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HAPPY EASTER AND SPRING



Sprucing up Forest Park for Spring by painting, powerwashing, rebuilding and planting.

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HAPPY EASTER & SPRING

By: Delores Holmes

Spring is a time of rebirth and a reawakening of nature. Everything is coming back to life! This is symbolic for us in many ways: Christians celebrate Easter, the most significant Holiday of the Christian faith and the single event which is the foundation of our faith: the resurrection of Christ. Christians celebrate the resurrected Spirit represented by He who was once asleep in death, now being once again living among us.

It is no accident that we have Easter eggs. Christians believe the egg represents Jesus emerging from the tomb and resurrection. Eggs are also an ancient pagan symbol associated with new life and were popular in pagan festivals celebrating the arrival of spring. The word "Easter" comes from an Anglo-Saxon goddess named Eastre. She was believed to be the Goddess of the Dawn and was worshiped by pagans in the spring in Northern Europe and the British Isles.

Some research about the origins of our Easter traditions and I find it interesting that it was German immigrants who first introduced us to the Easter bunny. In the 1700's the German people transported their tradition of an egg laying rabbit with them when they settled in Pennsylvania. The "Osterhase" was believed to need a nest in which to lay her colored eggs. It is logical that it would be a rabbit to leave the numerous eggs as rabbits have always been known to be prolific pro creators! Eventually, this nest for the bunnies eggs became an Easter Basket and the Osterhase began to not only leave colored eggs but candy and other small gifts as well. It is logical then that jelly beans, a popular Easter candy, are egg shaped. Jelly beans didn't become popular in the U.S. until the 1930's; but there are still over 16 billion jelly beans made in the U.S. each year.

Happy Spring to all. May the warmer temperatures and sunshine bring you a renewed spirit and an Easter filled with much hope and renewal.

Once again it's that time of the year
to turn your clocks ahead one hour
on Sunday, March 13th.



LEE COUNTY FAIR

By: Delores Holmes

February 25th - March 6th 2016

Last call to volunteer at the Lee County Fair which is being held from February 26 through March 8th. Lee County Fair is looking for some Forest Park Residents to greet people who arrive at the fair. The fair is held at the Civic Center which is East on Bayshore Road just down the road from Forest Park.

You pick your own 3 hours to work. To volunteer, the fair starts Monday - Friday 4:30 PM to 10:00 PM or on Weekends from 11:30 AM 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.

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VEGETABLES FOR SALE

By: Delores Holmes

At the pavilion Every Friday Morning 8 : 0 0 AM 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



KOFFEE KLATSCH

By: Social Club

Ellsworth Heating and Cooling will be our speaker on Friday, March 4 at 9 AM in the clubhouse. Please bring your own coffee cup for a free coffee and a donut. Ellsworth gives out door prizes that are useful for your air conditioner. They also sponsor our Shuffleboard Activity. There will be a 50/50 raffle.

MEN'S COFFEE KLATSCH

8 AM Friday- March 11

Join the men for conversation and a free coffee & donut Please bring your own coffee cup

**HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S DAY!**



**FROM:
COMMUNITY MEDIA**

IT'S SHOWTIME

By: Joyce Hines

The Social Club's second show of the winter season features Crystal Gage, whose country western show has been performed all over North America. Crystal, accompanied by Ryan St. Denis, performs over 150 shows a year. She has opened for such famous acts such as Big & Rich, Emerson Drive, and Gretchen Wilson. She recently won a singing contest hosted by Reba...and had a chance to meet her idol!

Crystal has graced stages such as The Budweiser Downtown Hoedown, the Country Music Hall of Fame, The Boardwalk in Disneyworld, FL, and Roger Bayfest to 20,000 people! And now she is going to grace our stage!

Please plan to join us at our clubhouse on

Friday, March 18th

7:00 p.m.

\$10.00/person

Tickets on sale on Sunday, March 6th and Sunday, March 13th between 1:00 and 3:00pm at the clubhouse. Light refreshments served after the show. Support your Social Club and treat yourself to an evening of music and fun!



ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

By: Betty Campbell

The annual St. Paddy's parade will be Thursday, March 17 at 10 AM .Meet in the clubhouse at 9 AM for coffee and donuts and Irish music. Please bring your own coffee cup and wear plenty of green. Decorate your carts and bikes with lots of greens. We plan to go the entire park so all can see and enjoy. Don't forget wrapped candy to throw to our onlookers. Let's all come out and make this a real big **St Patrick's Day Parade!**



FOREST PARK CHORALEERS

By: Joyce Hines

If you haven't already marked the following date, the annual "Spring Fling" is on Thursday, March 31st at our clubhouse. Our program, "**SING AND CELEBRATE THE 20th CENTURY**" is filled with songs that you will immediately recognize.

Joining our chorus are several members of the Old Bridge Chorus. Marilyn Parkinson, our director, also an Old Bridge resident, does a fantastic job of helping us to "blend our voices" in a tribute to the music of the past century. This upbeat program will send you home humming one of your favorite

The date: Thursday, March 31, 2016

The time: 7:00 p.m.

The place: Forest Park Clubhouse

Donations Appreciated

2017 CHORUS DIRECTOR NEEDED!

By: Joyce Hines

Sadly, our Choraleers' director, Marilyn Parkinson, will be retiring after our 2016 season. Marilyn not only directs our Choraleers, but she also directs the Old Bridge Choir and Sounds of Florida. In addition, she plays the piano at Tarpon Lodge on Pine Island a couple of times a month. We have been fortunate to have had her as our Director/ Accompanist for our past few seasons. Marilyn's talent, patience, teaching ability, and enthusiasm will be missed by our chorus members and by Forest Park.

Without a director, our Choraleers will have to disband. Thus we are hoping that someone will "step up to the podium" and volunteer to direct our group! If you are interested in this position, or if you know of someone who might be interested in directing The Forest Park Choraleers, please call or Joyce Hines: 239-731-3274; 724-689-5175; hines.joyce@gmail.com





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

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

By: Pam Maynard

All articles should be sent to Pam Maynard at: fpsocialnews@gmail.com by the 12th 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.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 239-731-2028.

FAREWELL DEAR FRIENDS

Virgil Allensworth



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Liz Cline 7
George Hasten 7
Doug Ford 11
Kay Westall 14
Lora Mae Voreh 15
Jack Malone 16
Shirley Mundle 19
Dena Samm 20
Jean Keech 25
Wendell Cox 26



MARCH ANNIVERSERIES

Doug & Gail Ford March 25, 1961

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 TO YOUR NEW HOME

New residents

Karen S. Caudill, 237 Shrub Ln. N. - OH
Brandon J. Christle 403 Twig Ct. S. - MN
William & JoAnne DeVerna, 5011 Forest Park Drive
- OH
Carl Kerstann, 741 Knotty Pine Circle - FL
Carol Lockman-Gelston 410 Twig Ct. S. - IN
Jo Anne M. Monti, 557 Peace Lake Ct. - FL

Telephone Directory Updates

Georgette Bergman, 321 Shrub Ln. S. - 239-464-7572 PA
Bob & Wanda Dickerson, 708 Palm Frond Ct. - 586-468-6386/586-337-5780 MI
Mike & Gloria Hartz, 525 Pine Tree Ct. - 219-707-9174 IN

(If you would like your updated information published, please email or call the office.)



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Pam & Bob Maynard on the birth of their first Great Granddaughter.

Hadley Rae Schlairet was born February 5, 2016 approximately 6 weeks early in Ohio. Hadley weighed 5 pounds at birth. Pam and her Granddaughter are staying at the Ronald McDonald house nights and spending days at the hospital with Hadley until she learns how to take more nourishment. Best Wishes to all!



HEALTH & WELFARE NEWS

By: Mary Gibson



All you runners, walkers, cyclists, swimmers...don't forget the Million Mile Movement is here in Forest Park. There is a signup sheet in the Clubhouse, all you do is Choose, Commit and Change! The goal is 1,000,000 miles in 90 days, one step at a time. We started on January 1, 2015, and end on 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 Forest Park Team!!!**



Cruise to the Western Caribbean in 2017?

