



Forest Park Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2014

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SOCIAL CLUB OFFICERS

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Welcome back to Forest Park to those of you that have arrived during the last month. Because the weather turned cooler for our residents to sit outside in the pavilion; our First Street Dance was held in the clubhouse. However, we will try again to have a dance out there at a later date. We were able to give \$125 to "Meal on Wheels" via Betty Campbell, from the sale of food and the 50/50 drawing.

All activities have started with in the park. For people interested in buying in the park, we have a good reputation for cleanliness, hospitability and a multitude of activities for socialization. We have a great variety of activities and events in this park. The Federal Fair Housing Act requires that our park have recreational activities and a swimming pool.

Now for just a few things going on within the park:

You can play **Cards** of some type every night of the week. **BINGO** is a biggie here. Lots of money given out to the winners.

Karaoke (if you like to sing) has a great number of people who participate.

Sport activities include shuffleboard and bocce that has residents playing.

Dominos, Craft Club, Quilters, Crochet and Knitting are choices for you.

Exercise in the clubhouse Tuesday and Saturday mornings at 9 AM.

Swimming Exercise is held every day Monday - Friday from 9 to 10 AM.

Line Dancing is held on Friday's in the Pavilion from 9 to 10:30AM.

Koffee Klatsch where you can get a Free coffee and donut at 9 AM the first Friday of every month.

Free coffee and donut (MEN only) second Friday of the month at 9 AM

Free Blood Pressure in the clubhouse the third Tuesday at 9 AM

Special Events include **Golf Cart Parades, Holiday Dinner, New Years Eve Dance, and a Dance on the last Saturday of each month, St. Patrick's Day and a**



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

Celebration for Residents who will celebrate 50 Years of Marriage.

The Social Club coordinates these events. We give support to all clubs and activities as well as money (money comes from the sale of your Aluminum Cans) for all functions within the park. We need your support. We really don't want to start eliminating any activity or event, because of low participation but the possibility is very close.

Check your newsletter and the calendar for the times and dates of all activities and events for each month. See you there!

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

By: Social Club

Tuesday, December 31st

9 PM - 1 AM

\$15.00 PER PERSON



TICKETS ON SALE

Sunday's Dec 22nd and Dec 29th
1-3 PM in clubhouse

Join us as we enjoy dancing and listening to the George Ward Band. A few light snacks and coffee will be provided. You are encouraged to bring your favorite snacks and beverages.
Hope to see you there.



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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.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

By: Bob Lang

The office will be closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. There will be limited hours between 10am to 12 noon on Thursday and Friday following New Years.

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

By: Social Club

*Wednesday, January 8th
7 PM in the Clubhouse*

The evening before the election. This will be a time for you to get to know the people who will be running your park for the next few years. Each candidate will express their vision for Forest Park. Refreshments will be served.

VOTE

ANNUAL BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Thursday, January 9th
NOON TO 2:00 PM
In the Activities Building

Yes, your vote does count!
You have a choice of candidates.
Let's have a **HUGE** turnout to Vote

KOFFEE KLATSCH

By: Social Club

Friday, January 3rd, 2014 @ 9am

Come and enjoy a free cup of coffee and donut while you listen to our speaker, from Capital Banking. You will learn about their various services. Please bring your own coffee cup! There will be a 50/50.



FOREST PARK TELEPHONE

DIRECTORY CHANGES

By: Mary Diaz (F.P. Office)

The Forest Park Resident Directory is at the printers and we hope to receive it by Christmas. When you receive it, please check your name and number in the directory and submit any changes or corrections for the Forest Park telephone directory to the park office by email to fppoainc@gmail.com or call 239-543-1155. The changes/corrections will be printed in the newsletter so that people may write in corrections. It is not necessary to fill out a directory authorization form every year unless you change your phone number.

CHORALEERS SEEK VOICES...

SINGING VOICES THAT IS!

By: Joyce Hines

Come one, come all and join the Choraleers. Our first practice will be on January 7th at 1:00pm at the Forest Park Clubhouse. Director, Marilyn Parkinson, has great plans for our group this year. Our 2014 program is titled "As Time Goes By". We will also be preparing a short program for the 50th Anniversary Dinner. Nothing lifts the spirits better than a song! And our spirits rise even higher when we are the singers! Joining our "elite" group is easy...simply call Joyce Hines at 239-731-3274 or join us at our January 7th rehearsal!

