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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** 

#### SOCIAL CLUB OFFICERS

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LAWN MOWING HOURS
7 AM to 11 PM June 1 through
August 31st and 8 AM to 11 PM
September 1st through May 1st.

#### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

By: Delores Holmes President

The month of November went by quickly.

Did you see Forest Park's Veteran's Day Parade; then the ceremony at the flagpoles. It makes you proud that Forest Park has so many veterans to be honored for their service. The ceremony was very inspiring. Have you noticed on TV the football managers and football service people wearing green jackets? Have you seen on a TV ad that we are to put a green colored bulb in our outside light fixture. To honor veterans. What a great idea to honor Veterans. I am sure that next year more green outside lights will be seen in Forest Park homes. When you come to Koffee Klatsch {the first Friday morning of the month at 9 AM in the clubhouse) you get free donut and coffee. We, then have a speaker talk about different subjects that are relevant to Forest Park homes. The speaker gives a short talk, then opens it up to questions from people who are there. Next Koffee Klatsch, December 4th, is about Florida Bugs. How to make the Pests disappear and stay away. So far this season, I have stepped into two red ant hills while I was pulling weeds. I looked terrible with red blisters all over my feet. I surely will ask about how to keep red ants from invading my lawn. PS Bring your own mug for coffee. If you haven't been to the December Forest Park Holiday Dinner, this is how you get to participate. You get eight residents (friends) which makes a table in the clubhouse. To come. You decide on a menu (minus ham and dessert and beverages which is provided for everyone.) Write down the names of those at your table and bring the list on November 29th or December 6 to the clubhouse where you will get free tickets which has your assigned table where you will sit. Come enjoy -Great conversations with your tablemates and great food to enjoy!!

Christmas in Forest Park is highlighted by Forest Park Residents buying gifts for Suncoast Outreach Community Center Children's Christmas Party. Youngsters and older teens appreciate all the toys that we give. Thank You to Bernie and Rita Booth who coordinate the collecting of the toys. If you would like to buy toys for Suncoast children, Please drop them off by December 12 at 560 Peace Lake Ct.

Another big event for everyone in Forest Park is the Christmas Parade which will be held Christmas Eve. You can decorate your golf cart, or bicycle and be in the parade. You will be given a raffle ticket for a gift. The parade goes around every street in the park. Many residents put their chairs out on their lawn and wait for the parade to throw candy their way. After the parade, coffee and donuts are served in the clubhouse while gifts are raffled to participants of the parade.

Finally to finish off the month of December, we have our New Years Eve Dance.

Tickets can be bought for \$15.00 per person on November 20 and 27th from 1 till 3 PM in the clubhouse. We will have a 7 member band playing music from the current songs to the golden oldies.

You bring your own liquor and snacks for your group. Around 11 PM, coffee and pastries will be put out. Come celebrate the arrival of New Year with other residents of Forest Park

Our Forest Park Elections will be coming in January. Further information about how to apply to run for a seat on Forest Park Board is further in the newsletter. To make Forest Park a community that continues to evolve into a place for every resident to enjoy, we need residents to participate in the management of the park. We need you to consider to run for a seat on the board.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL SOCIAL CLUB OFFICERS

#### **COMMUNITY CARPORT SALE**

By Social Club

Community Carport Sale
Saturday, December 5th.
Start to plan what you wish to sell.
The sale will run from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM.



#### CHRISTMAS PARADE

By: Jim Schleter

Forget the halls; it's time to deck out your golf carts for the annual Christmas Parade. This years parade will be held Thursday December 24th at 6 PM. Santa will be available to hand out presents during the parade. Please drop off your wrapped presents to 514 Pine Tree Ct. by December 23rd. Include the address and name of the child(ren) as well as a few notes such as child's favorite TV show, pet, etc. Also, please be sure to have your cameras ready for a picture with Santa. Thanks to the Social

Club there will be beverages & donuts following the parade in the Clubhouse. Hope to see you there or along the parade route.



#### **HOLIDAY DINNER**

By Social Club

#### DECEMBER 10 at 5:30 PM

Make a table of 8 people

Get your tickets for your table. Nov 29 or Dec 6 Make your menu around Ham and Dessert

Contact your people to select what food they would like to prepare for the rest of your dinner party.

Enjoy your dinner!!

#### NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

By Social Club

DECEMBER 31, 9:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M. COST \$15.00 Per person

ENTERTAINERS 7 Piece Band Playing our Favorite Music

Tickets on Sale December 20th and 28th, at 1:00-3:00

PM in Clubhouse

50/50 Raffle

Liquor basket raffle

Bring your own bottle

Refreshments served at 11:00 PM



#### **CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF CHEER**

By: Nancy Cooper

It is that time of year when we start planning our annual Gifts of Cheer. For new folks in the Park, let me tell you about this wonderful event:

Christmas Gifts of Cheer was started many years ago by the then President of the NE Club, Joan King. She had a list

of goals she wanted the Club to undertake and one was to reach out to our neighbors in Forest Park. Christmas was the ideal time to remember residents who were sick, grieving the loss of a loved one or house bound and in need of a bit of holiday cheer. That first year Santa's elves delivered dozens of homemade cookies thanks to the contributions of NE Club members.

