



Forest Park Newsletter

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WELCOME SPRING

KOFFEE KLATSCH

By: Delores Holmes

FRIDAY, APRIL 5th AT 9:00 AM

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CUP AND GET A FREE CUP OF COFFEE AND A DONUT and enjoy our speaker " Mary Ann Scanlon" from Calusa Harbor, Senior Living, on First Street, Fort Myers.



Someday, each one of us, seniors, will have to investigate the different types of Living Arrangements that is available for our remaining life. Mary Ann, will explain the various choices that Calusa Harbor offers. Some things that I know that they offer are various apartment combinations, housekeeping and laundry services, 24 hour on site nursing supervision and much more. Hosted by the Exercise Group.
There will be a 50/50.

SOCIAL CLUB OFFICERS

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

LAST DANCE OF THE SEASON

Saturday March 30th

7 PM - 10 PM

Theme is 50/60 Era

Cost \$5.00

Hosted by the Neighborhood Watch. Dress accordingly to the 50's – 60's Era!

Ladies - Find your felt skirt with the crinoline underneath and your saddle shoes. Men - get out your polyester suit or just your slacks. Come to the dance on March 30th. We will have the appropriate music for that era for your enjoyment played by Cheri & Neil. Come and enjoy the music, request songs that you want to hear. Gift Certificates and prizes to be given out.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

By: Delores Holmes

Join us on Thursday evening, April 11th at 7PM for an "Ice Cream Social" featuring ice cream sundae's @ \$2.00 and banana splits @ \$2.50. I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!



FIRST MEET AND GREET EVENT WAS A SUCCESS

By: Delores Holmes

Social Club Officers welcomed new homeowners and renters. Our activity leaders and event chairperson's explained what, when and where they did their activity. There were many impressive gifts given to the new homeowners from our leaders. An antique guitar from Karaoke, Richard Taylor, was given. There were baskets from Health and Welfare; Mary Gibson contained band aids, aspirin, and antiseptic lotion and much more. The Northeast Club's basket contained merchandise pertinent to the Northeast states. Wine bottles came from the Parade and Cruise Co coordinators. A painting from the Art Class of the Sanibel Lighthouse was donated from art teacher, Betty Leis as well as handmade items from the Craft, Quilting and Knit & Crochet clubs. We will have another Meet and Greet next season. Social Club wants to thank all the leaders, chairperson's of events who participated. We hope that every resident will get involved in of some of the activities and events that Forest Park offers.

FOREST PARK VOLUNTEERS AT LEE COUNTY FAIR AT THE CIVIC CENTER

By: Delores Holmes

This was the first year that the Lee County Fair contacted Forest Park to enlist getting volunteers to help visitors around the fair exhibit hall. We had 8 people volunteer for different days and times to work the fair. Their block of time to work was either to help people from 4 PM-7:30 PM or 7:00 PM- 10:00 PM. One couple worked at the information center during their work section. Their comments about working this year ranged from having a delightful time, to being hard standing on your feet for four hours. Interaction with people of all nationalities and from all over the southernmost counties of Florida was interesting. Asked, if they will volunteer next year; they all said, "YES".

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



SNOWBIRD CHECK-OUT

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 when you are leaving. This becomes very important during an emergency or with issues concerning your property in Forest Park.

KNIT AND CROCHET CLUB

By: Leah Olszowy



The Knit & Crochet Club meets every Wednesday in the Activities building from 2:00 to 4:00pm. Leah Olszowy is our new contact person for the group and can be reached on 716-380-9454. We are working on cotton knit doilies and crocheted hot pads. Leah is working on a beautiful yellow knit baby outfit for the raffle in March, 2014. We welcomed, Marilyn Jackson, a new member (1 week in the park) to our group last Wednesday. All are welcome.

NEW WEBMASTER FOUND FOR FOREST PARK WEBSITE

Congratulations to Jan Harmon, who is our new "Webmaster". Please send info for the web to her at webmaster@forestparkonline.com.

FOREST PARK NEWS LETTER

By: Judy Watson

As most of us prepare to leave the park for the summer months, the Forest Park Newsletter will continue every month all year long. Hopefully, as leaders, you can find a contact person that lives here most of the summer, and have them send you some news from the park that you can forward to me. Please send your email articles, recipes, jokes etc. to me at fpnews2013@gmail.com. Once the newsletter is posted to the web you can view it at www.forestparkonline.com and look at the "News" tab to read it in full color.

