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FOREST PARK SOCIAL CLUB

By Delores Holmes

Our season of enjoying the sun, warm temperatures and friendships with everyone in the park is winding down. There were lots of activities plus three new ones implemented this past season. It was great to see all the participation. Soon all "snow birds" of Forest Park will be leaving for their northern homes. The Social Club hopes that you participated in all the different events that we had in our park. We already have new ideas for different activities and events for next season that we want to apply.

Social Club Board wants to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped put on any event, card game or sport activity this past season. It took the commitment of many many people to keep the park full of active and enjoyable activities.

If you are traveling away from here, have a safe journey. Enjoy the summer days to come in your home town; as always we look forward to seeing you next season. We wish you a healthy, happy and safe summer.

SNOW BIRD TIP...

PLEASE – CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES in your thermostat, humidistat and smoke detectors or anywhere you need to have use of the appliance during the summer months. It is a terrible experience to have to come back to your home full of mold everywhere.

HELPFUL HINTS.....

Our volunteers work hard to make the Events enjoyable. They could use your help to keep lines moving by bringing small bills (\$5 or \$10) to pay for functions. Thank you for helping.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

By Pat Schuren

Come to the Club House on April 6th at 7:00 p.m. and enjoy an ice cream sundae with your choice of toppings

and be entertained by Chris Brettschneider and Bob Price playing some lively music on accordion and banjo. The price for the fun evening is only \$5.00.

OLD FASHION DANCE PARTY

By Social Club

On Saturday April 1st 7:00-10:00 pm. Our Dance Party will be hosted by our own Husband & Wife duo, Tony Diovio and Lori Adams.

Do you remember Dick Clark & American Bandstand? Arnold's & Happy Days?

We will turn the Clubhouse into Arnold's and dance the night away to 50's & 60's music.

BYOB, your own snacks, and dress if you feel festive, but not necessary. There will be a 50/50

FUTURE DATES FOR THIS SEASON....

APRIL

1 Old Fashioned Dance Party 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

6 Ice Cream Social, Entertainment 7:00 p.m.

7 Koffee Klatsch 9:00 a.m.

8 Bunco

EARTH DAY - APRIL 22

Help protect our planet, plant a tree, recycle or grow your own vegetables. Small things can help.

ATTENTION FOREST PARK RESIDENTS

PEOPLE NEEDED for FOREST PARK
ACTIVITIES:

Some of our faithful, talented, caring volunteers are stepping down.

Below are areas that will need to be filled:

Line Dancing

Welcome Back Program

Duplicate Bridge

Men to cut up damaged aluminum to be recycled.

Note If you have a damaged aluminum article, please place it with our trash on Tuesday and Fridays, it will be taken to the RV park to be cut up and sold, the money goes to Social Club

These are a few of the areas we need volunteers. If you would like more information about these positions, please contact Mary Diaz at fppoinc@gmail.com in the office with your choice.

A HEARTY THANK YOU!

By: *Joyce Hines*

Our Forest Park Social Club wishes to give a hearty thank you to Pam Salk who planned, decorated for, and executed our fall Halloween party. a great time was had by all who attended! Pam's initiative is greatly appreciated.

And speaking of appreciation, how about the residents who suggested our newest activity, "The Gathering of the States"...Pam Silk, Julie Seubert and Robyn Johnson? A special thanks to Duke and Robyn who built and donated the tables used for the 'gathering'.

This activity provides our residents with a chance to mix, mingle, and to meet our new residents and renters. "The Gathering of the States" has been eagerly attended thanks to our three innovative thinkers!

Finally, Social Club wishes to acknowledge the Nufryks, Marilyn and Nick, who, for many years, have been donating their time on the two Sundays before our Social Club sponsored dinners to sell tickets to our park residents. Thank you, Marilyn and Nick, for your continue dedication to our park!

The people mentioned above are just a few of our park's many volunteers. Each and every one of us is, not only a resident of Forest Park, but also a member of our Social

Club. There are many opportunities to volunteer in Forest Park...as a board member, in our clubs and activities, and with our Social Club which initiates activities throughout the year. All one needs to do is to look at the list on page 3 in our park phone book; then, call the person in charge of the activity in which you are interested ...or simply say "yes" when asked to give a helping hand. This is your park...help us to make it special!

KOFFEE KLATSCH

By *Madeline Preston*

Friday, April 21 at 9:00 AM in the clubhouse. Bring your own coffee cup. Just conversation with other ladies.

MEN'S COFFEE KLATSCH

FRIDAY, APRIL 14 at 8:00

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Friendly Reminders

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We have received complaints regarding residents walking their dogs and not picking up after them. Kindly pick up after your dog.