Over the years, the event has grown thanks to the generous contributions from the Northeast Club, the Social Club, the Craft Ladies, the Computer Club, the Quilters, and folks in the Park. Last year, FPPOA and the Aluminum Can Fund also gave money.

Some in the Park have made cookies so we have a touch of homemade. The Ouilt Club makes ornaments to decorate the baskets.

Christmas Gifts of Cheer is Forest Park at its best. It is our way of saying "We care". It has nothing to do with the size of someone's bank account because as we all know money cannot buy good health or happiness. We give to those who truly need a bit of cheer. Several years ago, we started remembering folks 90 and over. Last year, over 50 folks received a basket of fresh fruit and cookies. Five women also received a plant given in memory of a loved one. Fourteen folks, 90 or over, received a box of chocolates and four residents were given a box of food.

The committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to put together a list if residents who need some cheer. If you know of someone, please let us know. The committee members this year are Nancy Cooper, chairperson, Bob Cooper, Nancy and Pete Lawrence, Delores Holmes, Chris Major, Carol Goans and Mary Gibson.

#### VEGETABLES FOR SALE

**By: Delores Holmes** 

At the pavilion every Friday morning 8:00 A.M. till NOON

They sell vegetables, fruits, jams and jellies, honey Homemade pies, Homemade bread

Forest Park now has our own vegetable man Please support their sale of goodies



## ATTENTION FOREST PARK RESIDENTS!!! WE NEED YOU!!!!!

Some of our faithful, talented, caring volunteers, for health reasons, are stepping down. Below are areas that will need to be filled:

**Bid Euchre Chairperson:** Maintains signup sheet, has cards ready for Wednesday and Saturday games.

**Men's Coffee Klatsch:** Meets once a month (1:00 2nd Friday each month), make coffee and order donuts, have friendly conversation.

**Newsletter Delivery people:** We need one person from each street to deliver newsletters to their neighbors. A great way to say "Hi" to our neighbors.

**Holiday Dinner Chairperson:** Organize our Holiday Dinner with other volunteers.

Man to cut up damaged aluminum: Aluminum that has been damaged needs to be cut up to be recycled. (Note: If you need to dispose aluminum, please place it with your trash on Tuesdays and Fridays, it will be taken to the RV park.)

These are a few of the areas we need volunteers, if we don't want them to disappear. It is a great way to meet and have fun. If you would like to have more information about these positions please contact Mary

Diaz at fppoainc@gmail.com . IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE INFORM MARY DIAZ AT THE OFFICE ABOUT WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO



#### **CHRISTMAS SPARKLE!**

By: Joyce Hines

"Sparkle Time" in Forest Park is rapidly approaching! Please put a big star on your calendar noting Friday, December 4th as our day to decorate our clubhouse grounds. The crew will gather between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. Unfortunately I will not be there to help since we will not be arriving until New Year's. Peg Hull, who has been my right hand woman in years past, will be in charge. Please show your holiday spirit by helping Peg with our holiday decorating!

#### **REMEMBER:**

Friday, December 4th between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m.!

#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

By: Social Club

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016**

Forest Park honors all resident who will be having a 50th Anniversary in either 2015 or 2016. We would like to include you and your spouse. We honor you by having a celebration of dinner and music by our Choraleers. If this is applicable to you, please be sure to register your names on the sign-up sheet in the back of the clubhouse. The celebration will be held Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016 at 5:30 PM.

The dinner is a free to all residents; however you need to get a ticket.

More information will be in the January newsletter.

#### **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

By: Pam Maynard

All articles should be sent to Pam Maynard at: fpsocialnews@gmail.com by the 13th of each month for the following month's newsletter. I would appreciate you writing your information in the email in place of an attachment, if possible. Any questions or concerns please email me at the above address or call me at 740-398-4576. Please remember the newsletter continues to run every month all summer long. During the summer months, when the newsletters arrive in the office at the end of each month, watch the marquee for the newsletters to be picked up in the Clubhouse and Activity Building. They will not be delivered to your home during the summer months, so don't forget to stop and pick up your copy. If you have any special events or places you are visiting this summer or if something exciting happens wherever your travels take you, please share your story and pictures with your Forest Park friends by sending them to fpsocialnews@ gmail.com. Enjoy your summer, travel safely, we will be looking forward to seeing you in the fall.