By Delores Holmes



Melamar Travel will be coming to the clubhouse March 2 at 1 o'clock in the clubhouse.

She will be presenting her cruises for February and March of 2017. This is your opportunity to go on a cruise without the worry of driving anywhere.

The bus picks us up at our clubhouse and takes us to the ship. After a fun time on the cruise, the bus returns us back here. One cruise has been scheduled for 2017. Look on the clubhouse board for the information.

The second cruise is being scheduled.

CRUISE INFORMATION for 2017 CRUISES WILL BE HELD March 2nd @ 1 o'clock in the clubhouse.

For the information of those residents who are cruising to the Panama Canal - March 14th, pickup will be 8:15-8:30 AM at the corner of the clubhouse and Forest Park Drive.

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. Please 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>

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WI FI UPDATE

By: Doug Ford

We presently have over 260 users signed on to our WI-FI system. The actual number of users is much higher as many homes have two people connected, plus their smart phones. We are testing an additional system, operating at 5 GHz, to see if it would provide better performance for those who are having problems with our 2.4GHz system. An initial signal survey has given positive results. The major advantage of the additional system is that it has less interference from noise. We have tested several users that had serious interference with the 2.4GHz system, and they are running much better on the 5GHz. Another advantage with the 5GHz system is that phones and laptops, tablets and I-pads cannot connect to the central tower. (When phones and tablets operating at 2.4 GHz struggle to connect to our current tower they impair the system performance).

We intend to continue to maintain and run the present 2.4GHz system, but have available the 5GHz system for those that have problems with electrical noise. The 5GHz system requires a new outside antenna. Unfortunately, those having problems due to trees may not benefit from the 5GHz system as it does not go through trees any better than the present system. Next fall or early next year, if results are positive, we plan to increase the capability of the 5 GHz system with additional antennas.

My photographs don't do me justice – they just look like me. (Phyllis Diller)

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: Sheila Fitzgerald

2016 BOD & GM DATES

Feb. 18, 2016	Board Meeting
Feb. 25, 2016	Membership Meeting
Mar. 17, 2016	Board Meeting
Mar. 24, 2016	Membership Meeting
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.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

By: Lou Smith

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 9 at 10 am.

Golf cart and bike etchings will take place on Thursday, March 11@ 10am in the pavilion.



NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL

By: Lou Smith

All seasonal residents who go out on patrol, please contact Kathy Fanning to give her your departure date for the north so she can make out the April schedule.

Kathy Fanning would like to thank all those that went out on security during the season. Also, if there are any that stay thru the summer that would like to go out on security, please let her know. Her phone # is 239-565-0431.

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.

BY-LAW RE-WRITING

By: Bob Fountaine

At the December community meeting I asked to form a committee to visit our existing by-laws. My purpose is clarify some and reduce the redundancy. I would like to write the new by-laws in plain English so there is nothing left to interpretation other than its meaning and purpose. I would like to form a committee that will keep the integrity of the past and offer new ideas. I would like to have this completed for reading at the Feb. meeting and voted on in March or April. Please call me at 239-543-09238.

GUN SAFETY

By: Bob Fountaine

March 16, at 7PM in the club house.

I was a certified gun and hunting instructor in NY. I have been handling guns from the age of 12.

The main idea of this class is the safe handling and proper storage of a firearm.

The purpose of the class is to:

1. Talk to people considering the purchase of a weapon. Some might not be sure if this is right for them and some not sur if they can handle a gun.
2. Some have owned a gun for years and should be familiarized with the operation and handling of their gun.

I am also going to see if a Sheriff Officer can attend, to explain FL laws on carrying and use of a firearm.

ABSOLUTELY NO LIVE AMMUNITION WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING.

A signup sheet will be in the club house.

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.***

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 www.forestparkonline.com, or you may contact the office if you have any questions.