If you walk your dog at night, please carry a flashlight and a doggy bag and clean up after your pet. Dog feces are unsightly and are health hazards. Please be considerate of your neighbors. (If you observe someone not picking up after their pet, you may remind them to do so, or take a photo of the person and contact the office.)

If you have questions or concerns about the park, please do not approach employees or contractors. Please direct your questions or concerns to the Board member in charge of the relevant area, or you may fill out the comment form at the office and it will be given to the appropriate director. Thank you.



APPLAUSE FROM THE CHORALEERS by Joyce Hines

Your Forest Park Choraleers wish to thank all those who attended our annual Spring Fling, STEP BACK IN TIME. We hope that everyone enjoyed the performance as much as we enjoyed practicing for and presenting our program. Also appreciated are your donations which help us to cover the costs of our activity. The Choraleers originated when Tom McClain suggested to Marge Elliot, a retired music teacher from PA, that she start a chorus in Forest Park. And so...the Choraleers were born! Eventually, Marge and her husband Eric moved to Shell Point, thus leaving us without a director. A year passed, when Reggie Harvey, chorus member and the Choraleers' strongest advocate, came to me with the name of a possible director. Marilyn Parkinson, an Old Bridge resident and former music teacher, agreed to direct our group. Along with Marilyn came several Old Bridge residents who agreed to join our small ranks. Several Old Bridge people are still singing with us. Last year, Marilyn told us that she was officially retiring. This left us, once again, without a director. We hired Paul Brewer, who handed the job



Not All Roofers Are Created Equal!

When choosing a business to do work on your home it is important to consider all the factors. Sometimes the cheapest option is not the best. Keep these tips in mind the next time you choose a service provider, especially a roofer.

How Many Years in Business?

This demonstrates expertise in the field. If a warranty is involved it shows the company's ability to stand behind it. If a company has been around for a long time, it is probably for a good reason.

Who Is Doing the Actual Work?

Does the company use subcontractors or their own employees? Employees tend to be more reliable because the business owner holds them accountable day-to-day versus subcontractors who can come and go.

Consider More Than The Price!

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to his son, Josh Zilberman. Josh, a talented musician, directed us for our rehearsals and during the Anniversary Dinner. Due to another commitment, he was unable to direct during the Spring Fling. Marilyn Parkinson stepped up to the plate to direct and accompany us! As a bonus, she secured her performing partner, Oleg Timuta, a Master Violinist who has performed with orchestras and touring groups throughout Europe. Our audience was serenaded by this amazing duo...what a great addition to our show. THANK YOU, MARILYNN AND OLEG! Also we wish to lead a round of applause for Verland West and Jim Ullrey, our sound technicians.

If you are interested in joining the Choraleers during the 2017-18 season, please contact Joyce Hines: 724-689-5174! We are always looking for people who have a passion for music and who enjoy singing.

SUPPORT OUR VEGGIE MAN

Don't forget...our Veggie Man will be here every Thursday from 8 AM to 12 noon in front of the Clubhouse (unless it rains). Please note that he switched his regular day from Fridays to Thursdays. He will have fresh produce, along with home baked breads, pies, jams and more. Come on out and take advantage of nature's bounty.



FOREST PARK WEB SITE:

By Jan Harmon

If you have access to the internet via any electronic gadget you will want to be sure and bookmark our Forest Park site. Since our Newsletter goes to press early in the month there are changes in events and dates on the calendar page that are incorrect when you receive the latest addition. Gail Ford always keeps the Newsletter that is on our site (<http://www.forestparkonline.com/calendar/default.html>) up to date. Check this page often to be sure you have the latest information.

Other information available there includes many documents and forms of interest to our residents. I have just added a new link called "FORMS" on the navigation list. A lot of the forms and information you need for the park are included there. Of interest is the new VOICE link to the Lee County Sheriffs site and to the form you need to fill out to have your home observed during your absence, either for vacation or for the summer. This year it can only be done on line, not via a paper filled out in the office. Here is the direct link to that form: <http://www.forestparkonline.com/Documents/Forms/VOICE%20>

[Vacation%20Home%20Form.htm](#) However, you will find it much easier to go to the Forms page and click on the link, which will bring up the page in your web browser to fill in and electronically file. All of our Membership and Board meeting minutes are included under the DOCUMENTS listing. If you want to know what is going on in your absence, be sure to check out those pages. If you need to contact any of our board members, their information can be found on the CONTACT Page.

There are many clubs listed under the ACTIVITIES link which includes a page dedicated to all of the Forest Park clubs and activities, however it has not been kept up to date, as those who are in charge of these events have not given me any new information. If you are an officer in any of the clubs or have charge of any event, I can give you a direct link to that page in order for you to keep it up to date. This is a great way to keep others informed of your activities. If you would like more information on doing this please contact me at webmaster@forestparkonline.com.

