
FOREST PARK NEWSLETTER



April 2010

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE

and don't forget where you've hidden your Easter Eggs.

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It's that time of year again when the Snowbirds are starting to think about heading back home. If you have to travel, no matter what mode of travel you choose, – PLEASE TRAVEL SAFELY!

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Just a reminder as to the reasons you purchased in Forest Park – It's clean, safe, well maintained and very friendly. Please take the time to smile and acknowledge your neighbors or cyclists or drivers. Keep passing that smile along, it's contagious.



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This is the last issue of the Forest Park Newsletter for this season and once again, I hope you have enjoyed my efforts as your "editor". It's been a difficult but wonderful winter for me in Forest Park (thanks to the special people that live here). I wish all of you a great spring and summer. Hope to see you again in the fall.

Marlene

KOFFEE KLATCH

The last Koffee Klatch will be held on Friday, April 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. There will be free coffee and a donut in the Clubhouse for every resident. Our speaker will be a guest from The Ronald McDonald House. She will tell us all about the things they do for their residents. Our hosts will be the Canadian Euchre Club.

If you would like, you can bring a donation of paper plates, regular or small, Styrofoam bowls. They also need carry outs (a covered dish to take food to the hospital where they spend all day) as well as salad and soup bowls.

A door prize will be given out for the produce people who are here in the pavilion on Wednesday mornings.

Don't forget your money for the 50/50 draw.

HEALTH ANDWELFARE

Blood Pressure Clinic will be on Thursday April 25 at the Clubhouse. This will be the last one of the season.

The BLOODMOBILE will be here once again - on Monday April 5 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon in front of the Clubhouse. All are welcome. There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the Clubhouse. There is a spot for 2 people to sign up at the same time, and walk-ins are welcome.

Thank you all for this season and for your co-operation.

I want to thank each and every person who helped our committee "Senior Services" during our recent canvassing for the "file of life" here in Forest Park. I also thank all our residents for their co-operation.

Having the "File of Life" filled out and in your home may save your life during an emergency.

Mary Gibson
Ray & Madeline Preston
Nancy Lawrence
Una Preston

Tom McLain (11)
Nancy Cooper
Carol Warner

Mary Gibson

UPDATE FOR 2009-2010 RESIDENT DIRECTORY

Phone Number Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Old Number</u>	<u>New Number</u>
Jim and Janice Arthur	455 Jacaramba	543-7100	209-6707
John Gelesko & Diana Prittenen	438 Timber Lane N.	269-470-1409	269-449-5477
Paul & Carolyn Hodson	816 Hollyberry	618-483-5946	608-483-6233

New Neighbors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>State</u>
*Gary & Betty Coder	5130 Forest Park Dr.	937-232-1994	OH
Janice Harmon	6266 Forest Palm Ct.	230-304-6937	OH
James Patillo	704 Palm Frond Ct.	618-292-5594	IL
Don & Shirley Urquhart	307 Twig Ct. N.	978-771-4773	MA

*Gary will not be back in the Park until December 2010. The Newell's are currently living there.

Additional items:

Please remember to sign out when you leave for the summer. The sign-out sheet is located in the Activities Building.

*If anyone would like their red card laminated, please stop by the Office between 9 – 1, M-F

ONE LAST THANK YOU

We would like to thank the team of our friends who held the reception for us at the Clubhouse on Mach 21, 2010. The food was beautifully displayed and delicious. Were we ever surprised when we went to see the cake and there we were pictured on it!! The decorations, balloons, our crowns, etc. were vey festive and made us feel so special. We were honoured with music and singing from Foster Dye, Richard Taylor and Butch.

All of this is great but what made us very happy was all the friends who arrived with their best wishes. It was truly wonderful to receive one more hug from each and every one of you. We will miss you all, but we are very thankful for the sixteen winters we have spent here and the fine good people we have met through the years. Our friends of Forest Park will always be dear to our hearts.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Alfred and JoAnne Newell

CANADIAN/MICHIGAN CLUB

The Michigan Club and Canadian Club members are invited to our final meeting of the season on Thursday April 1. We will be going to lunch at Rumrunners Restaurant in Cape Coral at 1:00 p.m. We would like to extend an invitation to all Michiganders, Canadians and all residents of the Park that would like to join us. Sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse. Please sign up by March 29. We will meet at the Clubhouse at 11:45 for car-pooling on April 1.