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them. (Phyllis Diller)

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

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The reason the golf pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing. (Phyllis Diller)

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, then 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.

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 can pull 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.

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ALUMINUM CAN RE-CYCLE

By: Social Club

REMINDER Aluminum Cans being collected

Please do Not Use the can as an ashtray. Beer Drinkers, Please rinse out the can and turn it over to dry out. **Everyone** Please take the tab off, collect them and take your full container to the clubhouse. On kitchen counter, there is a Ronald McDonald box that you put the tabs into. Betty Campbell takes them to the Ronald McDonald where they sell the aluminum. You are helping both Social Club and Ronald McDonald House. Our aluminum crusher people appreciate your Help.

Please remember to put your washed out, dry aluminum cans. In a bag and place **UNDER YOUR MAILBOX** 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.

*Best way to get rid of kitchen odours: Eat Out
(Phyllis Diller)*

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 Signup 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.

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 you 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 \$10.00 per 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 @ 239-997-1880 OR Boomlei531@gmail.com



BINGO

By: Anne Domingos



Please joins us on Tuesdays at 6:45 for 7:00 pm Bingo in the Clubhouse each week. Cards are \$.50 with 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 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. 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.

BUNCO

By: Larry Tsicountouridis

Bunco will be held on March 5th at 7 pm. in the clubhouse.

Come play a game of dice and then watch horse racing.

CANADIAN MICHIGAN LUNCHEON

By: Lou Smith

We plan to go to Pinchers Restaurant on Thursday, March 3rd. Sign-up sheet in Clubhouse. We'll make reservations for 1 pm. We will meet at the Clubhouse at noon. All residents and their guests are welcome.

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

2003

The Computer Club was started to fill a need in our community. We put on three fund raising dinners to purchase our equipment i.e. computers, projector, screen etc. Our fees were \$10/Winter Season/family and remain the same today. We started out with 68 members and now we usually have around 15 – 20 at each session. With more supporting us as members, but not always attending our meetings.

2009

We helped establish the Park's WiFi system, for which FPPOA provides the funds to maintain and is "FREE" to all residents. Originally, designed and constructed by a commercial firm, the system is now technically and physically maintained by a volunteer group led by Doug Ford, supported by Jim Schleter, Ed Flynn, other volunteers from the Computer Club and supported by

BOD committee member and treasurer John Wright.

2011

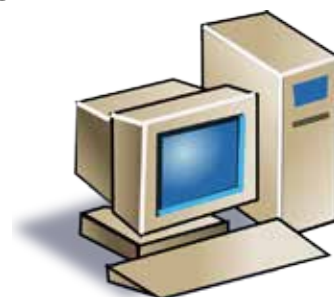
A former member of the club, helped start our web site and acted as Webmaster until he had to leave the park for family care giving. Our present Webmaster is Jan Harmon. .

2012 the Present

We continue to help one another with changes in the computer world as best we can. We also collect empty ink cartridges for recycle as our effort to help keep them out of the landfill. Below is a description of what we are all about and is in our monthly Newsletter. The Computer Club is a group of friendly people who meet every Thursday, 2:00 – 4:00 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!** If you do need help, please, contact a computer club member rather than phoning the FPPOA office. So, please come and join the group. Membership costs \$10/household per winter season. We take a break and have coffee and cookies around 3:00 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 iPhone 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 for that week's meeting. We now 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.

Thanks to everyone who have given a donation for help or membership. It is greatly appreciated.

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



CRAFT CLUB

By: Nancy Lawrence

Well another month has passed. Hope this finds you all doing good and staying well and happy. We are staying busy with making bears for Hope Hospice. Hospice gives the bears to Veteran's family when they pass. They put a set of dog tags on the bears. The family gets the bear plus a blanket. Plus we have made blankets and bibs for Hope Hospice to give to nursing homes. We are still making the sparkle ball. I think you have seen many of them hanging around the park this Christmas. They were a lot of fun to make. Una Preston taught the class.