#### FOREST PARK CALENDAR

Gail Ford is the person who handles the updates to the calendar. View the calendar anytime and see the most current information at the following website: www. <a href="mailto:forestparkonline.com">forestparkonline.com</a> This also allows you to view it in various formats i.e., weekly, monthly, etc. Please contact Gail for calendar changes at: <a href="mailto:gailford39@gmail.com">gailford39@gmail.com</a> or call her 239-731-2028.

#### FAREWELL DEAR FRIENDS

Joe Mazza

#### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Mary Beth Schleter 1
Judy Watson 1
Jim Arthur 11
Mike Fanning 11
Shirley Eckert 17
Helen Cox 18
Ray Hosey 18
Jo Ann Gagner 21
Carol Beconder 24
Dick Kearschner
Jeri Wooley 26
Jan Orlando 30

Wava Straw 31



#### **DECEMBER ANNIVERSERIES**

Dick & Jo Ann Gagner December 21, 1966

If you would like to include your birthday or anniversary in future newsletters, you may email the date(s) to the office at fppoainc@gmail.com

#### **WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:**

Sandra Kay Hayden, 339 Shrub Ln. S. from FL James M. Hurley, 753 Knotty Pine Circle from MA Wanda P. Johnson, 327 Shrub Ln. S. from Inge Lise Kliskey, 603 Pine Grove Ct.



If women ran the world we wouldn't have wars, just intense negotiations every 28 days.

#### HAVE YOU GOT YOUR PHOTO PARK DIRECTORY BOOK YET?

By: Social Club Officers

What a great visual aspect book. The amount of pictures of everyone in our park, who volunteers or are service workers, at various events, playing sports and at work was truly exceptional. The color pictures of residents (A Great Looking Assemblage) were impressive.

The amount of time that you, workers, took to create the Photo Directory is appreciated by all our residents.

THANK YOU to everyone who worked to make the photo book an excellent pictorial replica of our Forest Park Community.

#### FOREST PARK TOY DRIVE

By: Bernie & Rita Booth



Forest Park is collecting toys that will be donated to Santa for the Children living in the Suncoast Community for their Christmas Party. Any resident of the park is welcome to donate. If you wish to donate,

please drop off unwrapped toys by: **DECEMBER 12TH AT BERNIE & RITA BOOTH'S 560 PEACE LAKE CT.** 



#### **HEALTH & WELFARE**

By: Mary Gibson

The Million Mile Movement is here in Forest Park. There is a signup sheet in the Clubhouse, all you do is Choose Commit Change! The goal is 1,000,000 miles in 90 days, one step at a time. We will start on January 1, 2015, ending April 15, 2015. Take a step toward healthier living by joining Million Mile Movement by walking, running, biking, or swimming. So ready, set, let's go!!!

Health & Welfare: Beginning in December the B/P will be on the 3rd Tuesday of the month December 15, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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#### WI FI UPDATE

BY: Doug Ford

We want to thank Jim Schleter for all the calls he took this summer to keep the wifi going. we also want to thank Mary his wife for any inconvenience it may have caused.

The fiber installation has been completed and should be functional by Nov. 12th. At that time we will begin a phased in approached to minimize the downtime. We have to upgrade some of the equipment in the clubhouse to take advantage of the new bandwidth the fiber is providing.

Just a word about this upgrade, which I have said many times before. If you have a good signal from your antenna to the clubhouse, you will see an improvement. If you have trees in the way or other interference, not as great but still some. The need for the fiber is that Century Link couldn't provide any more bandwidth for our growing users. Our peak period is over the Christmas holidays when we have well over 300 users on the wifi system.



#### **Use Caution in Hiring Contractors!**

When you need to hire a contractor for work on your home (roofing, home repairs, lawn maintenance, etc.), ask the contractor to provide copies of their business license and insurance. This protects you in the event that the contractor is injured on your property. Also ask the contractor to provide references. Get cost estimates and warranties in writing, and do not make final payment until the work is complete. There is a Resource Book in the back of the Clubhouse which contains listings for many different types of contractors. You may also check Angie's List, the Better Business Bureau and other online rating sources. A simple Google search on the business name may provide additional information. ease ask any outside contractor to stop by the office to register and provide copies of their license and insurance. Better safe than sorry! For more information on Florida consumer complaints, visit:

http://www.stateofflorida.com/Portal/DesktopDefault. aspx?tabid=57

#### RESOURCE BOOK

In the clubhouse there is a Resource Book which has been put together by members of Forest Park.

These are referrals or warning 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.