Hope everyone has a healthy, safe and happy summer. Please keep those articles coming!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST RESIDENTS/HOME BUYERS

Welcome to Carl E. Jackson & Marilyn Jackson, 436 Timber Lane North (from IN) and David & Donna Oakes, 608 Sand Lake Ct. (from IN).

JOKE

From: Carol Goans

ON PALM SUNDAY, a 5 year-old boy woke up ill and stayed home from church with a sitter. When his family returned, they were carrying palm fronds. Johnny asked what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father explained. "Wouldn't you know it?" Johnny fumed. "The one Sunday I don't go and he shows up."

**JASPER THE VEGGIE
MAN**
**THURSDAYS 7:30 AM -
12:30 PM**



PHONE BOOK CHANGES

Please add the following to the 2012-2013 phone directory.

CRAMER, Jean 405 Twig Ct. S. 330-219-4087 OH
OAKES, David & Donna 608 Sand Lake Ct. 317-498-4296/317-936-5500 IN
RUDY, Donn & Robin 842 Hollyberry Ct. 239-222-7200 OH
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By: *FPPOA Office*

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N. FT. MYERS, FL 33917

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ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

DATE LEAVING _____ RETURNING _____

* Call Forest Park office 239-543-1155 to renew or once you return

WHERE OWNER CAN BE REACHED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

VEHICLE LEFT ON PROPERTY _____ License # _____

ANY WINDOWS VENTED (OPEN) _____ HOUSE _____ SHED _____

PEST CONTROL _____ LAWN SERVICE _____

KEYS TO HOUSE WITH

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS _____

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>VOICE/DEPUTY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>VOICE/DEPUTY</u>
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CRAFT CLUB

By: Wanda Dickerson, President



Our Hot Dog Dinners and Annual Flea Market are over for another season and I can't believe how fast the time has gone. It seems like only last week we were planning for them, trying to figure out what everyone would like to have us cook and now it is in the past for another year. (And I am sure the ladies are saying, "Thank Goodness".) We would really like to thank everyone for attending our dinners and making them a success. Also, a thank you to the ones who made donations for the Flea Market, rented the tables and a special thank you to everyone who baked goodies and brought them for us to sell. We THANK YOU. Without all the great people in the park we would not be able to raise the money we do to help with our donations. And, once more, I want to thank all the ladies in the club for all their work this year and to June for taking over for me. I have not been able to do many of the things in the club that are my responsibility this season and they have all taken on more than they should. THANK YOU, THANK YOU. If you want a great group of ladies to work with and become friends with, you should come out and join us on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am.

After all their hard work this season the ladies are going out for a relaxing day on March 20th. They will be going to Peace River Preserve and afterwards having lunch at Golden Corral. Unfortunately, I will not be able to join them as we are heading north earlier this year. We will be leaving on March 15th so I can prepare for possible surgery on March 29th. Hopefully most of the things that have gone wrong this season will be corrected by next November and we will be back to enjoy another season with our southern family.

I hope everyone has a peaceful, happy and safe summer wherever your travels may take you.

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.

FOREST PARK BOOK GROUP

By: Joan King



Forest Park Book Group will meet for the last time this season on Friday, April 26th at 1:00pm in the Activities Building.

The book for April is "Dreams of Joy" by Lisa See. This is a sequel to the book we read earlier called "Shanghai Girls". The book is available from the Lee County Library System. Won't you join us for the last get-together of the winter? Call Joan King 239 567-0606 for more information.

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.



BUNCO

By: Larry Tsicountouridis

Bunco will be held in the Clubhouse on April 6th at 7pm.

BOCCE

By: Olga Mei

It has been a great season for bocce. We've had many new faces show up to play and have had lots of fun. Thank you to all the bocce court care keepers that keep our courts looking so nice. Much appreciated! Have a good summer and see you all next season.

KARAOKE

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 April 15th.



PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB

By: Gail Ford



The quilt club continues to make and give away lap quilts each month.

Peggy Baker demonstrated, using a white board with step by step instructions, the correct way to construct the blocks for the "Jelly Roll" quilt. It was a very effective. A few of our members had put the blocks together in a very "innovative" manner. They surely will make an interesting quilt.

At each meeting we are encouraged to bring our finished and unfinished projects. They do not have to be just quilted articles. Most of them involve fabric in one way or another. We get inspiration from this fun aspect of our club

Quilt club continues every Thursday from 9-10:30am throughout the summer. We call them the "leftovers". Everyone welcome.