The next HOT Dog dinner will be on March 15 2016. Time is 4pm. to 5:30 pm. We will have homemade lasagna, salad, roll, drink and desert for a \$7.00 donation. Plus we will have hot dogs, baked beans and potato salad. Our Flea Market will be March 5, 2016 from 8 am to 1pm. If anyone has anything left over from the carport sales you can donate it to us for the flea market. Just call me and someone will come and pick it or bring it to the club and put in front of stage and we will take care of it. So come on down and see what we got this year. If you want a table, call me and I will see what I can do for you. Thank you all for your support this year. It has been a good time had by all.

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

Our last meeting for the season will be held Friday, March 25th at 1:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. We'll be discussing former New York Times bestseller "Defending Jacob" by William Landay. It's a legal thriller and family-issues story; a real page-turner. Books are readily available at the NFM Library and downloadable on-line.

On March 4th, the Book Group will be traveling to Ft. Myers for a True Tour of the historic downtown area and lunch afterward.





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HAND & FOOT CARD GAME

By: Carol Lahman

Join us on Sunday nights @ 6:00 pm in the Clubhouse for the "Hand & 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.

How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.

KARAOKE

By: Gary Cochran

Karaoke will be held on the third Monday of each month, Music starts at 6:00 p.m. 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 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 harder as you age... just processing the words boosts the brain."

LINE DANCING

By: Connie St. Jean



Due to poor attendance, Line dancing was cancelled at the end of January.

A flash announcement was sent out on email by the office. I hope this does not inconvenience anyone.

Have a great rest of the season.

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Mexican Train Dominoes

By: Sheila Fitzgerald

We play Mexican train dominoes on Monday morning at 9:00 at the club house. Everyone is welcome to join in. It's an easy game to learn if you have never played and we have a lot of laughs as we play. We would love to have some new members join us.

Also, I have had a request from two people recently to look into starting a second group that would play at 10:00 rather than 9:00, so they can get their morning exercise or swim in before the game. We would certainly consider this if there is enough interest.

We're a very informal group, with no permanent commitment required. Just come by on any Monday morning and give it a try.

PINOCHLE

By: Doris Pacos

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



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NORTHEAST CLUB LUAU

The March meeting of the Northeast club will be on the 28th at 5:30 P.M. Please remember to bring your table settings.

We will bring a taste of the Hawaiian Islands to our little paradise. Dress the part and bring your appetite. If you aren't a member, buy a ticket and join when you get there. A mere \$5.00 for a season of great fun and a lot of laughs. Aloha!

PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB

By: Gail Ford

Our quilt show and Chinese raffle will be combined with the Art Club show.

Date: Sunday, March 20th

Time: 1:00 PM

Light refreshments will be served.

We will have many beautiful handmade items to be raffled off. The tickets will be .50 cents each for each item you wish to win.

Our Quilt luncheon will be held on March 24th at Perkins Restaurant.

We continue to make lap quilts for the residents of our park who are undergoing serious health issues.

FOREST PARK SHUFFLEBOARD

By: Bill Madill, Captain

Well our second meeting is over and we still are suffering from lack of participation from the park. Hopefully it will get better as the season progresses. We are going to start giving cash out for winners on the Thursdays, which will be for the players registered for house league. Monday and Friday are still open days for anyone who wants to play, the time is still 10:00 a.m. but show up 15 minutes early for the draw. If we have enough players we will have teams on Thursdays.

Our next meeting is on Monday January 4 at 9:00 a.m., it only costs \$10.00 to register for the Thursday league and that includes the dinner at the end of the season, and the cash prizes, hopefully weekly. Because of lack of participation and conflicting venues on Monday, we have changed Fun night from Mondays to Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M. Hopefully, this help the people from the NE club and Karaoke to be able to participate.

Come on out and participate, we are all old enough to shuffle, meet new people and have fun. Good shuffling.

RED HAT LADIES

By: Marilyn Nufryk



On March 9th, the Red Hatters will be making their annual visit to the Broadway Palm Theater to enjoy a delicious lunch and see "Sister Act".