Our Photo Gallery has images of most of our activities. You can even print or share any photo you would like from that page. Enjoy seeing what your neighbors and friends are doing.

Of interest to those looking to live in Forest Park there is a CLASSIFIED page listing all For Sale, For Rent, or wanting to rent. Be sure to point anyone interested in living here to that page. It is updated weekly.

To those leaving for the season, be sure to stay informed by reading the latest newsletter on the NEWS link at www.forestparkonline.com and have a happy and safe summer.



Please do not prop open any of our doors in the Clubhouse or Activities Buildings, including the kitchen door. A small black garden snake was discovered in the kitchen cabinets, and may have slipped in when the kitchen door was propped open.

There are 2 types of main entry doors for our buildings, "Manual" and "Handicapped." The handicapped doors should only be operated using the automatic pad, and not manually forced open. The doors operate on magnetic locks and timers which can malfunction if improperly forced open or propped open. Your cooperation is appreciated.



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 Julie Seubert at: fpsocialnews@gmail.com by the 12th of each month for the following month's newsletter. Julie is the new Editor of our Newsletter beginning this month. I would appreciate you writing your information in the email in place of an attachment, if possible. Any questions or concerns please email her at the above address or call her at 715-571-4246. 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 603-440-5122.

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NO SOLICITING

Forest Park has a clear non-solicitation policy posted at the front of the community. However, there are several companies that persist in soliciting our residents. Unfortunately, there have been situations where residents have been taken advantage of by solicitors.

The most frequent violators include companies which sell water/water purification systems, tree trimming services, telephone/cable/internet services, and air conditioning companies. These companies may offer free services, such as water quality testing, A/C check, etc. Another tactic they employ is implying that they provided a service in the past to you or to your neighbors, or that they are conducting a survey.

Residents are encouraged to never open the door if you do not recognize the individual. Tell the individual through the window that they are trespassing and must leave immediately. If they do not leave, please call the Lee County Sheriff (non-emergency number) at 239-477-1000. The Sheriff will come out and escort them off of the property.

V.O.I.C.E. Vacation House Check Program Update

The Lee County Sheriff's Office has informed us that enrollment for VOICE vacation house checks must be completed online, and they no longer accept paper forms. Below is the procedure for enrolling in the program. It's fairly simple and asks for most of the same information which was on the paper form. The fields marked with a red * are mandatory.

The program is available for 6 months and you must reenroll after 6 months. (The website says the maximum is 2 weeks but it is actually 6 months.) Please note that you must have an email address to enroll (or be able to provide an email for a family member, friend, etc.) so that they can send you a confirmation. To enroll online:

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You can bookmark this page so that you can find it quickly.

2. Click on Vacation House Check Requests (on the bottom left side).

3. Select "Vacation Requests."

4. Click on "Start Report."

5. Complete each field and those marked with a red asterisk * are mandatory. You cannot proceed to the next screen without completing those fields.

6. Once you have completed each field, select the "Continue" button. There will be 3 or 4 screens depending upon the information you provide.

7. Once you have completed all screens, select the "Done" button.

If you return prior to the date you originally provided, please notify VOICE by calling 239-477-1000 and let them know so that there are no surprise encounters. (If a VOICE volunteer sees a car, lights on unexpectedly, etc., they will check for intruders.)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jack Watson 1
Charlie Naylor 04
Rufus Durden 9
Harold Bradsher 9
Jim Ullrey 12
Robert Preston 14
Dick Lewis 15
Peg Hull 17
Jim Schleter 19
Delano Cline 21
ET Thomas 22
Dean Hull 23
Mavis Pechette 23
Polly Naylor 28
Karen Weaver 24
Helen Ayers 28
Patrick Beconder 28
Bill Sheehan 30



THANK YOU!!

Thank you to our wonderful group of volunteers who assist in the reception area. These gals greet you with a friendly smile and help with copying, faxing, clerical projects and providing general information. We could not provide the level of service offered without them, and we appreciate their dedication. Our reception volunteers are: Sherrill Wright, Sheila Fitzgerald, Edie Hosey, Teresa Jones, Jean Keech, Mary Kurucz, Pam Salk, and Pat Schuren. Thanks for volunteering and giving our community the most precious thing you will ever own – your time and talent.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Pete & Nancy Lawrence April 14, 1960

Nick & Marilyn Nufryk April 27,
1957



FAREWELLS

Mary Elizabeth Jane Roberston

John Ritchie

Bill Henderson

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

WI FI UPDATE

By Doug Ford



When Park residents take advantage of the new technology built into "Smart" TVs, or with added devices like Roku, Comcast, Amazon Fire etc., that turn a regular TV into a "Smart" TV, and connect to the Park's Wi-Fi, there is adverse impact on our band width. In many cases, settings can be changed to lower the impact on our Wi-Fi system. For instance downloads could be scheduled at night and at a lower definition. Please read the manuals that come with these devices. We are seeing that some individuals are each using 15 to 20% of the Park's band width.