SHUFFLE LEAGUE

*By: Ray Preston, Captain
Dale Stafford, Co-Captain*

The month of February we hosted a "FUN DAY" Ray Preston won 1st prize and Paul Pacos won 2nd prize. Lots of fun was had by all!

On March 23rd we will be holding the "KING/QUEEN" tournament. We will serve coffee and donuts at 9am and shuffle at 9:30am. Hot dogs, chips and a drink will be served from 11 - 12:30pm. Everybody is WELCOME! SIGN UP SLIP AT SHUFFLE COURTS.

Our League Banquet will be held March 24th at "CYRSTAL LAKES" at 1:30pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please give your money to Bev Benson.

I wish to THANK ALL THE SHUFFLERS THAT FURNISHED REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR HOME GAMES. A BIG "THANK YOU" TO ANN STAFFORD, PEG HULL & HELEN MARCONI for serving our Guests and our Shufflers each time we played at home.

HEALTH & WELFARE

By: Mary Gibson, RN

Free Blood Pressure Clinic on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 from 9am to 11am in the Clubhouse. Bloodmobile will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 from 1 to 3:30pm. Watch for sign-up sheets in back of clubhouse.

CPR CLASSES

By Delores Holmes

Anyone interested in participating in a CPR class next season, please email Delores Holmes @ vwhomes@aol.com or call her on 731-3943. The cost is \$20.00 pp. We need 30 people to hold the course. There will also be a clip board at the back of the club house to sign up.



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/PATROL (NWP)

By: Lou Smith

The Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on Wednesday, April 10 at 10am in the Activities Building. We invite all year-round residents to please attend this meeting to discuss the summer patrol schedule. Bring your coffee cups; we will have coffee and donuts.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ PATROL (NWP)

By: Becky Conrad

When you leave Forest Park for the summer and you have been volunteering on Patrol – Please let Becky Conrad (239-989-9291) know that you will not be available next month to drive. It is not fun looking for a lost bag in a house unoccupied. If you deliver a bag and the house is obviously empty please take it to the next person on the chart. Then notify Becky so she can change the scheduling. Also, please notify the office that your home will be empty.
Thanks to all who help us and have a Great Summer.

NORTHEASTERN STATES CLUB

By: Nancy Cooper

Join members for our final meeting Monday, April 8th at 5:30pm in the pavilion. The annual picnic will feature steak burgers, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, cake, ice cream and soda. Please remember to bring your table settings. Cost is \$2.00 per person and \$5.00 per guest.

Tickets may be purchased from Nancy Cooper, 734 Knotty Pine Circle, 543-8256 on or before April 1st. Election of Officers to take place. Call Ray Preston on 731-0279 if you are interested in an office. **PLEASE!!**

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

By: Delores Holmes

Our 50th Anniversary celebration honored the following four couples on February 21st. They were: Eleanor & Ron Dotson, Janet & Arthur Lammers, Shirley & Don Urquhart and Charlene & James Wash.



The Social Club wants to thank all the committee's of the Northeastern States Club who hosted the event. Every comment about the celebration was "Best Ever".

ART CLASSES

By: Jack Watson

Art Class will finish for the season in April. Classes will resume again next January, 2014 every Monday from 9am to 12 noon. Any questions call Betty Leis @ 239-997-1880.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to "Smitty", Horace Smith, who celebrates his 90th Birthday on April 18th!



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: Lou Smith

& Jim Barnett

The Canadian-Michigan Club luncheon will be on Thursday, April 4. We would like to go to the Hut Restaurant in Buckingham. It recently re-opened and is beautiful. We will meet at the Clubhouse parking lot at 11am. We can carpool if necessary. All residents are invited, not just Canadian-Michigan Club members. This will be our last get-together for this season. Sign-up sheet will be in Clubhouse. Please sign up by April 2nd. If anyone has questions, please call Lou Smith at 239-731-1562.

SUPPORT FOR SUMMER RESIDENTS USING FOREST PARK WI-FI

By: Doug Ford

1 If you can't get on to the internet and your computer is operating ok, do the following.

- A. Reboot your computer.
- B. If you have an outside antenna, unplug the power to it, and plug it back in. If this doesn't work see below.
- C. Talk to another user, are they on?
- D. If you have a computer with an outside antenna and the Wi-Fi system is down or your system is down call:

Mark Newsham,
Gerry Bauer
Jim Schleter

Their responsibility will be if the system is down:

- a. Record the system status at the clubhouse.
- b. Reboot the system.
- c. If still down call, Doug Ford, if not available call ETHX or Century Link.

If your system is down, it is their option to resolve.