Please meet in the Pavilion at 10:30am to car pool. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Geppert on 731-3132 or Marilyn Nufryk on 543-5073.

Ladies - Would you like to join Forest Park's Red Hat Ladies? Just pay \$2.00 dues per year to our Queen, Marilyn Nufryk, at 543-5073. Wear a Red Hat and purple outfit to our events. Red hat Ladies Meet once per month to do a variety of things.

"From your friends in Forest Park"

By: Nancy Cooper

After 10 years and over 600 cards, I have decided it is time to hand over the gavel or in this case, the pen. April 30th will be the last day I will be sending cards and notes. It has been my pleasure to represent your Forest Park friends and neighbors. I sincerely thank Mary Diaz and Becky Conrad for keeping me informed as to who needed a bit of cheer. Thank you, too, to Chris Major who often bought cards for me to send and the Social Club which provided the stamps. If you are interested in continuing this tradition, please contact Delores Holmes.

What to take to bed with you - not a joke!

By: Joyce Hines

Pretty neat idea. Never thought of it before.

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. Tell your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your parents, your Doctor's office, and the clerk at the market, everyone you run across. Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation.

Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down

or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

P.S. I am sending this to everyone I know because I think it is fantastic. Would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. My Mom has suggested to my Dad that he carry his car keys with him in case he falls outside and she doesn't hear him. He can activate the car alarm and then she'll know there's a problem. Please pass this on even IF you've read it before. It's a reminder.

JOKES and QUOTES

When chemists die, they barium.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

Velcro – what a rip off!



Seenager sending a good wish

By: Delores Holmes

Ain't it the truth

I am a Seenager. (Senior teenager)

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later.

I don't have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car.

I have ID that gets me into bars and the wine store. I like the wine store best.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared.

And I don't have acne.

Life is Good! Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a Seenager.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains, scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your

inner ear.

Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem, it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

SO THERE!!

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names. So, please forward this to your friends, they may be my friends, too.

And finally, **Happy 2016!**

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A SIGN AT AN OPTOMETRIST'S OFFICE READ:

"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

A SIGN ON A PLUMBER'S TRUCK READ:

"We repair what your husband fixed"

A SIGN ON ANOTHER PLUMBER'S TRUCK READ:

"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."

A SIGN ON A TIRE SHOP IN MILWAUKEE READ:

"Invite us to your next blowout."

A SIGN ON AN ELECTRICIAN'S TRUCK READ:

"Let us remove your shorts."

A SIGN IN A VETERINARIAN'S WAITING ROOM READ:

"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

A SIGN IN A RESTAURANT WINDOW READ:

"Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up."

AND DEFINITELY THE BEST ONE FOR LAST

A SIGN ON THE BACK OF ANOTHER SEPTIC TANK TRUCK READ:

"Caution – This Truck is full of Political Promises".



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March Sudoku

9			3	5		4		
7			4					
					6			
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			9		5		3	4
	1							
	6					5	9	7



3	6	4	8	1	2	5	9	7
5	1	9	7	4	3	2	6	8
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6	3	1	5	2	8	7	4	9
4	9	5	1	3	7	8	2	6
8	2	7	6	9	4	3	5	1
1	4	3	2	7	6	9	8	5
7	5	2	4	8	9	6	1	3
9	8	6	3	5	1	4	7	2