Jim Barnett and Lou Smith, President

NORTHEAST CLUB

The Northeast Club will have its final meeting of the season on **April 12th at 4:00 p.m. in the pavilion**, weather permitting. The picnic menu will be Popeye's fried chicken, salads, chips, dessert and ice tea or lemonade. Please bring your own table setting, including cup. The cost is \$3.00 per person. Please see Lou or Marilyn Eftim for tickets. Non-members are encouraged to join the club. Membership is \$2.00 per person.

Bring your ideas for next year's meetings and events. We'll have a few ideas ready, but now is the time to tell us what you would like to do next season.

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The Northeast Club invites you to an Earth Day event to be held on **Earth Day, April 22** at 2:00 p.m. in the grassy area behind the Clubhouse. If you bring a shovel, you will be able to help plant the flowering trees that have been given by park residents in honor or in memory of loved ones. You will also hear more about the projects planned for that area, and a special surprise is in store for all attending.

Joan King. President

OHIO CLUB

The Ohio Club Bake Sale held March 13 was a great success. A big THANK YOU TO BARBARA CARLSON, who did such an outstanding job chairing this event, as well as Sandy Eckels, Natalie Moon, Donna Pucak, Bernie and Velma Waltz, the members that worked on the Committee, the members that donated baked goods or money, the anonymous person that made a generous monitory donation and everyone that patronized the sale. Thanks again to all.

The Ohio Club will meet Monday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse to enjoy a meal of Easter Tradition. Lowell and Marilyn Noland will chair this event. Ladies and Gentlemen, don't put your EASTER BONNETS and HATS AWAY. We will be holding an Easter Bonnet/Hat contest for everyone to judge your creations. The prizes will go to the most original and the most beautiful. There will be a \$2.00 charge at the door for this event. Bring your own table service. There is a signup sheet at the rear of the Clubhouse.

As another season comes to an end, I would like to thank all the Ohio Club Members for their help and support for another successful year. I wish each of you a healthy and safe summer, whether you travel north or remain in the Park. May God watch over all of us.

Submitted by Rita Booth, President



Our Park is now patrolled by the Police and YOU WILL BE STOPPED AND WARNED if you are driving above our 15 mile per hour speed limit. Please abide by our Park Rules and avoid any accidents/injuries and your embarrassment.

CRAFT CLUB NEWS

The Craft Club of Forest Park had a very successful flea market on March 13 due to hard work from some of the members, a steady crowd and good food. Great items were displayed and a good time was had by all!

Don't forget we meet every Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse to enjoy the talents of many crafters and learn many new ideas.

P.S. We even offer coffee, tea and baked goodies..

If you can't make it this season, be sure to mark your calendar for next season and we will see you then !!

R. Malago, Secretary

PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB

The Forest Park Quilt Club held their annual Quilt Show on Sunday, March 14 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and displayed many gorgeous handmade quilts and hand sewn articles for sale at the Boutique. We thank you all for your support and hope you enjoyed the Quilt and Art show this year as well as the yummy refreshments. The 2010 Bow Tie Quilt and matching pillow were won by Joan Reekie.

The Art Print done by the art teacher, Betty Leis, was won by Reggie Harvey. Congratulations to both winners from the park!

The next function for the Quilters will be our spring luncheon to be held in the Club House on Thursday, March 25 at 11:00 a.m.. By the time you read this notice the luncheon will be over, so I'll thank the committee now for all their hard work – Marilyn Noland who prepared all the delicious food, Doris Pacos, Suzy Meuwissen, Wanda Dickerson, Janet Irwin and Judy Watson. Hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

We also want to thank, Sylvia Brown, from our quilt group. On Thursday, March 11, Sylvia shared her knowledge and experience on printing photographs on to material for quilting into our projects. Great Job, Sylvia!

Hope everyone has a healthy and happy summer and safe travels to all.