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

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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>

Friends show their love in times of trouble, not in happiness.

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.

IMPORTANT RECYCLE REMINDER FROM WASTE PRO

Please do not place any plastic bags in your recycle container. Plastic bags should be placed in your regular trash bins or dropped off at grocery stores which recycle (see below for additional information). Thank you for your cooperation!



PLEASE RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING:

- Aluminum - Empty cans and aluminum foil.
- Corrugated cardboard boxes - Please flatten, and either cut down or fold to a size of no more than 4' X 4' flattened. Staples and tape do not have to be removed.
- Glass - Clear & color food and beverage jars and bottles. Please rinse and remove food and other contents. Labels, rings and lids on glass containers are acceptable.
- Juice cartons – All drink boxes and milk/juice cartons.
- Magazines - Including catalogs and printed material with glossy pages.
- Mixed paper - Brown paper bags, junk mail, envelopes, copier paper, pizza boxes, cardboard egg cartons, paper towel & toilet paper rolls, cereal and shoe boxes.
- Newspapers - Includes all paper that is distributed with or as part of general circulation newspapers.
- Plastics - With the recycling symbol Recycle #1-2 PET and HDPE containers such as beverage bottles, dishwashing soap bottles, shampoo bottles, plastic milk jugs, and detergent bottles.
- Steel and tin cans - Please rinse or remove contents (empty aerosol cans are OK too).

•Telephone books

For more recycling information, to order bins or carts, please call Waste Pro at 239-337-0800 or visit www.wasteprousa.com

ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE RECYCLED

- Ceramics
- Christmas lights
- Coat hangers
- Computers, printers or other office equipment
- Electric cords
- Garden hoses
- Glass cookware/bakeware
- Household items - Cooking pots & pans, toasters, etc.
- Light bulbs (incandescent or fluorescent)
- Mirrors
- Plastic bags
- Plastics - Unnumbered or without recycle symbol
- Porcelain
- Styrofoam - Egg cartons, food containers, or packing material
- Window or auto glass

HELPFUL RECYCLING TIPS

- Please do NOT place any recyclables in plastic bags.

All clean recyclables may be placed together loosely in the same bin or cart.

•Separating newspapers is not required, but newspapers can be placed in brown paper bags (no plastic bags please).

•If your recycle bin is full, put excess recyclables into brown paper bags.

•Plastic bags and Styrofoam containers can be recycled at local grocery stores with designated recycling bins.

•Fluorescent light bulbs can be recycled at a major home improvement store.

•Place yard waste at curb for the scheduled Wednesday pick up only. Please use a cart or can for loose cuttings, avoid using plastic bags. Paper yard waste bags are available at local hardware stores.

DID YOU KNOW?

Plastic Bags are NOT recyclable.

They clog the separating system and are the leading contamination issue that cause loads to end up in the landfill. Please do not put recyclables into plastic bags.

Paper or Plastic? No Thanks!

Take reusable bags with you every time you go shopping.

NOTICE BOARD RULES

By Sherrill Wright

The Computer Club has volunteered to look after the Social Club Notice Boards.

Please write your ad on a 3X5 or 4x6 card, with the Date in the upper right hand corner. Please leave your notice with reception at the office and they will see that it is given to me.

If necessary, I will re-type a notice for clarity.

Real Estate notices will be removed after 90 days.

Articles "For Sale or Wanted" will be removed after 60 days.

The Computer Club will take a picture of an item/house etc., to include in the ad, for a nominal donation to the club.

Please contact Sherrill Wright with any further questions you may have @ 239-349-3827 or Email: sherrillwright@yahoo.ca Also, please let me know if you want your posting removed.

The Forest Park website now has a Classified section for all articles for sale, including a listing of Homes for Sale/Rent and Homes Wanted. This is the same listing as on our Notice Boards.

If any resident has a home they would like to list for sale or remove a listing, please leave a note with reception or phone Sherrill Wright – 239-349-3827 or email – sherrillwright@yahoo.ca



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

By: Mike Flanning

Welcome to the Summer Volunteers, remember the security bag will be in the Activities Building Daily. You will receive a monthly schedule. Thank you for your help for the summer months.

A BIG THANK YOU!! to all the Winter Volunteers. Everyone have a safe and enjoyable Summer.