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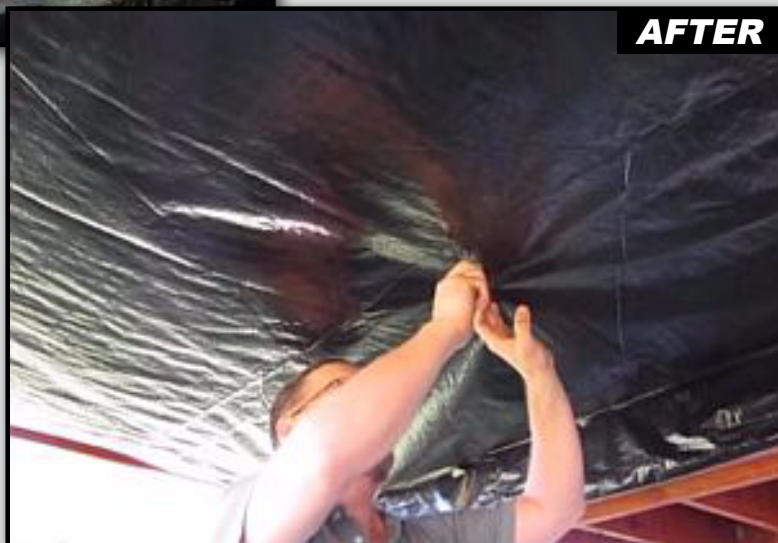
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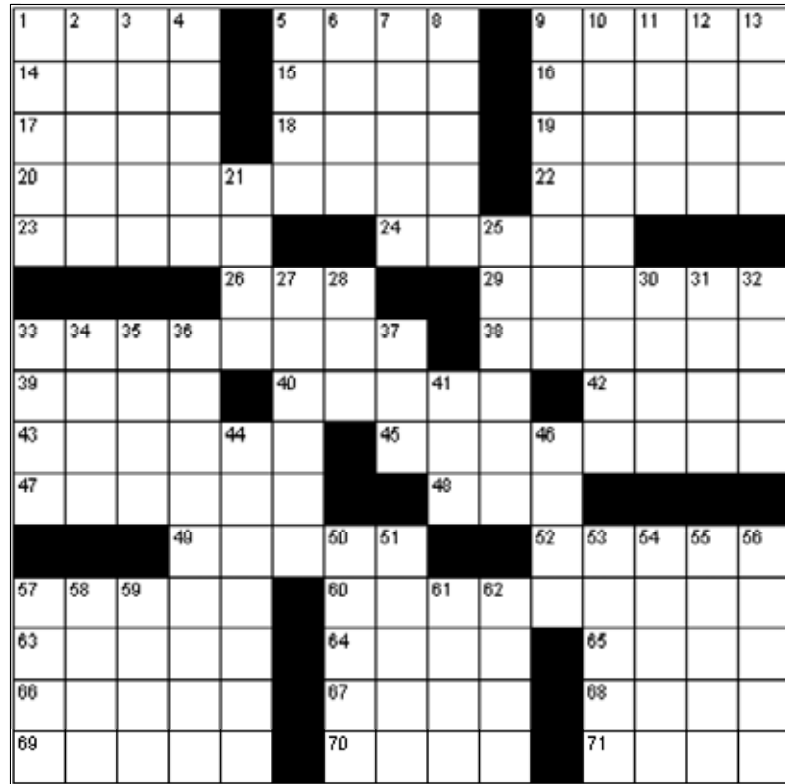


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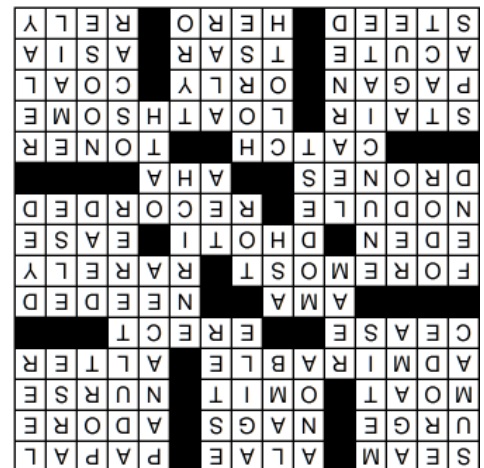
ACROSS

1. A-line line
5. Wings
9. Ordered by the pope
14. Encourage
15. Pestors
16. Really love
17. Protective ditch
18. Bypass
19. Care giver
20. Deserving of the highest esteem
22. Adjust
23. Stop
24. Construct
26. American Medical Association
29. Required
33. Ranking above all others
38. Seldom
39. Biblical garden
40. Hindu loincloth
42. Lack of difficulty
43. A small node
45. Registered in a permanent form
47. An unchanging intonation
48. "I knew it!"
49. Nab
52. Laser printers need this
57. Step
60. Offensive
63. Heathen
64. Parisian airport
65. Bituminous fuel
66. Critical
67. Russian emperor
68. Largest continent
69. Horse
70. Protagonist
71. Count upon