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

#### By: Bob Lang Secretary

#### **ELECTION 2016**

As many of you know the upcoming election will be to elect ALL Officers and some Directors. I do not plan to run for reelection for the Secretary position. However, I stand ready to support any and all candidates who would aspire to the position. There are many resources that are available to assist you, and I for one, am very willing to help. If you are so inclined, please stop by & see me and I will offer you whatever brain power that I can muster.

#### 2015-2016 BOD & GM DATES

Oct. 15,	, 2015	<b>Board Meeting</b>

Membership Meeting Oct. 22, 2015

Nov. 12, 2015 **Board Meeting** 

Membership Meeting Nov. 19, 2015

Board Meeting Dec. 10, 2015

Membership Meeting Dec. 17, 2015

Cut off date for candidates' names to Dec. 30, 2015 be printed on ballot

Jan. 14, 2016 General Election

Jan. 21, 2016 **Board Meeting** 

Membership Meeting
Board Meeting Jan. 28, 2016

Feb. 18, 2016

Feb. 25, 2016 Membership Meeting

Board Meeting Mar. 17, 2016

Membership Meeting Mar. 24, 2016

Apr. 21, 2016 Board Meeting

Apr. 28, 2016 Membership Meeting

#### TO FOREST PARK HOMEOWNERS

By Lou Smith President

When you hire an outside contractor for tree trimming and any other work, it is their responsibility to remove all trash materials. They are not allowed to take it to our dumpster; they are responsible to take it out of the park.

#### **TOOL TIME**

By Dick Gagner Director

The maintenance department recently received tool donations, a posthole digger from Dick Hettich and a pole saw trimmer from Dick Kearschner. We greatly appreciate their generosity that will help make Forest Park a more beautiful place to live. Donations such as this are always welcome.

In that same spirit of sharing and working together, you may sign out a wheelbarrow, post hole digger, etc. for that occasional use at home. Please use the clipboard sign out sheet and return the tool as soon as possible in clean working order. Power tools CAN NOT be lent out, sorry. If you need a little top soil, fill, or a stump pulled, please get a work order from the office and we'll get there as soon as we can.



#### TAKE PRIDE IN FOREST PARK

By: Betty Campbell 2nd Vice President

We need your help in making Forest Park an even better place to live. We want to continue to be known as a community of distinction with well maintained homes and



yards. Please ensure that lawns, trees and shrubs are trimmed regularly and ensure that your flower beds are weeded. Homes in Florida also need periodic pressure cleaning so that exteriors are clean and free of mildew. Please refrain from using carports and or driveways for storage. These provisions are contained in our Rules & Regulations which are available on our website at www. forestparkonline.com.

If you are out of town and need information on companies which can perform necessary maintenance, please contact the park office at 239-543-1155. Your investment in your home is an investment in our community and will help to foster pride in our park as well as increased property values. Thank you for your efforts and cooperation.

## FOREST PARK and LEE COUNTY LEASH LAW

By: Dick Gagner

In a recent incident, a resident was jumped on while riding his three wheeler by a dog who has pulled his way out of his collar and was running unrestrained.

We are very fortunate that the resident who was of course frightened and scratched was not knocked off the bike onto the road.

In the spirit of moving forward and learning from this experience, we must remind all dog owners that Forest Park rules and regulations require all dogs to be restrained when they leave your private property. Most residents realize that the FPPOA has limited resources to enforce compliance.

In this case, Lee County law applies and the law requiring that all dogs must be under direct control when they leave their owners property by a leash no longer than 6 feet.

Furthermore when on your private property they must be on a leash, chain, or fenced area that would prevent them from roaming at large.

Lee County will enforce compliance. Any questions or complaints can be addressed by calling Lee County Animal Control at 239-432-2083.

#### DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

By: Jonie Emery Nominating Committee

I'm so happy to see everyone returning from the north to our winter paradise here in Forest Park. I see many old faces and many new ones. WELCOME to all our new owners. We need the help of EVERYONE in the park.

Most of you know that in January we will be electing our new Board of Directors. I would like to give you all a brief description of the Officers and Directors and what the expectations are. All Officers and Directors must be members in good standing of the FPPOA.

**President:** A two year term. The executive officer and will preside at all meetings of the FPPOA and Board Meetings.

**1st Vice President**: A two year term. This Vice President assists the President. In the absence of the President the Vice President performs all the presidential duties and presides over all meetings. This VP assumes the office of the President upon the death or resignation of the President.

**2nd Vice President:** A two year term. This VP assumes all the duties of the president and the 1st Vice President in their absence and is the third in succession to assume the office of President.

**Secretary:** A two year term. The Secretary takes the official minutes. Recording the minutes of each meeting and keeping an accurate account of them. The Secretary makes a copy and posts the minutes for review by the members of the FPPOA. At general membership meetings the secretary reads the minutes of the last meeting.