MEN'S COFFEE/DONUT

By: Ray Preston

The Forest Park Men's-Only Coffee/Donut will be held the second Friday of each month from 8:00 -10am in the Clubhouse. This is your chance to solve all the problems of the world or shoot the breeze with your Forest Park buddies. Grab your coffee mug, pick up a friend and join us for a cup of hot coffee, a freshly made donut and lots of good conversation! The first meeting will be held on Friday, January 10th.

JASPER THE VEGGIE MAN



THURSDAYS 7:30 AM – 12:30 PM

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

By: Judy Watson

All articles should be sent to Judy Watson at: fpnews2013@gmail.com by the 13th of each month for the following month's newsletter. I would appreciate you writing your information to me on the Gmail page in place of an attachment, if possible. Any questions or concerns please email me at: fpnews2013@gmail.com or call me on 731-1034.

FOREST PARK CALENDAR

By: Gail Ford

Gail Ford is the person who handles 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 at: gailford39@gmail.com or call her on 731-2028.

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E MAIL BLAST

By: Gail Ford

The Social Club is trying out a new idea, "Email Blast". The purpose of this is to notify park resident's, by email, of any last minute changes regarding our FP activities. These changes will also be on our online calendar. If you are interested, please send an email with your email address to: fpemailblast@gmail.com. You will not get any "JUNK MAIL" from me.

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FOREST PARK SURVEY

By: Social Club Officers

We are interested in how many residents now live in our park because of their parents having a home here.

Please write (on the form below) your name, and address in Forest Park where you live now.

If your parents lived at a different address than yours, please write your parents names and their Forest Park address.

Perhaps you arrived in Forest Park because your siblings lived here, please write that information.

In the back cabinet there is a box that you leave your information in. All collected information will be added to our History of the Park. Thank You.

SURVEY FOR HISTORY OF FOREST PARK

☐

Your Name and Address:

☐

Parents Lived Here? Where? Name And Address:

☐

Siblings Or Friend Invited You To Live Here?

Cut out Survey,

In the clubhouse, back cabinet, there is a box to put your filled out information.

The information that you provide is private (no one will give out any information).

The results will be announced at "History of Forest Park Presentation" Wednesday,

February 12, 2014 at 7 pm

Thank You

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 9TH

LEE COUNTY FAIR

By: Social Club

The Social Club is looking for Forest Park Volunteers to greet people who arrive at the fair. You pick your own three hours to work. Fair starts at 11:30 am on weekends and Monday - Friday 4:30 to 10:00 pm.

If interested in volunteering, call Delores Holmes at 731-3943 for more information or to sign up. Last year, we had a few couples work and they had a good time.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST RESIDENTS/HOME BUYERS

Micheline Pelletier & Chantal Boisvert, 5000 Forest Park Drive from Quebec, Canada.

HEALTH & WELFARE

By: Mary Gibson, RN

A free Blood Pressure Clinic will be held on Tuesday, January 21st, 2014 from 9-11am in the Clubhouse. All are Welcome.



LINE DANCING

By: Connie St. Jean

Line Dancing will begin on Friday, January 10th from 10 to 11:30 am in the pavilion. Come learn how to line dance or just come for the exercise. Cost is \$2.00 per person per session.

Come meet our instructors, Tom & Leslie Howes. Sessions will take place at the pavilion unless it rains or is too cold and then we'll go inside the club house.

FREE SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE JANUARY 25TH

7 pm - 10 pm

In the clubhouse

Ed Allensworth is our DJ. He plays a variety of music and does special requests. Please let Ed know what you'd like to hear him play.

ROAST BEEF DINNER AND VARIETY SHOW

By: Social Club

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 5:30 pm to enjoy another great Roast Beef Dinner with salad, baked potato, vegetable and desert.