Judy Watson

MACHINE EMBROIDERY ARTS CLUB

We are a group of sewing enthusiasts that are expanding our understanding of sewing machine embroidery. We meet the last Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Activities Building.

Every month we share a different technique and each project is designed to be completed in one session and can be simple, unique or challenging. We try to use supplies you already have in your sewing stash or can obtain inexpensively.

There is no charge and although the projects are designed to be embroidered, you need not have an embroidery machine to join us. If you are interested in purchasing an embroidery machine or already own one but would like to learn more, this is a great opportunity.

Instructor Host: Patty "Mac" McCoy,
Coordinator: Isy McLain

RED HAT LADIES

Reminder:

Need to have your menu selection and money into Delores before March 28 so that we can make reservations to Butterfly Estates Tour and Luncheon.

ART CLASS FOR FOREST PARK RESIDENTS

Now is the time for you to reserve your space for next year's season for the Art Class.

The class is limited to 10 people. It will meet from January 3 - March 28, 2011 on Mondays from 9:00 to noon in the Activities Building. The Cost is \$104.00 for the season. I can now teach oil painting as well as water color painting. You may contact me at 997-1880 for further information.

Betty Leis

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Officer Jim Antila

attended the March 3, 2010 Neighborhood Watch meeting and emphasized the importance of keeping property locked. He complimented Forest Park on their Security Program stating it was more effective than all surrounding retirement parks, including gated communities. The reports of stolen property and vandalism were much less than other surrounding parks.

Several factors contributed to our success including an outstanding volunteer force, strong historical security leadership, support of the park governing board, better attention to locking property, security cameras, visibility of security, and resident community support.

Bicycles, golf carts, and auto contents from unlocked cars were some of the most common stolen items. It is very important to keep our cars, houses, outside property such as bicycles, golf carts and grills secured with some sort of locking device.

All park residents are invited to attend the neighborhood watch meetings held monthly on the first Wednesday of each month.

Ren Whittaker

FYI

Friends of Harvey and Cynthia Holtsapple were saddened this week with the news that the couple will be leaving Forest Park and moving to Spokane, Washington. A farewell card is being passed around the Park for people to sign, along with several legal documents, on which you may wish to list items you loaned to the Holtsapples that have not been returned.

HELPFUL THINGS TO KNOW (This is a repeat notice)

The information listed below has been in our Newsletter before, but for those that may have missed it, it is worth repeating.

Five Things You Never Knew Your Cell Phone Could Do

For all the folks with cell phones. (This should be printed and kept in your car, purse, and/or wallet. Good information to have with you.) There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies. Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out the things that you can do with it:

FIRST - Emergency

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an Emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly, this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

SECOND - Have you locked your keys in the car?

Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone: If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their cell phone from your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other 'remote' for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk).

THIRD - Hidden Battery Power

Imagine your cell battery is very low. To activate, press the keys ***3370#**. Your cell phone will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your cell phone next time.

FOURTH - How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?

To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following Digits on your phone: ***#06#**. A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. When your phone gets stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

FIFTH - Free Directory Service for Cells

Cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 to \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to. Most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle, which makes this situation even more of a problem. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial: **(800)FREE411, or (800) 373-3411** without incurring any charge at all. Program this into your cell phone now.

Submitted by Becky Conrad

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT – BECKY CONRAD

I cannot believe it is time for some of you to start leaving our wonderful Forest Park. We will miss you. Please stay safe and return next fall.

The “Team” Board of Directors is working very hard to keep things as calm as possible and that, at times, can be challenging. We are doing the best we can.

It is a never ending chore to tweak the challenges that you have placed your confidence in for us to do.

All the budget meetings have ended and your money is assigned for 2011. It will be voted on in the fall. We hope all who had something to say - came and said it. You certainly had plenty of opportunity.

To STOP all rumors about the Clubhouse being closed for the summer, it will be open to all residents who want to use it. Please turn the thermostat up when it is not in use. When you leave at night, please make sure the temperature is higher for the night. Also, please use as few of the over head lights as possible. If you need them all then please turn them on, but if there are only 4 to10 of you, please only turn on the ones you need to resume your activities.

