesdays and Fridays. The re-cycle truck comes on Wednesdays.

#### **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.

#### FOREST PARK CALENDAR

Gail Ford has agreed to handle the updates to the calendar. View the calendar anytime and see the most current information at the website www.forestparkonline. com This also allows you to view it in various formats i.e. weekly, monthly, etc. Please contact Gail for calendar changes. gailford39@gmail.com or 731-2028.

#### THANK YOU

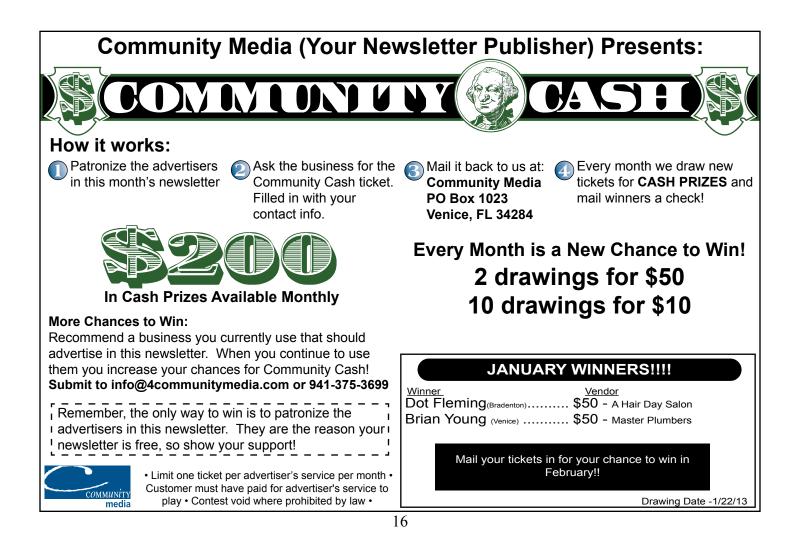
A Big **"Thank You"** to The Dilts, The Hodsons and The Schleters for their assistance with the luminaries on Hollyberry Court on Christmas Eve.

We would like to thank each and everyone for making the Christmas Eve Parade a great success. The golf carts and bicycles looked just beautiful. Thanks to the Kitchen Help and everyone who donated gifts for our drawings, as well as Santa and Mrs. Clause. This parade was our biggest one yet. Everyone who owns a Golf Cart or Bicycle are invited to join in the next Christmas Eve Parade. Bo & Betty McClain hope to see all of you join our next parade which will be Saturday, March 16th the day before St. Patrick's day.

On December 18th, eight of Santa's helpers delivered baskets of food, cookies and fruit, boxes of chocolates and plants to 53 Park residents. Thanks to the generosity of the NE Club, the Social Club, the Craft Club, the Quilt Club, Ele and Lou Frasca and one anonymous donor, the holidays were a bit brighter for many. Nancy Cooper

At every Saturday Night Dance and New Years Eve there is a basket of merchandise that is raffled off. Besides the "goodies" that are in the basket, we have some bottles of liquor. Our thank you goes to SUN COUNTRY REALTY OF FLORIDA Myra Santiago and Jodi Nigro for giving the Social Club bottles of wine for our baskets. If you have any unopened liquor that you would like to donate to Social Club, we would appreciate it and give you recognition in our newsletter. Delores Holmes

LoRita Hettich would like to thank all of Forest Park and their extended families for their get well cards, positive thoughts and prayers during my recent health issue. A special thanks to Bernie and Rita Booth for taking such good care of Annie everyday.



#### CHOCOLATE HAYSTACKS Shared by Ruth Malago

• 8 oz. semisweet chocolate

- 1 1/2 cups flaked coconut

Melt chocolate over medium heat remove from heat and add • 2 oz. (3/4 cup) finely crushed graham crackers coconut and graham cracker crumbs...mound on baking sheet and sprinkle tops with coconut....refrigerate for 1/2 hr. then serve....can be made ahead and come in handy for a quickie treat....

#### **CHOCOLATE ALMOND PROTEIN BARS By:** Keith Goudy

This is a very tasty, sugarless bar that contains lots of protein, good vitamins and minerals and healthy fats.

#### Base

2 cups almond flour

1 cup ground flax seed

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup unsweetened shredded coconut (optional)

3 scoops chocolate Whey Protein

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup xylitol sweetener(or erythritol)(these are natural non-chemical sweeteners)

 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon cinnamon (optional)

 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup coconut oil

 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup organic butter

3 squares unsweetened baking chocolate

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> teaspoon pure vanilla

Topping

4 squares unsweetened baking chocolate

2 tablespoons coconut oil

1 tablespoon organic butter

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup (or more to taste) xylitol sweetener

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> teaspoon vanilla

1. Place almond meal, flax meal, shredded coconut, chocolate Whey Protein, cinnamon and xylitol in a food processor.

Pulse until ground into a meal. 2.