**Treasurer:** A two year term. The Treasurer watches over all funds of the FPPOA, reviews financial reports from the accountant, and submits financial reports to the members. The Treasurer along with the budget committee and finance committee conduct an annual budget meeting for interested members.

**Directors**: A 3 year term. The Directors are in charge of various committees, ie, grounds, buildings, negotiations, RV area, etc.

Job descriptions vary depending on the needs of Forest Park and at the discretion of the President. Your various skills are taken under consideration along with you preferences,

#### **OUR PARK NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

ALL Officer positions and FOUR Director positions are OPEN. Nominations will be open and can be taken at the December meeting and will remain open until Dec. 31. Please consider yourself for one of the open positions and contact me at 239-731-0886 or 734-216-5130 Or just stop by my home at 568 Peace Lake Ct. If I haven't meet you I would love to do that.

Thank you for your consideration

#### OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please note that the park office will be closed on Friday, December 25th for Christmas Day and Friday, January 1st for New Year's Day & there will be no maintenance services available. Trash pick up normally scheduled for those days will be on Thursday, December 24th and Thursday, December 31st.

#### FOREST PARK VISITORS WRISTBANDS



Visitors unaccompanied by Forest Park residents must wear wristbands when using park recreational facilities

(pool, mini-golf, etc.). The wristbands are now available in the park office (2 per family and additional bands may be requested). The bands stretch but if they are not large enough you may pin them to clothing, attach them to a key chain or just bring them along.

Please remember that all owners are responsible for their visitors who must comply with all Forest Park Rules & Regulations. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation to assist in maintaining the security of our park.

## Reminder - Please Be Conscientious & Conserve Energy

Please remember to turn up the air conditioner thermostats to 78 when you leave the Clubhouse & Activities buildings (just like you would do at your home). The air conditioners have been left running overnight on several occasions. This places an undue strain on them especially during summer months, and increases our electrical bill. Please be considerate

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## Trash, Horticulture & Waste Disposal Reminder....

Just a refresher on our Rules & Regulations for trash, horticulture and waste disposal...

- Trash bags which weigh more than 30 lbs. will not be picked up.
- Trash bags must be tied or they will not be picked up.
- Horticulture bags must be tied or they will not be picked up.
- Loose horticulture clippings must be 4 feet or less, tied & bundled & not more than 30 lbs.
- Cardboard should go out on Wednesdays with recyclables.
- Any outside contractor doing work at your home tree trimming, lawn maintenance, home remodeling/ repairs MUST haul off their own trimming and refuse. It will not be picked up by our maintenance crew.

The full list of rules is available on our website at <u>www.forestparkonline.com</u>, or you may contact the office if you have any questions.

#### **US & Canadian Flag Protocol**

Flying our flags on separate poles at equal height is correct

The flag codes of both Canada and the U.S. are remarkably similar in nature with both talking a lot about occupying a "position of honour" and "prominence" when flown in one's own country.



Flying one flag above the other is incorrect



After slogging through both Flag Codes I came to the conclusion that it really amounts to the use of common sense and courtesy. These are often in short supply, unfortunately. What appears pretty clear to me, from the codes, is that if you are going to fly 2 flags (i.e. Canada and U.S.) they should be flown on separate poles and at equal size and height:

#### What the U.S. Flag Code says:

When flown with the national banner of other countries, each flag must be displayed from a separate pole of the same height. Each flag should be the same size. The flag of one nation may not be displayed above that of another nation in time of peace.

#### What the Canada Flag Code says:

When flown with the flags of other sovereign nations, all flags should be flown on separate flagpoles/masts and at the same height, all being of the same size.

#### SUMMERS at FOREST PARK are BUSY

Below are a list of items that Jan Orlando shared at out last meeting. If you are a summer resident, we could use your help!!

- 1. Repainted the pool deck
- 2. Men's urinal broke in the men's restroom, it didn't have a shut off
- 3. A pipe broke at the front entrance, it flooded
- 4. Bingo machine cleaned and tuned up
- 5. Unauthorized pool visitors for a whole week
- 6. Timer on back sprinklers broke
- 7. Clubhouse entrance and sidewalk painted
- 8. Clubhouse entrance cover leak repaired
- 9. Excess rain cause flooding in streets
- 10. Problems with lawn mowing
- 11. Problems with tree trimming
- 12. Lifting machine backed up knocking over pool light, had repaired
- 13. Large A/C unit broke, had to be replaced
- 14. Pool closed 1 week because of mold
- 15. Lawn mower broke beyond repair, new one needed
- 16. Clubhouse cleaned in 2 days
- 17. Illegal renters tried moving in, moved out
- 18. Weird little man visiting office, trying to make money
- 19. Critters, water moccasins, poison frog, alligator, coyotes
- 20. Break in 1 house, cut fence, police called
- 21. New house moved in- damaged to yard and mailboxes not repaired by Palm Harbor, deal not finished
- 22. Jim Schleter called many times to reboot wifi

Progress is man's ability to complicate simplicity.