To all people doing **Lock Up during the summer**. The covers will be off the Air Conditioning Thermostats in the Club Houses. There will be a sign posted in each building at the thermostats for our recommended settings. Please check these when you lock the building at night.

Don't forget the FPPOA General Membership meeting next month will be a week earlier than usual to accommodate those heading elsewhere – April 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome to **Jim**

Ullrey as our newest board member. We think Jim will be an asset to helping us achieve our challenges in Forest Park.

VOICE - don't forget to sign up at the office for the Sheriff to come to your home at least once a week and walk around and check the doors and windows after you leave the park. It is all free – courtesy of the Lee County Sheriff's Department.

Have a Great Summer and we will see you next newsletter in the fall. Meanwhile, look forward to all the wonderful things your board can do for you until you return.

Remember Becky has a cell phone that is a local number and will be with me all summer long, regardless of where I am located. 239-989-9294. It is a free local call for you from Forest Park. I am here for you all the time, winter and summer. If you need me or have a question please call.

Don't forget to leave information with the Office when you leave for another part of the country as to where you can be reached in case of an emergency. We don't want any little surprises (hurricanes/tornados), but if one blows through Forest Park, we need to know where we can contact you.

NEW POLICY FOR CLUBHOUSE AND ACTIVITY THERMOSTATS

An extensive review of the expenses and problems with comfort in the clubhouse and activity buildings has been done by the Building Interiors committee.

It has been decided that the covers on the thermostats will be removed.

Event chairpersons may adjust the temperature for an activity to desired levels. At the end of the event or activity thermostats should be returned to the economy settings.

We ask that everyone help to conserve energy and help to provide savings in utility costs by ensuring that we are not wasting energy.

Please check to see that economy settings are used as much as possible.

Thank you.
Sandy O'Brien and Dick Gagner

BUDGET AND PLANNING REPORT TO MARCH 21, 2010

The budget and planning committees conducted three meetings with members to develop the budget proposal for 2011, and to develop a proposal for the allocation of improvement funds that were approved in the 2010 budget. These meetings were discussion forums where all members were invited to bring their ideas and to seek support for them. In between meeting with members, the committees met to review and analyze our finances to ensure that the 2010 improvement funding did not need to be amended.

Budget 2010 improvement items

The proposed options for allocation would use only \$31,000 of the \$37,000 that has been approved. The committee recommends approval of the three items on the 2010 ballot sheet because they are:

- * Within our budget,
- * Will enhance the Forest Park life style, and
- * Improve our property values.

Initial proposal for 2011 budget

The expense items on the budget proposal for 2011 continues full funding of reserves. It also provides \$60,000 for improvements. This is based on very careful analyses, increased monitoring of operating expense, and some austerity measures. Budget detail is provided in the document and voting will be at the end of this year.

Pending Reserve Items

The amounts required for reserve expenses are calculated often enough that we are always prepared for them, but the timing is often somewhat flexible. As major items approach, we draw upon the experience and assistance of all FPPOA members before bringing them to vote.

Sealing of roads

It has been suggested we look into sealing of our roads to extend their life. Information collected to date indicates that sealing is not cost-effective and it is not included in the calculation for the time to restoration. If new and improved sealing processes can be shown to extend the time between re-paving, their inclusion in the equation can only be beneficial.

Modification of clubhouse.

Our reserve funding calculation includes all infrastructure including eventual replacement or total refurbishment of everything the Park owns. It has been proposed we consider modification of the Clubhouse to remove the pillars that currently block the view of the stage. The foremost two pillars, in particular, impair the view of the stage to a degree that spoils plays or similar performances.

An initial engineering overview indicates that modification is possible and might cost about \$45,000. This is close to the current portion of the fund reserved for Clubhouse restoration. The alteration would bring the space and style of the clubhouse up to the standard of modern parks and would enhance our property values. However, we need a more thorough engineering study, and the engineering firm that looked at this two years ago, is prepared to extend that study. For about \$1,500 they can complete the work to the point where we can request construction bids. The planning and budget committee recommends this be approved.