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THOUGHTS OF AN FPPOA BOARD MEMBER

By Judy Birkhead

There has been a problem in recent times in getting people to run for the board which had seldom been a problem in the past. Perhaps this has been because of the opinion that too many controversies have placed an unnecessary burden on the board. Whenever an issue is brought up which may cause disagreements among residents or a significant amount of opposing views, it would be wise to put these issues for a vote, following guidelines in the by-laws, among the general membership for their decision and, whatever the results be, all must accept and live with that – thus the board is relieved of accusations of being too one sided etc. Or promoting a personal agenda. This would be true even in setting up the rules and regulations (even though the Board as managers of the park have a right and responsibility to do so) – it is the residents who must abide by that and thus would be wise to consult their opinion on this. I believe it is important to take this approach providing, of course, that none of that is in conflict with our governing documents or local, state and federal mandates. From past personal experiences serving on many boards and heading many organizations, this has always been a successful approach on sharing some of the burden with the membership itself.

2017 BOD & GM DATES

Apr. 20, 2017 Board Meeting

Apr. 27, 2017 Membership Meeting

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.

Education is when you read the fine print; experience is what you get when you don't

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Lee County has very strict regulations regarding hazardous material disposal. The Board voted to approve the initiative to have all residents place paint, pesticides, chemicals, florescent bulbs and gas bottles at curbside.

Park employees will pick up these materials on Tuesday and Friday and log them in. These articles will be stored and disposed of in the appropriate manner by staff members.

The rules and regulations have been changed to reflect the process.



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.

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By: Social Club

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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



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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

Please save your aluminum can pull tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. You can make an incredible impact by helping provide a home away from home for families during treatment of their seriously ill children. Please deliver them to the Clubhouse & deposit in the box, deliver to me at 608 Pine Grove Ct., or 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.



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WORKING ARTIST

By Sonde Johnson

Let me introduce myself, I am a working artist with a working studio to teach painting, do commission work and show work. I have some supplies and work space to share. If you are interested, please contact me at 239-470-1638.

EXERCISE PROGRAM

...NEW EXERCISE PROGRAM...

Every Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in the clubhouse, we now have our own personal exercise trainer. Et. Thomas does a class, "TONE AND STRETCH" which has very easy stretching movements for our bodies. Great for your arthritis, your balance and your eye/hand coordination. At the end of our exercise class, we get a massage on our back shoulder muscles. Come and join use for this new program. 9:00 AM Tuesday's in the clubhouse



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



HORSESHOE PIT IS READY...



Our new horseshoe pit is ready for play! Come on out and enjoy the lovely weather and toss some horseshoes! You can play competitively or just for fun! The equipment is located in the Bocce shed.

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.



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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!

We are in "NEED" of Bingo callers, women and men are all welcome. One the job training!! Come join in the fun. It takes volunteers to keep these activities going in our Park.

Thank you.

Contact Mike Fanning 239-565-0431

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...

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April 8 starting 7 PM

A dice game and horse racing. Lots of fun!

COMPUTER CLUB

By: Sherrill Wright

Recycle: Don't throw away your used ink cartridges!

I 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.



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Thanks for your cooperation on this, Sherrill

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!** Please come and join the group. A donation of \$10/household per winter season would be appreciated to help with meeting expenses, new equipment etc. We take a break and have coffee and cookies around 3:00 PM to socialize. Most members use Windows, but some use Linux or Macs and most software programs are compatible with each system. Each week, we usually have a person show something they are experienced in, or something interesting we have seen maybe online or in an article. If anyone is having a problem, we ask them to bring their unit to the club meeting, then we will focus on that particular problem. In many cases, the club can help fix the problem. If not, we can usually define the situation in cases where 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. If you have a particular need, or problem that you would like help with, please come along and join us, but try and 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

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CRAFT CLUB

By Diana Power

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everyone in Forest Park that donated all of your treasures to our Trash to Treasure sale. You helped us to succeed at the sale. Left overs were given to the Salvation Army who gives many things to Veterans for free. Most of our money earned goes to the abused women of Fort Myers, Veterans of Fort Myers and to people here in Forest Park. So thank you for giving us the opportunity to give back to others in the area.



March was again a very busy month for craft club. Along with the craft sale, chicken and biscuit dinner, we enjoyed listening to Fran from the Veterans explain why the Valor Bears we make are so important. Everyone enjoyed a spring luncheon which was our way of saying thank you for all of their time volunteering. Craft club is going to settle down in April but we will still meet, enjoy the friendships we have made, and finish making crafts that we have started. Still making spoon flowers, plastic fish and plastic flowers for lights. Also planning to present Valor Bears to some Veterans in Forest Park.

You are always welcome to join us any Wednesday from 9-11.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Forest Park has had chairpersons of Duplicate Bridge leave their position. There will be no more of this card game played in our park. Do you like to play Duplicate Bridge? If you would be interested in starting the game again, please contact Mary at the Office. She has the materials that is used for Duplicate Bridge.