- In a double boiler melt coconut oil and butter. After melted, add 3 squares of chocolate. 3.
- Once melted, remove from heat and add vanilla. 4.
- Place dry mixture into a large bowl and add liquid chocolate and mix into a paste. 5.
- Press mixture into an 11" x 7" or 8 "x 8" glass baking dish. 6.
- Chill in refrigerator for 1 hour, until mixture hardens thoroughly. 7.
- After mixture is chilled, heat butter and coconut oil in a double broiler until liquid. 8.
- Add xylitol and heat and stir until thoroughly dissolved. 9.
- Add 4 squares of chocolate. Stir until melted. 10.
- 11. Remove from heat and add vanilla.

Pour melted chocolate over chilled pressed mixture in glass dish. Return to refrigerator until 12. chocolate hardens.

13. Removed from refrigerator, cut into bars and serve. If chocolate cracks when cutting, let soften for 10-15 minutes first.

14. Keep refrigerated. These also freeze well.

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#### ACROSS

- 1. It pumps blood
- 6. Stigma
- 10. Friends
- 14. Lazybones
- 15. Hefty volume
- 16. Test
- 17. Motherless calf 18. District
- 19. Go on horseback
- 20. Emissions
- 22. Gloomy atmosphere
- 23. Ripped
- 24. Egg dish
- 26. 500 sheets
- 30. Card with one symbol
- 31. Cashew or almond
- 32. Diva's solo
- 33. Have the nerve
- 35. Wooden box
- 39. Urinary organs
- 41. Disgraced
- 43. An analytic literary composition
- 44. Therefore
- 46. Bell sound
- 47. Obtain
- 49. Poetic dusk
- 50. Countercurrent
- 51. Flail
- 54. Smile
- 56. Wander
- 57. Liberate
- 63. Initial wager
- 64. Memo
- 65. Adult male singing voice
- 66. Metal money
- 67. Camp beds
- 68. Muse of love poetry
- 69. Gait faster than a walk
- 70. Historical periods
- 71. Governs

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- 3. Aquatic plant
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- 5. Delicacy
- 6. Steps
- 7. Medical examiner
- 8. Ends a prayer
- 9. A rational motive
- 10. Commit
- 11. Lengthways
- 12. Soup server

- 13. Refine metal 21. Sycophant
- 25. Large indefinite quantity
- 26. Garden tool
- 27. Twin sister of Ares
- 28. Helps 29. Administration
- 34. Avidness
- 36. Among
- 37. Care for
- 38. Jittery
- 40. Visual organs

- 42. Relating to audible sound
- 45. Sailing competition
- 48. Therefrom
- 51. Plot of land
- 52. Show respect towards
- 53. Relative magnitudes
- 55. Fertilizer ingredient
- 58. Dock at a wharf
- 59. South American country
- 60. A Freudian stage
- 61. Carry
- 62. God of love

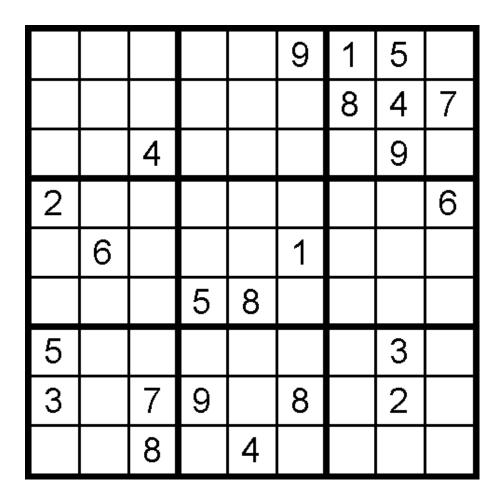
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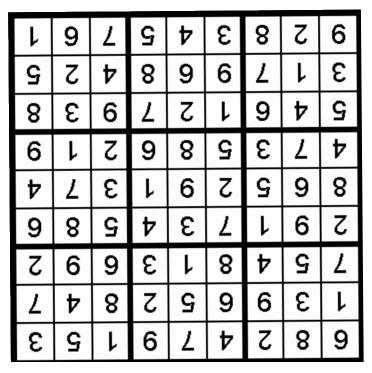


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