- 2. A. If you have a laptop computer, go to the activity building and connect to (office) Wi-Fi. If ok, try connecting to Forest Park Wi-Fi. The (office) Wi-Fi in the activity building is a DSL line.

If you can't connect to forest park, the system maybe down, call the above.

- 3. The system will be monitored up north and the local team will have my phone number.
- 4. If the system is down, ETHX the local installer or Century Link will be called.

Doug Ford email: fordfarm2@gmail.com



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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Bob Dickerson, President FPPOA

By the time you read this Wanda and I should be back in Michigan. We will be leaving here around the 15th in time to do the preparatory testing, etc. in preparation for any surgery she may need. I ask that you keep her in your prayers. Hopefully everything can be treated and/or removed without major surgery but as with everything else we hope for the best while preparing for the worst.

I hope you will all vote on the issues coming up at the next Membership Meeting on March 28th. If you can't attend, please get an absentee ballot from the office which can be filled out there or mailed in.

Below are my feelings on the issues to be voted on. You may feel differently, which is your right, of course. The important thing is that you have the facts and are not influenced by rumors and scare tactics. If you have questions or would like to discuss these issues, please feel free to call me on my Michigan phone, 586-468-6386. Our Secretary, Bob Lang will be available also to explain the issues. Bob will be chairing the Legal Committee in my absence. His number is 543-8855.

1. By-Law Amendments. I totally support the two By-Law amendments. Changing the budget vote from December to November, pretty much assures that a quorum will be on hand to vote for the budget, unlike last year when we had to scramble around to get enough members for a quorum.

The other proposed amendment will give the Board the written authority to make rules for the management of the park. It has been an assumption that the Board has such authority but it was pointed out by our attorney that the authority was not specifically contained in our documents. This will not change nor take away the membership right to vote on any change which affects the park in general, by secret ballot. I urge you to vote yes on both amendments to the By-Laws.

2. Hobby Building. I am not into hobbies, of any kind. But neither am I a swimmer or a bocce player or a shuffleboard player. Yet I am certainly glad that these facilities exist. This is a retirement community and hobby and recreational facilities are a must to draw new people into the park and to provide enjoyment for our current residents. None of these facilities are used 12 hours a day nor are they necessarily crowded when

they are in use. But they all add value to our property and enjoyment for those who do use them.

There has been expressed interest in a Wood Shop or Hobby Building for at least the last 6-7 years, yet it has not, until now come up for a vote. I guess because someone or other said, "Oh, that would be dangerous, it would make noise, it would create dust etc. etc. and so it has never come up for a vote". Yes noise and dust is no doubt created when the saws or planers are in use but it would not be a constant thing and can be cut down to an acceptable level by insulation and dust collection systems. I have been assured by friends who are members of woodworking clubs that it is NOT a problem. There are regulations by the County and Health Departments concerning both noise and dust which would have to be adhered to. It has been said by some that, "Oh you will never be able to get insurance for a Hobby Building". Well that is just not true as we found out from our Insurance Agent. With the proper rules of procedure and relief of liability forms signed by the club members, we can get insurance at a fairly reasonable cost.

There will be room in the proposed building for a pool room and a ceramics room with a kiln if there is an expressed interest in that. By putting the pool table out there, it will free up much needed space in the activity building for expanding the office and/or providing room for Board Committee Meetings. In other parks which have Hobby Shops, we have noted that a lot of work around the park which otherwise would have to be farmed out to contractors, can and has been done by the Hobby Club members, saving the park money. Our resident "carpenters" saved the park \$25,000 by repairing and remodeling the Maintenance Shed rather than building a new one. While they were not "promised" a building if they did the work, they were told that the savings would certainly be brought to the attention of the membership when a vote for a hobby building came up. I am now bringing that to your attention.

In summary I would say that a Hobby Building will be used by a substantial number of our membership. It will add value to the park by at least the cost of the structure which will add value to the shares of the shareholders. It will also add enticement to prospective buyers of property in Forest Park, especially younger retirees. Last and in my mind most important, our Treasurer has told us, "We have the money to build it without diminishing our reserve funds". With this and all of the above, I will be voting for approval and I urge you to, also.

3. Putt Putt Golf Course. I have had more people express their disappointment in the loss of the Putt Putt than I could have imagined; big guys, women, golfers, non golfers etc. I

knew that some people liked it but did not realize how many.