#### **SECURITY**

By Lou Smith

The Neighborhood Watch meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 10 am in the activities building.

Bring your coffee cup for coffee and donuts.

#### **EXERCISE PROGRAM**

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

Please join us beginning in November on Tuesday &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 the 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. Classes run from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M..

Monday-Friday at the pool and start in the fall through spring. Exercises are also subject to weather cooperating

The trouble with having an open mind, of course, is that people will insist on coming along and trying to put things in it.

#### **GREEN TREE STICKER**

There is a little green tree sticker available in the office that goes on the LEFT SIDE OF YOUR 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 temporary resident and don't want any stickers on your window, them scotch tape it there while you are here.

#### **BLUE BARREL RECYCLE**

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.

#### ALUMINUM CAN RE-CYCLE

By: Social Club

Please remember to put your washed out, dry aluminum cans. In a bag and place <u>UNDER YOUR MAILBOX</u> early Tuesday morning for pick up. Please make sure your cans are rinsed clean and **DRY**. Please place away from trash bags. **DO NOT** place plastic, glass or metal cans in the bag. Those go in the blue recycle bins. Money collected for can recycle helps pay some of the costs of Social Club activities. It benefits all residents of Forest Park. Please place your aluminum cans out near your mailbox either Monday night, or very early on Tuesday morning. To make the job easier, we are asking that you take the tabs off your cans. It takes as long to take the tabs off the cans as it does to run the crushing machine. You take the tabs off and bag them, when you have a full bag, bring the tabs to the Clubhouse.

#### Please Save Your Aluminum Can Pull Tabs to Benefit the Ronald McDonald House

By: Betty Campbell

A big thank you to everyone who pulled off & saved their aluminum cab tabs! You can make an incredible impact by helping provide a home away from home for families during the medical treatment of their seriously ill child by contributing your pull tabs.

I volunteered this summer to crush cans and collect the pull tabs for our local Ronald McDonald House. We collected a large quantity and delivered them in March and 3 large boxes in November. Please save your tabs and you can deliver them to my home at 608 Pine Grove, the Clubhouse or you can give me a call and I will pick them up.

Remember to use flashing lights or flashlights when you are riding or walking at night.





#### ART CLASSES

My name is Betty Leis and I am a member of the Art League of Ft Myers and Pine Island Art Assoc. I have been painting for over 40 years and teaching for 35 of those years of which 30 have been in Forest Park. If you have never painted before and have no supplies, I will furnish everything you need to paint ONE painting to get you started. If you find you want to continue with the class you can then purchase your own supplies. I will furnish you a supply list to use and to help you. I will work with you one on one and also as a group by doing a paint along. THIS MEANS: I paint (demo), You watch, I help you and then I will demo again then your will paint again. We do this until the painting is finished. This will make it easier for you to get started. I will also give you a list with color mixtures for specific things, such as shades of green for grasses and trees, blues for skies, water and etc .If you are an accomplished artist you may paint whatever you want and I will be there for help if needed. Mediums I can help with are: Oils, Watercolor and Acrylics. My classes are held on Monday 9 to 12, starting Monday January 11, 2016. The fee is \$10.00per class for new or beginners the first year. After the first year ALL students pay in advance for the whole 3 month session which runs January through March. If you miss a class we make that up in the month of April. The class is limited to 15 students and I am taking names at this time getting ready for next seasons session. If you need further information or want to join the class please contact: BETTY LEIS at 239-997-1880 OR Boomlei531@gmail.com

Life is like a camera, Focus on what's important, Capture the good times, Develop from the negatives, and if things don't work out, Take another shot!

#### **BID EUCHRE**

By: Una Preston

#### **Needed More Players**

We play Bid Euchre every Saturday Night at 6:30 PM in the Activities Building. There is a Sign Up Sheet in the Activities Building on the cabinet near the Water Machine. Please sign up if you anticipate playing on Saturday Night. We would like to have more players join us.

#### **BINGO**

#### By: Anne Domingos

Please joins us on Tuesdays at 6:45 for 7:00 pm Bingo in the Clubhouse each week. Cards are \$.50with a minimum purchase of four cards. Night Owl cards are 25 cents. All three Bingo's go all year round. Check your calendar in the newsletter each month. There is a new addition 59 to our BINGO games. You put a quarter into a 0 63 "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. If the money ball pot was not won, the amount is saved from week to week until someone is the winner. Come and Enjoy Playing Bingo!

#### FRIDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

By: Trish Tegeler

We are playing bridge every Friday night in the Club House. If you are interested in playing there is a signup sheet in the club house. Please put your name and phone number on the sheet or call Trish Tegeler at 239-567-0148.