FOREST PARK BOOK CLUB

By Gail Ford



Our Book Club book for March was “silver Star” by Jeannette Walls as I was unable to reserve “The Nightingale” by Kristin Hannah. Next season our first Book Club meeting will be November 17 at 1 PM in the activities building. I was able to reserve 5 copies of “The Nightingale”.

I have got to STOP reading book reviews!! I have already put a hold on “Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane” by Lisa See and it isn't even out yet. Our book group has read two of Lisa's books, “Shanghai Girls” and “Dreams of Joy” both wonderful books. I've just finished “Rebel

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Queen” by Michelle Moran, a novel of Queen Lakshmi-India’s Joan of Arc. I hope some of you read this over the summer as it would be a perfect book for discussion. Please feel free to recommend books you might like.

HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME

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.

KARAOKE MONDAYS

By Robyn Johnson

Do you like to sing?

If so- come on down to the clubhouse and do some entertaining. Karaoke is the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 6:00-9:00 pm.

On the 1st Monday of the month you can also come and enjoy a Hot Dog Dinner for \$4.

This includes beans, coleslaw and chips. The Dinner is served from 5:30 – 6:00 pm

Come on down and show us your talent or just sit back and enjoy the talent.

The next Hot Dog Dinner is April 3rd!! Hope to see you there.



KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP

By Linda Winship

A knitting and crocheting group will be meeting Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. We will not be meeting during the summer months. If you have any questions please call Linda Winship, 508-951-5508, has volunteered to be the coordinator. See you next fall.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

By: Laura Esters

The Ladies’ Bible Study Group meets weekly on Thursday mornings from 10:00 A.M. to noon. Our members are women from various churches and/or denominations. We have refreshments, a time for sharing our concerns, prayer and a study, which is taught from both the Old and New Testaments by Laura Esters.

As so many new folks have moved into our park, we believe it is important to let our residents know about this activity as well as all the other organizations that the park offers. We do not espouse any specific theology, but are a group of Christian women who enjoy making friends, encouraging and supporting each other as the needs arise, and learning about the Bible.

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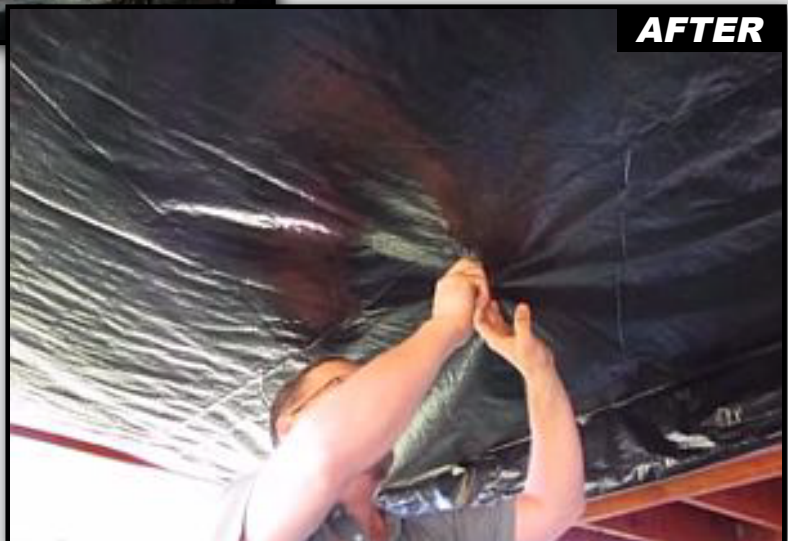
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MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

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.

NORTH EAST CLUB

By Barb Wood

Mike, Kathy, Dena and yes even Bill gave everyone there a reason to laugh or smile many times over through the evening's events. Thank you for the good food and another fun night with friends OMG!!! How 'bout those Easter Bonnets! So much talent in our park to come up with those "Designer" quality bonnets. Kudos to all who participated.

Did you know you had a professional "Potato Roller" living next door or that not everyone can get all their eggs into the pail! Fun fun time!

Our Annual Picnic is coming up April 10th. Be sure to get your tickets no later than April 6th from Mike and Kathy. A final schedule of events and the dates for next season will be available at the Picnic.

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PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB

By Peggy Baker

The Pine Tree Knot Quilters held their annual quilt show Sunday March 12. We were honored to welcome "Bonita Bonnet" and "Bonnie Bonnet" to judge our summer challenge quilt squares, SunBonnet Sue goes on vacation. (Thank you Susan Flynn and Kathy Fanning.) The raffle quilt, "Love Letters" was won by Shiela Fitzgerald. This year our quilt top was made by Marilyn Jackson and completed by club members. Our Chinese auction provided 23 other winners with various handmade items.