It is certainly nice to have a game in the evening or when the grandkids come down. It is the only entertainment we have for the little guys who come down for a vacation. My grandkids have played and I played with them. It is another amenity which, I believe adds value to the park and is an enticement to prospective buyers. It is just a shame that the sink holes developed and destroyed it. But we learned some things, most notably, "Don't build anything in that location without an engineering study and assurance that it is stable." The proposed site for the new Putt Putt is between the Maintenance Building and the walkway and can be accommodated there along with the Hobby Building, if it is approved. I think it would be good to rebuild it in a space we know is stable and should require very little maintenance, once built. ***I will vote yes, I (and my grandkids) hope you will too.***

4. Beautification of Peace Lake.

Peace Lake has been controversial ever since we have lived in Forest Park. People have wanted to do something with it but still more have said leave it alone. Peace Lake is what the name states, Peaceful!!! I love to bike over there and just look at the lake and the fountain and relax for 5 minutes. It calms me and Lord knows I need to be calmed at times when I am trying to bring "Peace" to the park and having little success. It would be nice to have it improved with natural Florida plants, perhaps a gazebo, more benches and tables and such, but keep the peaceful and natural feeling. ***If a well is required for that then I am in favor of it.***

The memorial garden was a good idea but needs to be re-thought out. It should be contained in a much smaller area and the benches and memorials must be controlled to insure that deterioration is minimized so that their original beauty will be maintained. Some of the current memorial area, in my opinion, should be considered for low cost recreational areas such as volleyball, badminton, pickle ball etc. which need very little initial investment and have been found to be very well used and appreciated by seniors. Indian Creek, where we used to reside, put in a volley ball court (sand based) and I thought they were crazy. What old people like me would use a volleyball court? Well, I soon found out. It was so popular that another court was soon added and they are now having league play. Low cost fun!

That's all for now and if the Good Lord is willing, I will see you all at the November meeting with a healthy Wanda by my side. In the mean time I will continue to use electronic media

to attend Board and Membership meetings and do everything I do now except sign checks, which I will ask Betty to do as she did last summer. Until then, God Bless you all.

FPPOA BOARD OF DIRECTOR ASSIGNMENTS 2013

First VP - Betty Campbell - 567-1428- Social Club Liaison
Mediation Committee: Betty Campbell, Mike Fanning
Second VP - Jan Orlando - 940-5295 - Buildings and Structures
Maintenance services contractor
Treasurer - John Wright 731-7524 - Budget,
Budget Committee: John Wright, David Small, Carlo Mei, Bill McGinnis, Al Thatcher
Wi-Fi Committee: John Wright, Doug Ford,
Secretary - Bob Lang - 543-8855 - Office Management, Records/
Recordings, Nominating Committee: Bob Howe, Kay Westall, LoRita Hettich, Betty Hult, Monica Small.
Directors:
Jim Arthur - 209-6707 - Insurance
Insurance Committee: Jim Arthur, Lee Fisher, Helen Hasler
Jim Barnett- 731-1845 - Planning
Planning Committee: Jim Barnett, Sherrill Wright, Jack Diltz, (others tba)
Judy Birkhead - 502-551-1200 - Pool
Pool Committee: Judy Birkhead, Charlene & James Wash, Ray and Edith Hosey
Pete Lawrence - 543-7629 - RV Area/Trash
Lou Smith - 731-1562 -Security
Neighborhood Watch: Mike Fanning
Richard Taylor - 997-2040 - Streets, Drains, Ponds. Mechanical equipment and Maintenance Personnel Construction
Committee: Richard Taylor, Ron Moon, Don Brooks, Richard Hettich,
Jack Watson -731-1034 - Grounds and Beautification
Memorial Garden: Becky Conrad
Landscape Specialist: Jerri Duchesne
Jim Ullrey - 269-352-4369 - Cable TV, Cameras, Automatic Doors.
Bob Dickerson President - 543-9517
Legal Committee: Bob Dickerson, John Wright, Bob Lang, Jim Barnett, Lou Smith, Jan Orlando (alt)

Administrative Review and Appeals Committee (same members),
New Construction/ Architectural Committee: ad hoc members as needed
Housing Preservation: Lee Fisher, Floyd Hasler
Financial Oversight: David Small (FPPOA Auditor), Anna Thatcher, Sergeants at Arms: Al Thatcher, Milton Herrick

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**NOTICE OF VOTING
FPPOA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
March 28, 2013**

The following items will be voted upon:

BY-LAWS PROPOSED AMENDMENT

– ARTICLE VIII..B1

The proposed budget for the following year will be developed over multiple meetings with members in the early part of the current year. The following year's proposed budget will be presented to the Board of Directors and made available for distribution to the membership for discussion at, or prior to, the October general membership meeting (or other special meetings that may be called if necessary). The budget will be voted upon by secret ballot at the November general membership meeting. Adjustments to the proposed budget within the parameters of the CPI (Consumer Price Index) may be made as necessary prior to voting.