A Synopsis of the March 2010 FPPOA Board of Directors Meetings

Thursday the 4th

There are currently two small spaces and one large space available in the RV Storage area. Please call Pete Lawrence to request an application. FPPOA is monitoring our legal fees and setting up procedures that will hopefully help us in solving problems before they end up needing attorney advice. The sign variance application procedure with a limit of two magnetic signs per vehicle was approved by the Board of Directors. Three applications were received and approved and they were Sharon Goudy's Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc., Bill Lachemayer's Landscaping, and a sign advertising Mona-Vie a health supplement drink.

The clubhouse

siding project is progressing. The pool deck area crack repair project has been completed. It was stated that residents should report developing holes in their yard to a Board Member. If holes suddenly develop in the yard, it could be a warning of more serious problems. Please do not just fill in the holes.

Ren Whitaker will take over as head of Security and the committee will be combined with the Neighborhood Watch committee. Ren will work with Ken Warner who heads up the Neighborhood Watch committee, to make our homes and streets safe for all.

A ballot for the vote on changing some of the bylaws and a ballot for the vote on proposed improvements will be presented at the March 25, 2010 General Membership Meeting.

Thursday the 18th

The issue of trash and the horticulture contamination was discussed. Letters containing the new lock combination were sent to all residents who have spaces in the RV area. Look for an article from Pete Lawrence in the newsletter regarding use and abuse of the RV and Trash area.

The Martel case has been dismissed without prejudice. This means that, if necessary in the future, FPPOA can re-open the case at any time. A professional collection service has been retained to try to collect some outstanding monies owed to FPPOA by Complete Arbor. The Legal Committee held three mediation hearings in March and all three were resolved amicably. Look for Bob Dickerson's article in the newsletter.

An expenditure for maintenance on the shuffleboard court was endorsed. Signs in the park are being upgraded to today's standards. Bids are being taken for tree trimming and for perimeter fence repairs.

Budgets were discussed and the final meeting of the Budget Committee was held on Friday, March 19, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. WIFI is still a work in progress. Channel 5 and 61 are up and running.

The Quilt Club meetings have moved to the Clubhouse. The construction at the FPPOA Office will begin at the end of March. Programmable thermostats were cancelled in favor of leaving the cover off the thermostat in the clubhouse and asking anyone making changes to the settings that they put it back to the stated temperature on the signs that will be posted at the thermostats. Hurricane preparedness was discussed and a task list is being designed to tell those who remain here in the summer what needs to be done and in what order.

A decision was made to contribute to the Florida Resident Owned Communities Association in order to have a voice at the State level. A petition to urge our leaders to act on changing the current law that limits coverage by Citizens Property Insurance Corporation on mobile or manufactured homes built before 1994 to actual cash value rather than replacement value, is in the clubhouse. Every resident is encouraged to sign it. Our premiums keep going up and our coverage goes down.

Jim Ullrey was appointed to the Board of Directors for the remaining of 2010. He will be eligible to run for the Board in January 2011.

Balance at start of month	\$544,329.64
Income	\$21,928.52
Expense	-\$22,165.72
Net for Period	<u>-\$237.20</u>
Balance at End of Month	\$544,092.44

NOTES:

We had a small negative net this month, because the month's fee income is reduced by pre-payments, and because we had reserve expenses which were mostly related to the pool deck and bocce repairs.

John Wright, Treasurer

NOTICE TO ABSENTEE OWNERS

This is to advise owners of property in Forest Park of their ongoing responsibility to properly maintain their property, including grass and landscaping, in an acceptable manner. This becomes a problem in the summer when many of the FP residents return to their northern homes or when homes are listed for sale and there is no occupant.

Section 3. of the Deed of Restrictions allows the Grantor (FPPOA) to have work done and charge the owner for the service if the owner does not correct the violation within a reasonable time. It requires the owner to pay for such services within 10 days from billing.

We do not want to become unreasonable in regard to this rule but we are receiving complaints that properties, especially those For Sale, are not being properly maintained.

We urge every homeowner in Forest Park to secure the services of someone to maintain their property in an acceptable manner when they are away for any reason. This applies to those having space in the RV area as well.

Notice: 55 and older rule:

Owners of property in Forest Park are also advised that if they rent, lease, or have guests using their dwelling unit when they are not in residence, they must abide by and be responsible for the following rule.