Dinner starts at 5:30 pm - Variety show starts at 7 pm

This year, we have the "Carol and Johnnie Variety Show." Besides songs, comedy and impersonations, the show is bound to bring back memories when as kids we went to see the action packed Western Movies. We saw cowboy heroes conquer the evil outlaws. Carol and Johnnie will sing the songs that were done by Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, the Sons of the Pioneers and others. Even some fancy yodeling will be done by Carol. There will also be a tribute to Patsy Cline, which includes Patsy's greatest hit songs and a narration of her career.

Cost of Dinner and Show is \$15.00 per person.

Tickets will be on sale December 29 and Sunday January 5, 2014 from 1-3 pm in the clubhouse.

KNIT AND CROCHET CLUB

By: Nancy Lawrence

The Knit and Crochet Club meets every Wednesday afternoon from 2-4pm in the Activity Building. Bring any projects you are working on or share a project you have done with the group. All are welcome.



FOREST PARK BOOK GROUP

By: Joan King

The Book Group will be back to its usual schedule of the fourth Friday of the month and will meet on January 24th at 1:00 pm. in the Activities Building. The title for the month of January will be chosen at the December meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings whether or not you have read the book. Hope to see you on Jan. 24th. Questions? Call Joan King @ 239 567-0606.



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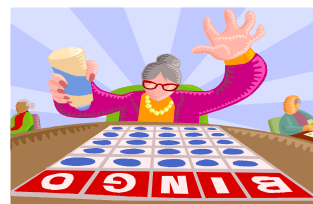


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BINGO

By: Anne Domingos

Please join us on Tuesday's 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.



There is a new addition to our BINGO Games. You put a quarter into a "money ball pot". The first number called is the "special number" so that if you Bingo on that number, you will win the money that has been collected in the money ball pot plus the money that is allotted for the game that you won.

Mike Fanning won a huge amount, \$63.00, for being our First Winner.

Come and Enjoy Playing Bingo!

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Bud Eckert 31
Una Preston 31

JANUARY'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Fred & Betty Dadisman January 2, 1949

David & Gerry Goldsboro January 31, 1944

BUTCH AND DAN'S NEW TOY

Photo By: Becky Conrad



"TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!"

By: Joyce Hines

Many hours of planning, scavenging, and work have been put into this year's Christmas displays at the front entrance and on the Clubhouse grounds. The planning actually began last year when, immediately after Christmas, the FPPOA Board generously provided the Decorating Group with money for this year. We were able to purchase new Christmas trees, LED lights, and accessories for our display...and we bought twice as much for half the price. You have to love those "after Christmas sales"!

Last spring, I met with one of our park residents, Ron Moon. I asked if he would consider building a fireplace to add to our inventory. We discussed, sketched, erased, then discussed, sketched, erased...well, you get the idea. Ron agreed to help and when I arrived at the beginning of December, the fireplace was built! You have seen the results...**Thank You, Ron!**

I also spoke with Nancy Cooper and Dick Gagner to ask if we could use the "Outhouse" belonging to the Northeast Club. They agreed and now Santa has a workshop right on our Clubhouse grounds! We appreciate the loan!

Then came the hard part...doing the actual decorating! It started with Ray and Madaline Preston, Peg and Dean Hull, and Carol Goans decorating our front entry way so that it was ready for Thanksgiving. Ray did some "wheeling and dealing" and traded in our old Christmas lights which helped with the purchase of LED lights. The new lights, combined with the beautiful garland and wreaths that the Craft Club donated last year, have created a beautiful welcome as people enter our Park. **Thank You, Ray, Madaline, Peg, Dean, and Carol!**

On Friday, Dec. 6th around 9:00 am, a group gathered: Peg and Dean Hull, Ray and Edie Hosey, Jim and Charlene Wash, Phil and Diana Powers, Kathy Fanning, Bernie Waltz, Gloria Zylstra, Brenda Palmer, and Delores Holmes. Everyone scattered in different directions to carry boxes from the shed, to hang lights and garlands, and to put trees together. While this activity went on, Dan arrived driving "The Big Yellow Machine" and our fireplace. After placing it, he left and headed to our trailer storage area to pick up our red building. Once those two pieces were placed, we were able to place the trees and stake them down. The work continued

until about noon when almost everything was placed and secured; then Dean Hull took over and began to work with the lighting...no easy task! He spent most of Saturday completing the wiring. Without Dean, we would literally "be in the dark"! **Thank You, Dean, Peg, Ray, Edie, Jim, Charlene, Phil, Diana, Kathy, Bernie, Gloria, Brenda, and Delores!** (If I accidentally forgot someone, please let me know!)