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#### BUNCO

By: Larry Tsicountouridis

Bunco will be December 5th the Clubhouse at 7:00 P.M. See you there!!

#### **COMPUTER CLUB**

By: Sherrill Wright

First meeting of 2015-2016 Season – November 12, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00pm.

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. If we have fulfilled our quota, they are donated to a local school for them to do the same.

The Computer Club is a group of friendly people who meet every Thursday, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. 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 please let us know in advance so we can schedule it for that week's meeting.

We need people who are familiar with Tablets and Cell Phones who would volunteer to do some instructing or help others during our sessions. We have cables for iPads that will allow them to be connected to our projector.

Contact Sherrill or John Wright @ 239.349.3827, email - fpcclub@yahoo.com

#### **CRAFT CLUB**

By: June Kearschner

The first meeting was November 9th 16 members attended. We discussed our activities for this season. Everyone was happy to see our friends returning for the winter.

The second meeting was November11th. Plans were made for the free Welcome Back Dessert on November 22nd. We hope to see you there.

The ladies are now making Christmas Sparkleballs for decorations.

We meet every Wednesday in the club house from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Come buy and see what we are making

#### **EUCHRE**

By: Betty Hult

Euchre is played in the Activities Building at 6:30 PM every Wednesday Night. The Cost is just 50 cents for a night of activity. Please come and join us.

#### FOREST PARK BOOK CLUB

By: Joan King

The December meeting of the group will be held on December 18th at 1:00 in the Activities Building, again a week early because of the holiday. Our December read will be "The Aviator's Wife" by Melanie Benjamin. If you were around in the 30s, 40s or 50s, you know who "The Aviator" is. Yes, it's Charles Lindbergh. This is a fictional

paints a surprising picture of that famous marriage. The book is available through N. Ft. Myers Library or call Joan if you need a copy.

#### FOREST PARK CHORALEERS

By: Joyce Hines

#### **CHORALEERS REMINDER**

Our Forest Park Choraleers will have their first practice on Tuesday, January 5th at 1:00 p.m. in our clubhouse. Our director, Marilynn Parkinson, has a great season planned. We are always looking for new members. If you enjoy singing, please consider becoming a member of The Choraleers! If you have any questions, please call or email: gailford39@gmail.com or 239-731-2028.

Book

#### HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME

By Carol Lahman

Join us on Sunday nights at 6:00 pm in the Clubhouse for the "Hand and Foot" card game. It can be played at a table of 6, 4, or 3. All are welcomed! This card Game goes all through the summer months.

Sometimes it's not the people who change, it's the mask that falls off

#### **KARAOKE**

By: Gary Cochran

Karaoke will be held on the third Monday of each month beginning on November 16th.

Hot dog supper at 5:30 PM for \$3.00 and the begins at 6:00 PM. Come on out if you are a star

music begins at 6:00 PM. Come on out if you are a star (or just think you are)!

#### KNIT AND CROCHET CLUB

By: Nancy Lawrence

The knitting and crocheting club started meeting on Wednesday November 4th. We will continue to meet on Wednesdays 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. till May. Then we will be done for the summer. Everyone is welcome to come and join us. Bring any project you want, maybe something you're working on, or something you like and need help with it. You can bring a project that you have already done and show us. Maybe we would like to learn how to make it. Maybe we are doing something you would like to do or learn to do. Even if you do not crochet or knit. We have ladies that can teach you to knit or crochet. So come join our happy little group and have fun with us. Any questions call Nancy Lawrence at 543-7629.

## FOREST PARK SHUFFLEBOARD

By: Bill Madill, Captain

We had our first meeting and the only change in the playing dates were changing from Wednesday to Thursday at 10:00 A.M. Arrive at 9:45 for draws, please be on time and don't wander in at 10:01 and upset the draws. Not much news yet but I will try to keep you posted, remember everyone in the park is invited to play, on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays. Instructions will be available for new players. Only registered players from the park will play on Thursdays. Good Shuffling!

#### FOREST PARK HAS A GREAT LIBRARY

By: Patty McCoy FP Librarian

There's a little oasis of knowledge and information right here in the Forest Park activities building. No need to hop into your car and drive. We have current hardcover and paperback books, reference materials, videos, talking books large print, magazines and even puzzles. You can look up health related issues, financial questions, recipes and advice on retirement. Your favorite authors are in abundance- James Patterson, Clive Cussler, Janet Evanovich, Danielle Steele, John Grisham, Nora Roberts and a juicy collection of romances. At the FP Library, you don't need a library card- just step inside, choose your media and take it home- for as long as you like, return it when you're done. Your library runs on donations. We always need CURRENT popular books, magazines and videos. Consider donating books published in 2010 or newer to our library. We do not accept older books due to space limitations and because we wish to be current and fresh in our offerings so please, take older books to the North Fort Myers Friends of the Library. We also need library style metal bookends and book display easels. Why read? "The benefits of all this mental activity include keeping your memory sharp, your learning capacity nimble, and your mind basically hardier as you age... just processing the words boosts the brain"

#### LINE DANCING

By Connie St. Jean

Beginning on Friday January 8, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse. Instructors
Tom & Leslie Howe from Old Bridge ask \$2.00 per person per session. Have a great Holiday and I hope to see many of you there on January 8th.