BY-LAWS PROPOSED AMENDMENT

– ARTICLE VI..A

The Board of Directors means the elected Officers and Board members vested with the management of the affairs of the FPPOA and have the authority and responsibility to incorporate and enforce Rules and Regulations in accordance with the terms set therein. The Board....etc.

Note: The underlined reflects the changes proposed.

**APPROVAL OF PROJECTS PRESENTED
FEBRUARY 28, 2013**

Addition of a Hobby Shop (~ \$80,000)

Replacement of Putt-Putt (~ \$22,000)

Peace Lake Beautification (~ \$10,000)

PEACE LAKE BEAUTIFICATION

By: Becky Conrad

The Board of Directors has said to the Grounds Committee that they are not to plant anything else in the Memorial Gardens area behind the Bocce Courts and to proceed with the plantings at Peace Lake.

There is no need for us to plant anything out there without water to maintain the area. The Lake does not have sufficient water to pump from and what is there is full of muck and junk and in speaking with residents in the area who have tried to water their lawns with Lake water, they had to pull the pipe and clean it every other use.

Therefore, we are asking for you to please support the drilling of a well and installing irrigation for these plantings. We have money in our account for 3 Magnolia Trees, for Tom McLain, Tom McLain 2 and Janet Rutledge. Also, for one Oak Tree from the Red Hat Club and the Poker Club. These are waiting to be planted.

If we cannot get water to keep them alive there is no need to plant them. Thank you for your *Yes vote to proceed with this project.*

GROUND & BEAUTIFICATION

By Jack Watson

I am the new kid on the board. I've got 2 months under my belt and I'm going to sound off. Judy and I purchased our home in Forest Park 13 years ago. During this time, we've been active in the clubs and activities and managed to volunteer for whatever work party was formed to keep our park operating. Back then, we all worked for the good of the park. Recently, things have changed in the park. We have a lot of new residents but their philosophy seems to be, "I'm retired and here to just have fun. Don't ask me to contribute. If that attitude isn't bad enough, we seem to have assembled the most short sighted group in the county. Presented amenities seem to be only considered if they apply to that individual and not the general membership.

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**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MTG
APRIL 18, 2013
9:00 AM**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG
APRIL 25, 2013
7:00 PM**

Let's look at the amenities we have now. There are the shuffle board courts, bocce ball courts, pickle ball courts, swimming pool, pavilion, and pool hall. If our founding fathers felt as we seem to now, we would have none of these. Check the usage on a daily basis and you will see that each of the amenities is used by less than 10% of the park at any time, therefore not a sound investment by our current voting logic.

All the items up for a vote in March are important to the park as a whole and will add to our net worth and desirability. My main concern as Grounds is getting water to Peace Lake. We are not going to build a Burger King out there, we only want to beautify the area with shrubs, trees and flowers and expand the memorial garden. To do this we need water. Please think before you vote on this issue.

As long as I'm on my soap box, all the board members have an area of responsibility and mine is Grounds & Beautification. If you have any questions about the grounds here in Forest Park please come to me. Do not bother other board members as they have their own responsibilities. Too many people are making statements or promises that they can't keep. Below is the listing of the responsibilities under the heading of Grounds & Beautification. If you have questions to any areas below, contact me personally. Thanks and let's all work together for the betterment of Forest Park.

RESPONSIBILITY – GROUNDS & BEAUTIFICATION DIRECTOR

Compiled by Jack Watson

Responsible for maintaining all common areas of the FPPOA, including but not limited to the following:

- Mowing & Trimming all grass areas
- Periodic trimming of common trees & shrubs
- Plant & maintain all flower & shrub beds
- Maintain all perimeter fencing
- Maintain all irrigation systems
- Up keep of American Flags – clubhouse & front entrance
- Maintain parking spots – painting lines & handicap areas
- Handle any damage to grounds caused by "Acts of God" i.e., lighting strikes floods, or sink holes
- Maintain Clubhouse walkways

- Oversee Memorial Garden
- Oversee our hired landscape specialist
- Responsible for all outside contractors hired by FPPOA to work on grounds.