On Monday, Dan is to put up the lights around the Clubhouse roof. We are fortunate to have two maintenance men who not only help, but do so with smiles! Thank You, Dan And Butch, not only for your help with decorating, but also, for all that you do for our Park!

It is our hope that our hard work will play a large part in bringing the Christmas Spirit to Forest Park and to its residents!

Merry Christmas To All, And To All A Good Night!

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

Bunco is held on the first Saturday of each month in the Clubhouse at 7pm.

See you on Saturday, January 4th, 2014.

BOCCE

By: Bob Howe

We will have a Pizza Party after bocce on Monday, January 13th. A slice of pizza and a drink will be \$2.00 per person for players and their better halves.

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 January 20th.

PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB

By: Gail Ford

So far, this season, we have given one lap quilt made by the Pine Tree Knots Quilt Club to Bob Jablonski. These quilts are given to Forest Park residents who are going through Chemo or other serious illnesses.

If you are a new resident come on a Thursday morning from 9 to 11 AM to see what we are all about. Gail likes to try small quick projects and has demonstrated a few of these. Other members have brought the quilts they are currently working on to seek help from the group to pin the filler and backing together before it gets sewed. This is how we encourage one another to try new things.

Our Secret Pal Reveal Luncheon will be held on January 9th at Sasse's Restaurant on Evans Street. This should be enjoyable as it is a new place for most of us. We should plan to be there at 12:30 PM. Anyone needing a ride, please coordinate with the group at the December meetings.

Isy McClain was an original member of the Pine Tree Knots and long time resident of Forest Park who moved to Wisconsin in November to live near her daughter. Many of you have been asking for her new address to keep in touch with her. It is: All Saint's Sr. Apts., Rm. 312, 8202 High View Drive, Madison, WI 53719.

WI-FI IN FOREST PARK

By: Doug Ford - the Wi-Fi Guy

We currently have over 200 users on our wi-fi systems. Since we have two separate systems, this number of users, isn't overloading our systems. I hear an occasional comment that the system is slow, we have to keep in mind that the internet or the site we are trying to access could be the slowness that we are experiencing. I monitor the system twice a day and our usage is exceeding what we used last spring. Based upon this every day usage, the system is providing, with a few exceptions, a valuable amenity to our park.

We have restored the RV wi-fi towers to full functionality. We have two more activities concerning the wi-fi that will result in some down time, which you will be notified of.

Just a reminder, if you can't get on the wi-fi, and you

have an outside antenna, unplug your little black box from the wall until the light goes out and then plug it back in. This reboots the antenna.

Users of laptops, Ipads, Kindles etc, who are trying to get on the wi-fi system, without a outside antenna could have problems, because of the limited ability of the unit's ability to receive and transmit a signal any distance, especially thru our metal walls. If you continue to operate with a very slow connection, it slows the system down because of the retries because of the errors. The solution is to go to the activity building and connect to the wi-fi signal called "office".

EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR FOREST PARK NOTIFICATIONS

By: Mary Diaz (FP Office)

The Forest Park Office sends occasional communications from the office to the Forest Park residents. If you would like to add your email address to our database to receive notifications, announcements, etc. please call the office (239-543-1155) between 9-noon or send an email to: fppoainc@gmail.com indicating that you would like to be added to our database.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/PATROL (NWP)

By: Lou Smith

The Neighborhood Watch meeting will be Wednesday, January 8th at 10.00am. in the Activities Building. Thank you to the new residents who have signed up with Becky to go out on night patrol.

Please watch your speed, and be aware of stop signs, which also pertains to cars and golf carts. Bikes can do a California rolling stop!!!

NORTHEAST CLUB

By: Nancy Cooper

Souper Bowl Monday
January 27th @ 5:30 pm

Grab your megaphones and pom poms and cheer for your home team! This evening promises to be a lot of fun as we warm up for the Super Bowl. Be sure to wear your favorite football attire.