Thank you Norm Clear, Bob Combs and Chris Sexton for your help.



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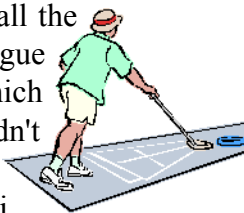
By Doris Pacos

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

FOREST PARK SHUFFLEBOARD

By Bill Madill, Captain

Well by the time you read this our King & Queen tournament will be over, our banquet will be history in the archives of Forest Park. I hope all the Shufflers had fun, that is what our league is all about! We did a pizza shuffle which I thought was a success, and we didn't have to worry about leaving a BBQ clean. Over the summer Bob Rispoli has volunteered to keep the wed night fun night going and I am sure Bob will do a good job, next year we are planning on having an orientation Friday to give Shuffling instructions to anyone wanting to learn how to shuffle. Again we have an open league to anyone in the Park, and thanks to Ellsworths sponsorship and our Valentines breakfast plus the 50/50 draws we have found we can be self-sustaining! The Shuffleboard team is a fun organization, yes we do drink beer, in moderation, and we do have fun; and what is wrong with that. Captain Bill !



RED HAT LADIES LUNCHEON

By Phylis Kliskey and Pat Schuren



The April program of the "Red Hats" will be hosted by Madaline Preston and Marilyn Somsel Slipher and held on April 6th. We will be enjoying lunch and then we will play a game of Miniature Golf.

Our lunch will be at "Fish Bones" cost will be \$15.00- Miniature will be \$4.00.

Lunch will be at 11:30 am we will meet at the Club House at 11:15 am to carpool. please call Madaline Preston at 315-651-1735 by MARCH 29th so I can confirm the number coming for lunch.

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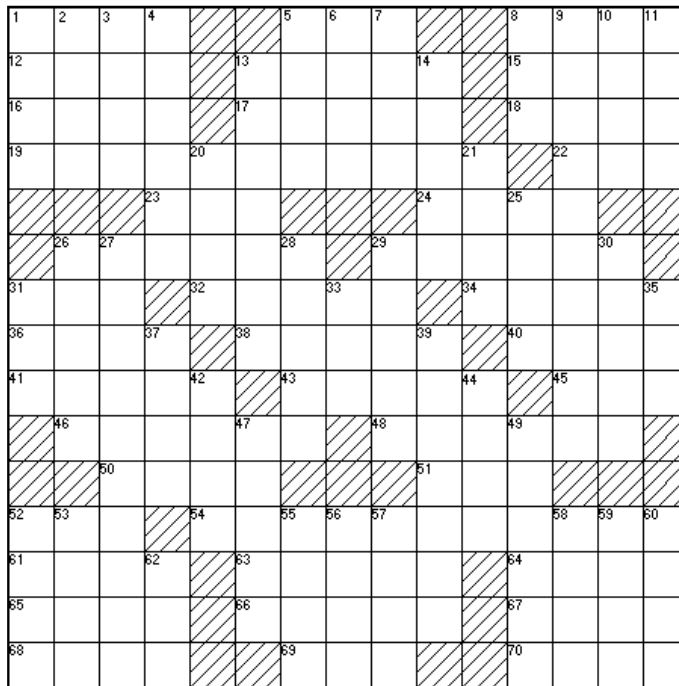
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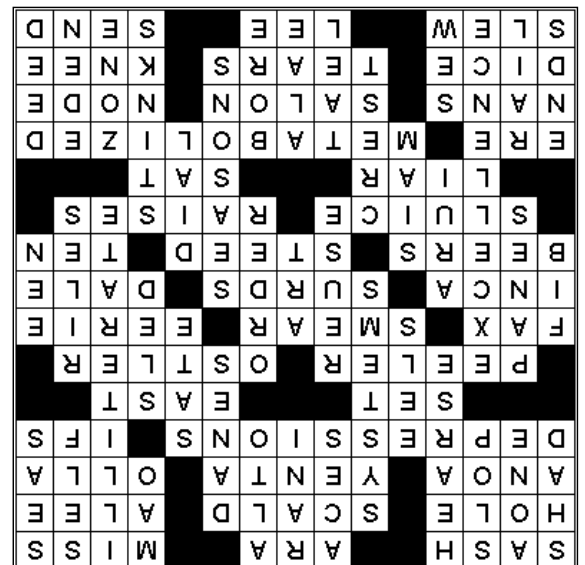
ACROSS