The following areas and functions are grounds responsibility but are handled by their individual committees:

- Shuffleboard courts
- Bocce courts

The following areas and functions are not the responsibility of Grounds and are exempt of my control:

- Buildings & Structures internal & external
- Any security cameras wiring or Wi-Fi equipment
- Pool area including pool, decking, pumps & filters, furniture and pool fencing
- RV & trash area including gates & fencing
- Street, drains, ponds, ditches & mechanical equipment

Personal Responsibility

- Oversee the afore mentioned responsibilities in a timely and effective manner within my budget restraints
- Meet with property owners to discuss any problems or betterments and handle as effectively as possible
- Report any problems, updates or advancements to the Board of Director's.
- Report to General Membership any items deemed necessary by the board.

FAREWELL DEAR FRIENDS

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

***Ruth Stefkovich
Bob Koepp***

If you know of others, please send me an email at fpnews2013@gmail.com or call the Forest Park office so we can list their names in the next newsletter.

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.

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.

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.



GREEN TREE STICKER

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



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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: Mary Beth Schleter

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.

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.

EASY & QUICK CHICHEN SALSA DINNER

By: Leah Olszowy

Items Needed:

- Medium Salsa
- Mayonnaise
- 3 boneless chicken breasts

Cook chicken ahead of time and slice into ½" slices. Lay chicken in an oven proof dish.

Cover with equal part of mayo and salsa mixed together. Bake at 350 degrees till hot.

Enjoy!!

THANK YOU

By Nancy Cooper

A special thank you to Ann and Russell Lyons for their donation of canned goods to the Senior Services. Also, thank you to Chris Major for her donations.

ACCOLADES

By: Joyce Hines

Two men who have contributed greatly to our park, both in time and knowledge, are Doug Ford and Bob Geisler. Doug is our "Wi-Fi guy". Not a day passes without seeing Doug, with backpack on his back, riding his bike somewhere in the park to solve a Wi-Fi problem. He has logged hundreds of hours and is always ready to answer questions and to work to with any individual experiencing difficulties. Doug, you have our thanks for all that you have contributed to Forest Park.

Bob Geisler has been our webmaster...the person who not only created our Forest Park website but who also managed it since its inception. Bob is soon leaving Forest Park and we do not want him to leave without thanking him for his many contributions. Bob, you have our appreciation for all that you have done during your years in our park! We wish you the best as you move on to new adventures.

THANK YOU

By Delores Holmes

THANK YOU ALL FOREST PARK VOLUNTEERS

FPPOA BOARD MEMBERS, ACTIVITY LEADERS, CHAIRPERSONS & HELPERS OF ALL OUR EVENTS, AND EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERS IN ANY CAPACITY. Guess the season is nearly over. It has been a fun season with exciting, and impressive entertainment; also high-quality food. Thank You to everyone for your support for another successful season! We have had great turn-outs and positive feedback. None of this could happen without you. We have some new commitments already planned for next season!!

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE SUMMER AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE FALL!!

THANK YOU

By Myra Santiago & Jodi Nigro

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL CLIENTS THIS PAST YEAR! WE ARE SO HAPPY YOU PICKED US FOR ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OUR SNOWBIRDS BACK AGAIN NEXT SEASON. UNTIL THEN WE WILL KEEP SELLING HOMES SO YOU WILL HAVE A TON OF NEW FRIENDS TO COME BACK TO AND MAKING FOREST PARK ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO CALL HOME!!

LOOKING TO SELL, CALL US. WE NEED MORE LISTINGS DUE TO OVERWHELMING DEMANDS FOR THE PET FRIENDLY SECTION. NOW IS THE TIME TO GET TOP DOLLAR FOR YOUR HOME.

THANKS AGAIN FROM THE "DYNAMIC DUO". DON'T DELAY CALL US TODAY.

MYRA SANTIAGO & JODI NIGRO WITH
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JOKE

From: Carol Goans

AN OLD MARRIED COUPLE sat on the couch watching a TV program about death planning. "Honey," said the husband, turning to his wife with a grim expression, "I want you to promise me that if there ever comes a time that I depend on machines and bottled fluids to stay alive, you will make sure to put an end to it."

"No problem, honey," his wife replied. She promptly rose, turned off the TV and poured his beer down the drain.