- In all cases at least one of the residents occupying the dwelling unit must be at least 55 years of age and all other residents in that household must be at least 30 years of age, except that occupants will be permitted to have children as guests for not more than three weeks in any 12 month period.

FPPOA Board of Directors

Forest Park Folks:

Your Park is a member of SWFROC an organization of 26 similar Parks who own their own property. Along with a couple other resident owned community organizations in northern Florida SWFROC has formed Florida Resident Owned Communities (FLAROC) to have some say on legislation and needs of citizens of Parks like ours.

Your Board will present a petition for your signature at the next FPPOA meeting which is sponsored by FLAROC which asks the legislature to have CITIZENS Insurance (the state subsidized insurance

company many of us use) alter their policies to offer “replacement” coverage instead of ACV (actual cash value) which factors in depreciation into any claims you might have on your home. This change could help you realize a better result in the event you have a claim with CITIZENS insurance company. The membership of FLAROC is approaching 10,000 citizens of Parks like ours and would be hopefully, listened to by legislators to affect positive change.

Lee Fisher

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS GUIDELINES FOR RESIDENTS OF FOREST PARK

Supplies are a critical part of your health and safety and should be gathered in advance of the hurricane. The Activity Building and Clubhouse will be open 8 hours prior to any coming hurricane for you to bring your supplies in and get settled. Both the clubhouse and activity buildings are NOT certified hurricane shelters and in the event of a MANDATORY EVACUATION, residents stay in these buildings at their own risk.

FOOD: Bring a 3-day supply of non-perishable food that requires no refrigeration and needs little or no water to prepare. The following are suggestions: dry cereal, canned fruit, canned juice, instant coffee and tea, ready-to-eat soups, peanut butter, canned vegetables, ready-to-eat meats, tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, crackers and quick energy snacks, etc. Include a manual can opener, utility knife and cooler.

PETS: Bring a 3-day supply of food and water. Medications and proof of necessary shots. Pets will be housed in the *Activity Building only*.

WATER: One gallon per person per day, enough for 3 days.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS: cell phone and charger and radio with batteries.

CLOTHING: One change per person, rain gear, work clothes/gloves and shoes.

PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS: soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste & brush, etc.

BEDDING: Sleeping bag, blanket & pillow. Please no mattresses.

ENTERTAINMENT: Books, puzzles, cards, etc.

HEATH & SAFETY: Flashlight and plenty of batteries.

FIRST AID KIT: Sunscreen, bug repellent, essential medication and Medicare and insurance papers, extra-eyeglasses/contacts & prescriptions, update on vaccinations (particularly tetanus), trash bags.

DOCUMENTS: Store in safe, secure location, such as a safe deposit box. If you bring copies with you, place them in airtight and watertight storage/freezer bags.

SUPPORT FOR SUMMER RESIDENTS USING FOREST PARK WIFI

Please Email Sherrill Wright at sherrillwrightfl@gmail.com with your name and address, if you spend most of your summer in the park. She will keep a list of park summer residents and provide your email address to our monitors if necessary.

The system will be monitored from Doug Ford's summer home. He will be in contact with two full-time residents to help respond to any problems.

We suggest the following steps if you encounter a problem:

1. If you are reasonably sure that your computer is not responsible for the problem and you can't get on the internet, do the following:
2. Restart (reboot) your computer.
3. If you have an outside antenna, unplug the power to it, wait 30 seconds and plug it back in.
4. If you still cannot connect call Ann Meacham @ 995.0514 and find out the status of Forest Park WiFi.
5. If the WiFi is working, do the following:
6. FOR LAPTOPS - that cannot get online at your house, go to the activity building and connect to Trendnet. This does not require a password and is completely independent of Forest Park WiFi. If OK then try connecting to Forest Park. If you connect to Forest Park in the activity building, the problem at your house must be too low a signal at your house.
7. FOR DESKTOPS - with an outside antenna. If you have followed step 1 above, call Mark Newsham @ 508.942.3121 or go to his house at 5121 Forest Park Dr. If you bought your antenna from ETHX call them @ 689.1000.