Tickets for the dinner are \$5 per person and may be purchased from Nancy Cooper at 724 Knotty Pine Circle. The deadline for buying tickets is Jan. 22nd. The menu includes hearty soup, bread, dessert and beverage. The table settings will be provided.

Cakes for the Cake Baking Contest must be submitted by 4 pm. Judging will take place at 4:30 pm. Big cash prizes will be awarded to the top two bakers. Get out your mother's famous recipe and whip up a culinary delight that will be sure to tickle the taste buds of the judges!

Silly games, good food and lots of laughs. Who could ask for a better evening? As always, all park residents are welcome to join the NE club. Annual dues are \$2 per person payable to Bev Benson, treasurer.

WINNERS OF THE NORTHEAST UGLIEST SWEATER CONTEST

By: Judy Watson

Congratulations to Dick Gagner and Shirley McNamara who were the winners of the Ugly Christmas Sweater contest held on December 9th at the Northeast Club meeting. A great time was had by all.



LADIES SHUFFLE

By: Ray Preston

Ladies Shuffle will start, Tuesday January 7, 2014 at 10am for All Ladies that would like to come out and shuffle. Hope to see you there.

ART CLASSES

By: Jack Watson

Art Class will start on Monday, January 6, 2014 @ 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 am to 12 noon through the end of March. Any questions call Betty Leis @ 239-997-1880



RED HAT LADIES

By: Delores Holmes

The Red Hat Ladies will meet on Monday, JANUARY 20th at noon in the clubhouse. The cost will be \$2.00 per lady. Please purchase your tickets by January 17th from Delores Holmes. She can be reached on 731-3943. The Host will be the "Hollyberry Ladies".



We will be viewing pictures from trips that other ladies have taken. All Ladies are welcome to come and join in the fun.

NEW POOL EXERCISE STARTING IN JANUARY

By: Joan King

A new water aerobics class will be held twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. It is an instructor-led aerobic exercise class done to music. The exercises can be done at your own speed and modified according to individual needs.

No need to sign up, just come as you are able. Please bring a one-gallon empty plastic jug.

Class begins on Monday, January 3rd at 10:30 am. Any questions or concerns please call Joan King on 239 567-0606.



CANADIAN –MICHIGAN CLUBS

By: Jim Barnett

Our January meeting will be our annual Wine and Cheese event. It will be held on Sunday, January 26th from 2:00-4:00 pm. As in past years the cost will be \$4.00. It will be in the Activities Building (If a large turnout it may be necessary to move to the Clubhouse). A signup sheet will be in the Clubhouse on January 12th. Hope to see you all there as this is a very popular event.

CRAFT CLUB

By: Wanda Dickerson

Welcome to the New Year. We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a fun New Year and now it is time to start thinking about those Hot Dog Dinners that the Craft ladies are famous for. We hope that everyone will come out and support the Dinners. Our first one will be January 14th and we will be having Lasagna, salad, rolls, dessert and drink for \$6.00. We of course will be having our famous Hot Dogs, which you can dress up with chili, sauerkraut, just ketchup and mustard or all of these things. We will be having the second Dinner on February 4th and there will be more in the February Newsletter about it. As everyone knows these dinners help support many charities both in the park and outside of the park. This Christmas we gave away a total of \$700 to different soup kitchens and shelters, as well as the Seniors at Forest Park. The club also collected toys and ladies items to take to the Abuse and Counseling Center in Ft. Myers. Also, sometime when you are at the Clubhouse stop in the kitchen and see the new microwave the Craft Ladies helped purchase along with the FPPOA.

Our Annual Christmas luncheon was held at Ruby Tuesdays on December 4th. We enjoyed ourselves very much and in case any group is looking for a spot to have a luncheon this is an excellent place. They are not open for lunch but will open just for you if you have a group that you need a place for. Very nice, great service and the food was excellent. Remember we meet each Wednesday at 9:00 am in the Clubhouse for a couple of hours. We are always looking for new members who enjoy crafting and having a good time. Hope to see you there.

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.

FOREST PARK SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB

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

The Shuffleboard Club members are enjoying another season of shuffle. We have completed three games against other clubs, two at home and one away. We are struggling to get above the bottom rung and would love to have some new members join the team. Our next game will be away at Crystal Lake on December 18th. (See December's Newsletter, Pg. 13 for the Shuffle League Schedule).