April Sudoku

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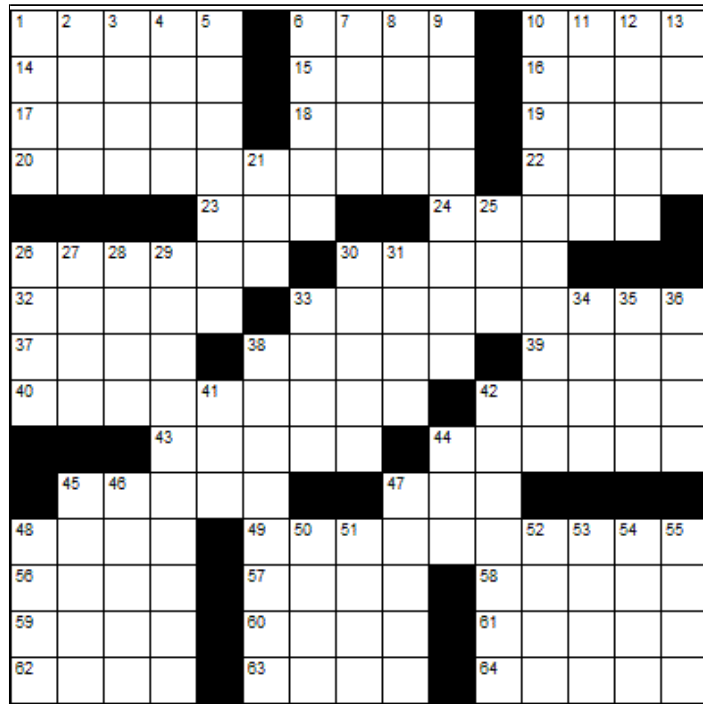
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April 2013 - FOREST PARK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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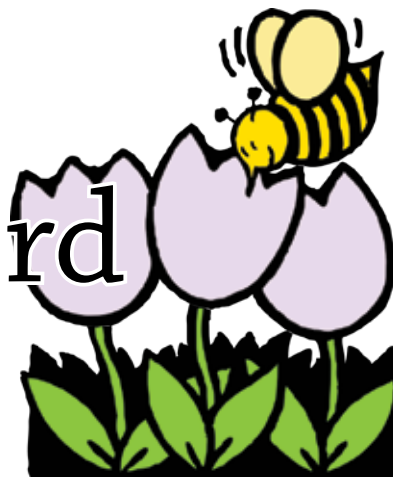
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23. Excluding
24. Hazy
26. Bequest
30. Pig
32. Mountain crest
33. Deadlock
37. Widespread
38. Go bad
39. God of love
40. Space traveller
42. Negatively charged particle
43. Nautical for stop
44. What's left behind
45. Summary
47. Chart
48. Fur
49. Enticements
56. 53 in Roman numerals
57. Yowl
58. Bog hemp
59. Savvy about
60. Chocolate cookie
61. Seasoning
62. Adolescent
63. Small slender gull
64. Banana oil, e.g.



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2. Adriatic resort
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4. Close
5. Gist
6. Bumbling
7. Extinct flightless bird
8. Baking appliance
9. Garbage dump
10. Betrothal
11. Coming and _____
12. Dental filling
13. Peddle
21. ____ sauce
25. Half of a pair
26. Magma
27. Historical periods
28. A feat
29. Allure
30. Stalwart
31. Pause
33. Resorts
34. Diva's solo
35. Horn sound
36. Feudal worker
38. Photograph
41. Egg cells
42. Bad-mouth
44. Consume
45. French for "Queen"
46. High society
47. Cantaloupe for example
48. Conspiracy
50. Be dressed in
51. Pitcher
52. Short sleeps
53. Send forth
54. Type of cereal grass
55. Clairvoyant

April Crossword





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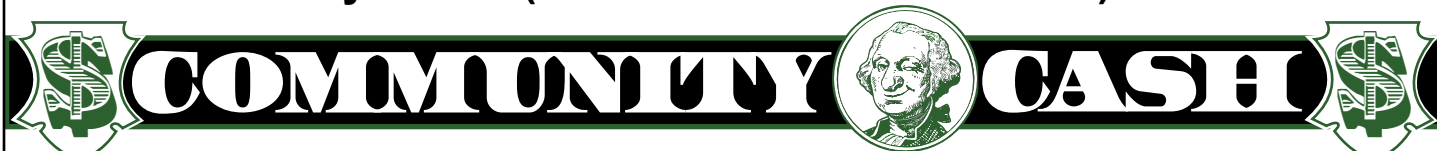
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Evelyn Conningham (Ellenton)	\$10 - Easy Solutions
Jerry Barnard (North Port)	\$10 - Master Plumber
Jan Asikainen (Bradenton)	\$10 - Sage Biscuit Cafe
Carol Christensen (Bradenton)	\$10 - Sage Biscuit Cafe

Drawing Date -2/19/13