Once you have gone through these procedures, and you still can't connect, your computer may need some technical work done. We suggest you call Paul of Exclusive Technologies @ 898-8840, or Frank Brown @ 980.9927. Both have done work for several computer club members and other residents.

If Ann Meacham is unavailable, you can call Mark Newsham @ 508-942-3121.

Mark is also available, if you want to get online with a new connection, to point and install your antenna. His charges are reasonable and depend on difficulty of installation.

FRAUD ALERT

Officer Jim came by today to alert all Forest Park Residents of a roofing scam. If you have had a roof put on your home in the past 3 – 5 years it is guaranteed. Do not let them tell you they are representing All Florida Roofing or anybody else that put your roof on. They will try to tell you your eaves are bad or your down spouts. Do not believe them. They have business cards from all different roofing businesses and will present a different card name to your neighbor. They are all fake. Even their licenses they show you to do business are fakes.

Please call Code Enforcement 239-344-5895 and tell them Officer Jim Antilia was here in Forest Park and alerted you to this scam. Would they please send an officer. Get their license plate number

and remember the name of the business they said they were representing. Ask for a card if you can get one.

BECKY

SOCIAL CLUB

FOREST PARK IS GOING GREEN”

As Forest Park event coordinators, we are going to try and cut down on the use of Styrofoam products. We are committed to recycle more of our every day products that we use. When we have an event that involves eating, residents will be encouraged to bring their own plate, silverware and cup or glass. Our cost for trash has gone up enormously within the last few years. We pay \$62.00 per ton for our garbage in addition to \$182.00 price for pick up.

Forest Park Residents have already been going green.

We already recycle our aluminum cans.

On Monday about 6:00 p.m., we have Diane and Don Brooks traversing the park with their golf cart to pick up the aluminum cans that residents have placed near their mailbox. Thank You Don & Diane for your help. Betty Campbell is the substitute pick up person. Thank You Betty.

If you have a soda, beer or some juice cans, they need to be rinsed, turned over to dry, then placed in a bag for pick up. A way to tell if the can is made of aluminum is - if you can squeeze the can to the middle - it is aluminum. If you can't squeeze the can, then the can is made of steel which we don't take. Please don't put any cigarettes, spit or other gross stuff inside the cans. Help our volunteers be safe when they crush the cans.

Thank You to our volunteers who crush the cans: Ann Domingos, Jack Dilts and Delano Cline. The fellows take the tabs off the cans which then go to the Ronald McDonald House, via Betty Campbell. A Ronald McDonald House speaker is here in April for Koffee Klatch.

Thank You also to aluminum can collector, Dick Schuren. He rides his bike and picks up the cans along the sidewalks. This season, he has collected 6200 cans. Thank You to Mary Siegel who collects the cans from the VIP Casino Lounge and brings them to our collection shed.

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Dances of February and March
(March Dance sponsored by the Art Class)

Thank You to Becky Conrad and Sun Country Realty for the donation of liquor for the basket that was raffled at the Dances.

Gift certificates were given by Hog Body's Bar and Grill and by VIP Casino Lounge at the dances. Also, Janet and Omer Brewer who design Service Flag Products, gave a flag guide which prevents a flag from wrapping around the pole and keeps it flying freely. Their company has a full line of quality products for flag display as well as flags for all holidays, occasions, business promotional, religious, marine, sports, states, territory even foreign nations. If you need a flag, contact Jan and Omer Brewer at 308 Shrub Lane or 543-4646.

A great big Thank You to all the newsletter delivery people for your assistance.

A Thank You for everyone who volunteers in Forest Park. With your help, our park is very active, energetic and jam-packed with various events and activities for all of our residents.

Everyone have a healthy and safe summer. See you in the fall.

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The last Social club meeting will be held on April 8 at 7 p.m. Everyone will learn about the year ending events in the Park

Refreshments will be served.

Summer Residents ** Cut out the following announcement and save

<p style="text-align: center;">July 4 Picnic For Forest Park Residents Held in the clubhouse at 2:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hostesses are Laura Voreh 543-1236 Wava Straw 731-3036 Free for Park Residents Guests may attend, however they have to pay for their dinner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Menu Chicken, rolls, dessert, tea and coffee You bring a dish to pass and your own table service Tickets for the picnic are given out at 2 Bingo nights and on Sunday, June 27 from 1:00-3:00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Watch the marquee for information</p>

Delores Holmes
Social Club President

SPORTS CORNER:

Bocce: The season is coming to an end and a good time was had by all bocce players.