FAREWELL DEAR FRIENDS

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

Marcella Brown of FPD

If you know of others, please send me an email at fnews2013@gmail.com or call the Forest Park office so we can list their names in the next newsletter.

EXERCISE PROGRAM

RECOMMENDED FOR "KIDS"
OF ANY AGE!

Please join us beginning in November on Tuesday and Saturday mornings at 9:00 am 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 beginning in November from 10:30 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.



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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Bob Dickerson, President FPPOA

This will be my last article as President of the FPPOA. It has been an interesting and for the most part enjoyable two years as President. I think we have made improvements in the accounting and operational aspects of running the park and I would like to thank all who have been a part of that. I have named you before and will not do so again for fear of leaving someone out, but you know who you are, so please accept my sincere thanks for your dedication and hard work.

As I look back and try to recount the changes we have made and the "improvements" in the park, the main thing which sticks out in my mind is this:

We have opened up the Board Meetings and Membership Meetings for input from the members. We have recorded the meetings and put the recordings on our website for any member to hear. We have, I believe, made the management of the park transparent for all to see. And as a result, the shareholders in the Forest Park Property Owners Association have come to the understanding and belief that it is THEY who are the Supreme Authority in Forest Park, not the President and not the Board.

I ask all of you as I leave the Presidency; keep it that way, elect representatives who believe in the supremacy of the membership and the right of the members to know what is going on... And you must take an interest and be involved, in one way or the other. If not you, WHO? We have a great park; we are debt free and have a fully funded reserve fund. Not many resident owned communities can say that. With your interest, willingness to volunteer when and where needed, and due diligence in electing qualified and dedicated people to the Board, we can remain the "Number One Community". May God bless you all.

2013 FPPOA GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

By: Bob Lang

If you didn't get the updated 2013 FPPOA Governing Documents which were distributed at the April Membership Meeting, please pick up a copy in the Office when you check in. (one copy per household). All prior versions can be destroyed.

BOD & GM MEETING DATES FOR 2013/2014

By: Bob Lang, Secretary

Here are the meeting dates for the remainder of the 2013/2014 season.

January 9, 2014, General Election
January 16, 2014, BOD Meeting
January 23, 2014, GM Meeting

February 20, 2014, BOD Meeting
February 27, 2014, GM Meeting

March 20, 2014, BOD Meeting
March 27, 2014, GM Meeting

April 17, 2014, BOD Meeting
April 24, 2014, GM Meeting

GENERAL ELECTION

January 9, 2014
Noon to 2:00 pm

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MTG

January 16, 2014
9:00 am

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG

January 23rd, 2014
7:00 pm

GENERAL ELECTION 2014

By: Bob Lang, Secretary

January 9, 2014
Noon to 2pm.
Activities Building

Mark your calendar and remember to vote your selections for Officers and Directors of the F.P.P.O.A. for the next term: two years for (five) Officers and three years for (two) Directors.

Because candidates are not officially on the ballot until noon on December 26, 2013, it is impossible to officially mention their names here in this newsletter as it would be premature to any last minute additions or changes.

It is for this reason, that if you have requested to vote Absentee, we have only been able to supply you with a ballot devoid of names that you must exercise by write-in only. There just isn't enough time between December 26th and January 7th for the printing of an official ballot with confirmed names, the request of Absentee ballots, the mailing of same, the member's voting, and the USPS return in the short 12 days in between.

This is why we announced at the November 21st Membership Meeting to request an Absentee Ballot as soon as possible if you are not able to be physically present to vote on January 9th.

Please use all available resources for information, and above all, vote.

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 Schleiter

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.



Besides Mary Beth and Jim Schleiter, Don Brooks also picks up the cans. When he picks up in the Months of April - October, Don would like you to place your cans out the night before when you take out your garbage. He starts at 8 am to pick up cans.

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 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.

50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

By: The Social Club

FEBRUARY 20, 2014

Each year Forest Park honors those couples that are celebrating their 50th Anniversary. If this is applicable to you, please be sure to register your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of the clubhouse. The dinner will be held Thursday, February 20th, 2014. The dinner is free however; you need to get a ticket. Tickets will be given out on Sunday, February 2nd and Sunday, February 9th.