1. Waistband
5. Genus of macaws
8. A young woman
12. Cavity
13. Burn with a hot liquid
15. To the windward side
16. Dwarf buffalo
17. Gossiper
18. Leaf of the talipot palm
19. Concavities in a surface
22. Contingencies
23. Collection or series
24. Where the sun rises
26. Person who peels skins from fruits and vegetables
29. Stableboy
31. Facsimile
32. Smudge
34. Strange or weird
36. Native of Peru
38. Voiceless consonants
40. Valley
41. Ales
43. Horse
45. 10
46. Penstock
48. Increases
50. Teller of untruths
51. Seated oneself
52. Before
54. Digested
61. Grandmothers
63. Parlor
64. Connecting point in a network
65. Cubes with 1 to 6 spots on the faces
66. Rips
67. Leg joint
68. Killed
69. Confederate general Robert E ____
70. Dispatch



DOWN

1. Herring-like fish
2. AI
3. Cause to overflow
4. Funeral car
5. Cards with just one symbol
6. Hindu princess
7. Male singing range
8. Chinese revolutionary
9. Unable to read
10. Ego
11. Oceans
13. Groups of interconnected units
14. Citizens of Denmark
20. Snake-like fishes
21. Satisfy
25. Sleigh
26. Sheets of glass in windows
27. The quality of being first-class
28. Utilize again
29. Command
30. Annoys
31. Lie
33. Product of human creativity
35. Even
37. Wild sheep of northern Africa
39. There are 4 in a year
42. Thailand
44. Found on rotary phones
47. The top line of a hill
49. Smells
52. Concludes
53. A horizontal bar
55. East Asian unit of weight
56. Wings
57. Drill
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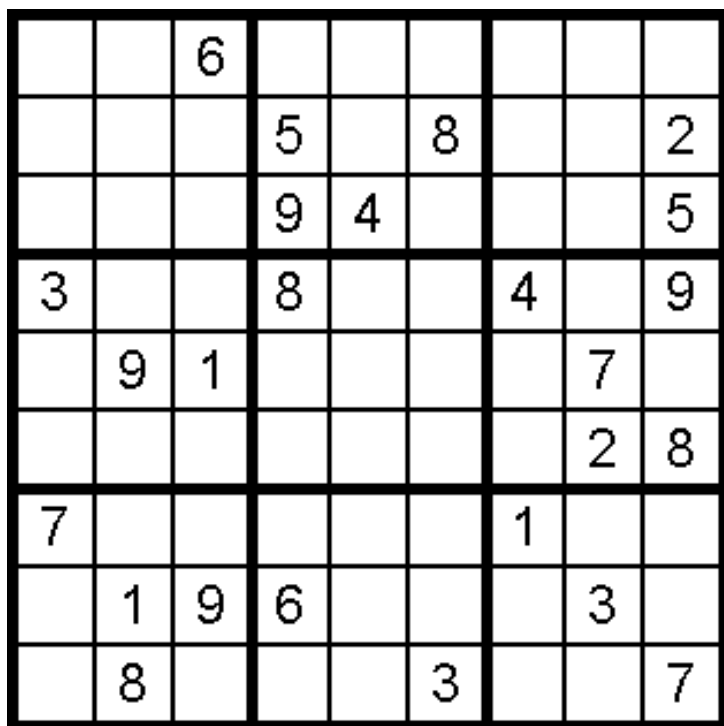
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3	7	9	4	5	2	1	6	8
9	1	4	6	7	8	5	2	3
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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

26 6:00pm Hand and Foot-card game	27 9:00am Dominoes 9:00am Pickleball 10:00am shuffle 10:15am Ladies Pickle Ball 10:30am Pool exercise 1:00pm Mah Jongg 2:30pm Bocce 5:30pm North East Club--Easter Bonnet 6:30pm Skip-Bo	28 9:00am Exercise Aerobic 9:00am Pickleball 10:00am Women's shuffle 10:15am Ladies Pickle Ball 10:30am Pool exercise 1:00pm Golf Card game 1:00pm choraleers 6:30pm Texas Holdem 6:45pm Bingo	29 9:00am Craft Club 9:00am Pickleball 10:30am Pool exercise 1:00pm Knit and Crochet 6:30pm Canadian Euchre 7:00pm Fun Night Shuffle	30 9:00am Pickleball 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 10:00am League shuffle 10:15am Ladies Pickle Ball 10:30am Pool exercise 11:30am Quilt Club-luncheon 1:00pm Change Bingo 2:00pm Computer Club 2:30pm Bocce	31 9:00am Pickleball 10:00am Open Shuffle 10:30am Pool Exercise 6:30pm Friday Bridge 7:00pm Poker-Dealers choice	1 9:00am Exercise-Aerobic 1:00pm Bingo 6:30pm Bid Euchre 7:00pm Bunco 7:00pm Dance Party-Tony DioVio & Lori Adams
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