DOWN

1. Poison plant
2. Chip away at
3. A type of small lizard
4. Mixed-blood
5. Dwarf buffalo
6. Young sheep
7. Nimble
8. Aromatic compound
9. Cure-all
10. A husband who cheats
11. Harbor
12. Backside
13. Lascivious look
21. 500 sheets of paper
25. Make wealthy
27. Humble
28. Residue from a fire
30. Not alive
31. Alternatively
32. Not the original color
33. Manage
34. Smell
35. Start over
36. Express or state clearly
37. Crag
41. Orange pekoe or Earl Grey
44. Found out
46. Pledge
50. Fabric
51. Steed
53. Movie prize
54. Hangman's knot
55. Electronic messages
56. Pass-the-baton race
57. Resorts
58. Diplomacy
59. Chills and fever
61. Winged
62. Apprentice



March 2016 - FOREST PARK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 6:00pm Hand and Foot-card game 6:30pm Pinochle	29 9:00am Dominoes 9:00am Art Class 9:00am Pickle Ball 10:00am Shuffleboard 10:30am pool exercise 12:30pm Duplicate Bridge 2:30pm Bocce 6:30pm Skip-Bo	1 9:00am Pickle Ball 9:00am aerobic exercise 10:00am Women's shuffle 10:30am Pool exercises 1:00pm Choraleers rehearsal 1:00pm Golf Card game 6:45pm Bingo	2 9:00am Pickle Ball 9:00am craft club 10:30am Pool exercises 1:00pm Melamar Travel cruise talk 2:00pm Knit and crochet 6:30pm Canadian Euchre 7:00pm Shuffle fun night	3 9:00am Quilt Club 10:00am League Shuffle 10:30am pool exercises 12:00pm Canadian/Michigan Luncheon 1:00pm Change Bingo 1:00pm Hand and Food Cards 2:00pm Computer Club 2:30pm Bocce	4 8:00am Veggie Man 9:00am Koffee Klatch-Ellsworth 10:00am Shuffleboard 10:00am Book Club Ft Myers Tour 10:30am pool exercises 6:30pm Friday Bridge 7:00pm Poker	5 8:00am Craft Club Flea Market 9:00am Aerobic exercises 10:00am Shuffle 1:00pm Bingo 6:30pm Bid Euchre 7:00pm Bunco
6 1:00pm Tks sale for Country Music Show 6:00pm Hand and Foot-card game 6:30pm Pinochle	7 9:00am Dominoes 9:00am Art Class 9:00am Pickle Ball 9:00am Shuffle Meeting 10:00am Shuffleboard 10:30am pool exercise 12:30pm Duplicate Bridge 2:30pm Bocce 6:30pm Skip-Bo	8 9:00am Pickle Ball 9:00am aerobic exercise 10:00am Women's shuffle 10:30am Pool exercises 1:00pm Choraleers rehearsal 1:00pm Golf Card game 6:45pm Bingo	9 9:00am Pickle Ball 9:00am craft club 10:00am Neighborhood Watch 10:30am Pool exercises 10:30am Red Hat-Broadway Palms 2:00pm Knit and crochet 6:30pm Canadian Euchre 7:00pm Shuffle fun night	10 9:00am Quilt Club 10:00am League Shuffle 10:30am pool exercises 1:00pm Change Bingo 1:00pm Hand and Food Cards 2:00pm Computer Club 2:30pm Bocce	11 8:00am Men's Coffee 8:00am Veggie Man 10:00am Shuffleboard 10:00am Golf cart & Bike Etching 1:00pm pool exercises 2:00pm Friday Bridge 6:30pm Friday Bridge 7:00pm Poker	12 9:00am Aerobic exercises 10:00am Shuffle 1:00pm Bingo 6:30pm Bid Euchre
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