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January 2014 - FOREST PARK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 9:00am Dominoes 10:00am Shuffleboard 10:30am Pool exercises 12:30pm Duplicate Bridge 2:30pm Bocce 7:00pm Shuffleboard	New Year's Eve 9:00am exercise 10:00am Lady's Shuffle 10:30am Pool exercises 6:45pm Bingo 9:00pm New Year's Eve Dance-George Ward Band	New Year's Day 9:00am Craft Club 10:30am Pool exercises 2:00pm Knit and Crochet Club 6:30pm Bid Euchre	1 9:00am Quilt Club 10:30am Pool exercises 1:00pm Change Bingo 2:00pm Computer Club 2:30pm Bocce	2 9:00am Koffee Klatch 10:00am Shuffleboard 10:30am Pool exercises 6:30pm Friday Bridge 7:00pm Poker	3 9:00am Koffee Klatch 10:00am Shuffleboard 10:30am Pool exercises 6:30pm Friday Bridge 7:00pm Poker
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HAPPY NEW YEAR



CURRENT FPPOA BOARD MEMBERS

The Social Club Officers and Nominating Committee want to acknowledge and Thank the Current FPPOA Board Members for their years of service in Forest Park:

Jim Arthur	3 ½ years
Jim Barnett	2 years
Judy Birkhead	2 years
Betty Campbell	9 years
Bob Dickerson	8 years
Robert Lang	2 years
Pete Lawrence	7 years
Jan Orlando	12 years
Louis Smith	2 years
Richard Taylor	7 years
Jim Ullrey	2 years
John Wright	17 + years

Their dedication to maintain the park is outstanding!!

Forest Park would like to thank June Kearschner for her many years of excellent service in our library.

BY: NANCY & BOB COOPER

Last year, I sent ninety greeting cards and notes to residents of Forest Park. Since taking over the position of "Cheer Person", I have sent nearly 500 cards. It is a task I absolutely love because it is a little way to let folks know we are thinking about them in times of joy, sickness or sorrow. Last May, when my mother passed away, I found myself on the receiving end. Over 50 of you took the time to send us a sympathy card. I can't begin to tell you how much each one meant to us. We thank you for your kindness and care.

BY: SOCIAL CLUB

Thank You to Mark & Monte who repaired our large Bulletin Board in front of the clubhouse. Thank You to all residents who decorated the front entrance with festive lights and the Craft Ladies who decorated the inside of the clubhouse. Thank You, Joyce Hines, chairperson of the outside decorations around the clubhouse, and all those who helped her. Last but not least, to everyone in the park who decorated their homes. What a Festive Park with all the decorations !!

RAY & MADALINE PRESTON

would like to Thank All the N.E. Club that helped make the "Holiday Dinner" a success. Also, Thank you to Marilyn & Nick Nufryk for passing out the dinner tickets.

JOKES

SENIOR DRIVERS NO LONGER NEED DRIVERS LICENSES ANYMORE!

By: Judy Watson

My neighbor was working in his yard when he was startled by a late model car that came crashing through his hedge and ended up in his front lawn.

He rushed to help an elderly lady driver out of the car and sat her down on a lawn chair. He said with excitement, "You appear quite elderly to be driving."

"Well, yes, I am," she replied proudly. "I'll be 97 next month, and I am now old enough that I don't even need

a driver's license anymore."

"You don't need a driver's license anymore?!?"

"That's right!" The last time I went to my doctor, he examined me and asked if I had a driver's license. I told him "yes" and handed it to him. He took scissors out of the drawer, cut the license into pieces, and threw them in the waste basket, saying, "You won't need this anymore". So I thanked him and left!

By: Sharon Goudy

Three women, two younger, and one senior citizen, were sitting naked in a sauna. Suddenly there was a beeping sound.

The young woman pressed her foreman and the beep stopped. The others looked at her questioningly. "That was my pager," she said. "I have a microchip under the skin of my arm."

A few minutes later, a phone rang. The second young woman lifted her palm to hear. When she finished, she explained, "That was my mobile phone. I have a microchip in my hand".