#### RED HAT LADIES

By: Marilyn Nufryk

On December 10th the Red Hat Ladies are going to the Lake Trafford for an airboat ride. We will see gators and more! Bring a brown bag lunch and \$35.00. We will meet at the Clubhouse at 9:45 A.M. If you have questions please call Suzann at 239-567-1211. If you would like to see what Lake Trafford offers go to <a href="https://www.laketrafford.com">www.laketrafford.com</a>

#### NORTHEAST CLUB

By: Richard Gagner

The December 7th meeting will kick off the season at 7:00 PM with a re-gift party and cookies and ice cream. There will be a cookie bake off with \$30.00 gift card prizes for each of three categories. Your entry should be dropped off at the Clubhouse between 10:00 and 11:00 A.M. to be judged for the best drop, best bar or rolled, and best decorated. Please bring a dozen of your best cookies with a copy of the recipe and go for the gold!

Look through your closets to find that gift you've been saving to re-gift, who knows you may actually go home with something you can really use. Wrap it up and take your chances. It will be a lot of fun.

Of course there will a 50-50, and a gift basket raffle. So come on out and join us for a good time.

Membership is open to all Forest Park residents and dues are only \$5.00 for the year. See you there.

#### **PINOCHLE**

By: Betty Hault

Pinochle is played every Sunday Night at 6:30 PM in the Activities Building .Please come and join us in on the fun.

#### PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB

By: Gail Ford

Welcome back members and all who might like to become a member. We meet every Thursday morning from 9:00 to 11:00. The Leftovers took a break from meeting this summer. We have been working on the Christmas favors for Meals on Wheels and our own Forest Park shut ins. Sixty Bereavement bags were donated to Healthpark Children's Hospital. These are given to parents who have lost a child. They hold the documents. Two lap quilts were given to park members who were very ill. Our Pine Tree Knots Quilt show will be held on March 20th. FYI the Southwest Florida Quilters Guild will hold their show on Jan 8 & 9 at Lee County Civic Center.

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#### **Ingredients:**

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- 4 tsps pumpkin pie spice
- 1(12 fl oz) can evaporated milk
- 1(18.25 oz) yellow cake mix
- 3 eggs
- <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup butter
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 ½ cups chopped walnuts

#### **Directions:**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) Grease a 9x13 baking pan.

In a large bowl, combine pumpkin, milk, eggs, sugar and spice. Mix well, and pour into baking pan.

Sprinkle dry cake mix over the top, then drizzle with melted butter. Top with Walnuts.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean.

#### **JOKES and QUOTES...**

#### WATCHING...

Late one night a burglar broke into a house and while he was sneaking around he heard a voice say "Jesus is watching you." He looked around and saw nothing. He kept on creeping and again heard "Jesus is watching you" In a dark corner he saw a cage with a parrot inside. The burglar asked, "Was that you who said Jesus is watching me? The parrot replied "Yes" Relieved the burglar asked, "What's your name? The parrot relied, "Clarence" The burglar said, "That's a stupid name for a parrot, what idiot named you Clarence? The parrot replied, "The same idiot that named the Rottweiler Jesus"

#### IN A BAR...

I was in a bar the other night and overheard three very hefty woman talking. Their accent appeared to be Scottish, so I approached and asked, "Are you three lassies from Scotland? One of them screeched "It's Wales you bloody idiot, Wales! So I apologized and replied "I am so sorry, are you three whales from Scotland......that's the last thing I remembered....

#### **HUSBAND AND WIFE...**

Husband takes the wife to a club and there's a guy on the dance floor giving it large, break dancing, moon walking, back flip, the works!

The wife turns to the husband and says with a smile, "See that guy, 25 years ago he proposed to me and I turned him down". Husband says, "Looks like he is still celebrating!

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#### THE WHOLE NINE YARDS

American fighter planes in WW2 had machine guns that were Fed by a belt of cartridges. The average plane

held belts that were 27 feet (9 yards) long. If the pilot used up all his ammo he was said to have given it the whole nine yards.

#### BUYING THE FARM

This is synonymous with dying. During WW1 soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000. This was about the price of an average farm so if You died you "bought the farm" for your survivors.

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