The older woman felt very low-tech. Not to be out done, she decided she had to do something just as impressive. She stepped out of the sauna and went to the bathroom.

She returned with a piece of toilet paper hanging from her rear end. The others raised their eyebrows and stared at her. The older women finally said, "well, will you look at that... I'm getting a fax"!

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR MDU SUBSCRIBERS

By: Mary Diaz

The park office has been informed that MDU Communications has been acquired by Access Media 3 (AM3) headquartered in Oakbrook, Illinois. Their customer service number is 866-941-6912 and their website is www.am3inc.com. Please contact AM3 for additional information.

FOREST PARK WI-FI

By: John Wright

The Wi-Fi system is a shared amenity – just like the pool, shuffle, bocce, clubhouse and all other Park facilities. If we use it for email and general web searching, we are each using our "fair share" of the bandwidth. The system cannot support widespread downloading of movies over the internet (e.g. Netflix etc.). Also, some suppliers of TV satellite programming require an internet connection in addition to the dish, and may indicate that their load on our system is minimal. But these connections can hog the system and impair performance for others. So, the Park is investigating a means to monitor usage and restrict anyone unfairly loading the system.

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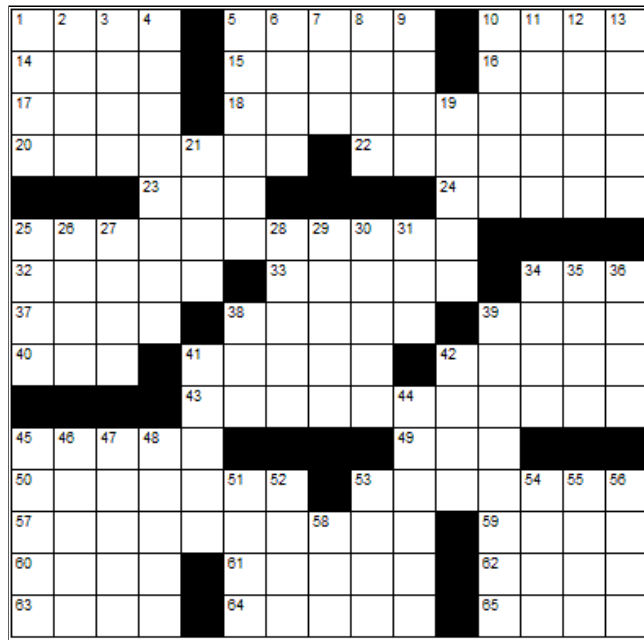
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Drawing Date -11/15/13

ACROSS

1. Whirl
5. Speedy
10. Long ago
14. Killer whale
15. Genus of heath
16. Countertenor
17. Bad end
18. He eats no meat
20. Memory loss
22. Be out of line with
23. Downwind
24. S S S S
25. Insurance firm
32. Composure
33. Watchful
34. Belief
37. Poems
38. All excited
39. Alone
40. Mesh
41. Communion table
42. Toward the outside
43. Spontaneous abortion
45. Fish broth
49. An Old Testament king
50. Creative persons
53. Extreme nervousness
57. Conversion
59. Bright thought
60. Legal wrong
61. Specialty
62. 1/100th of a dollar
63. Is indebted to
64. Inclination
65. Initial wager



DOWN

1. Fizzy drink
2. A formal high school dance
3. Computer symbol
4. Unidentified
5. Examine again
6. District
7. Hog
8. Frozen
9. A romantic meeting
10. City in France
11. Assumed name
12. Condition
13. Notes
19. Stave off
21. Arid
25. Atop
26. Connecting point
27. Weight loss plan
28. Flat floating vessels
29. Of a pelvic bone
30. Latin name for our planet
31. Before, poetically
34. Greek letter
35. Smelting waste
36. Style
38. Former boxing champ
39. Painful disorder of the hip
41. Awry
42. At one time (archaic)
44. Showered
45. Philippine tribal chief
46. Shot from a bow
47. Look at with fixed eyes
48. Suggestions
51. Hue
52. Blend
53. One of the 4 gospels
54. Biblical garden
55. Lease
56. Satisfy
58. Frozen water

January Crossword





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