Olga Mei

Shuffling: *Hi to all our faithful shufflers:*



The month of March was busy for the Shuffling Team.

The Bayshore League Meeting was held at "Lazy Days" on March 2. On March 5th we hosted the "Koffee Klatch" with Ellsworth Heating/AC presenting the program.

They gave us much information on what and what not to do with our Heating and A/C. We also wish to Thank" them for donating the donuts.

March 6 was our meeting to wrap up our season and elect a new slate of Officers. Once again Ray Preston was voted in as Captain, Mike Fanning as Co-Captain; then Ray Preston appointed Dale Stafford as an additional Co-Captain. Bev Benson will remain as our trusty Secretary/Treasurer. Thanks everyone for accepting these positions.

On March 15 and 16, several of our team members participated in the "Spring Tournament" held at the Library-a good time was had by all.

We held our annual King and Queen tournament on March 20. Ellsworth Heating/AC donated donuts for the occasion. After shuffling we enjoyed hot dogs, chips and a drink. The winners will be posted on the BULLETIN BOARD OUT FRONT OF CLUBHOUSE.

On March 24 we had a "FUN DAY". Many turned out to join in the fun. First prize was a \$10.00 Gift Certificate for "Sweetbay".

Forest Park hosted the BANQUET this year on March 28 having the other PARKS joining us. Rita and her helpers served us "Roast Turkey or Pork Loin". THANK YOU Rita for a lovely dinner.

Our first day of play will be November 17,2010.

Remember we will still be shuffling on MONDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY mornings at 10:00 a.m. and our "FUN NIGHT" at 7:00 p.m. on MONDAYS. Also LADIES day every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. EVERYONE WELCOME EACH TIME.

Have a wonderful SUMMER - Hoping to see you all in the FALL.

Ray Preston, Captain

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Golf:



Ladies:It has been a different year for our ladies league in 2009/10 as we have changed the location of our games and have not had the guidance of a designated President. Next year we hope to be back to normal.

President	Open	
Secretary	Bev Benson	731-0085
Treasurer	Raymonde Tsicountouridis	731-0334
Statistician	Marlene Boniface	543-3737

We wish the above named officers much success in the upcoming season and at the same time, we would like to thank Bev Benson and Sheila Brown for the fine job they did in keeping our league going without the leadership of a President. Well done!

Our year end luncheon will take place at Lemoncelli's on #41 Highway just south of Seminole Lakes at 2:00 p.m. on March 25. The Forest Park Ladies League will start up again the first Thursday of November 2010 at El Rio Golf Course. At that time it

will be determined just which course the ladies will chose to play in the new year.
Come and join us.

If you are interested and have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the above officers. We are looking forward to playing golf in the Fall and hopefully have some new faces in our League.

Marlene

CHEF'S CORNER

Cabbage Casserole Ground Turkey

- 1 small head of cabbage sliced or diced
- 1 cup celery chopped
- 1 large onion chopped
- 1 cup carrots chopped
- 1 large bell pepper chopped
- 1-1/2 cups brown rice
- 1 pkg. taco seasoning or chili mix
- 2 cans tomato soup
- 1 can diced tomatoes with basil, oregano and garlic
- 1 can tomatoes with green chili's (or an extra can of diced tomatoes)
- 2 lbs. ground turkey (I use 1 lb. regular turkey and 1 lb. seasoned Turkey from Wal-marts at \$1.00 per lb. and omit the chili or taco seasoning.

Season to taste with garlic powder, salt, pepper chili powder (chili or taco seasoning mix (I use both) and any other seasonings you like.

Brown Ground Turkey good, then add taco and other seasonings mix Brown Rice, tomatoes and soup, then mix cabbage, celery, onion, bell pepper and carrots in a large bowl, then add ground turkey and soup mixture and place in casserole dish, I usually have two dishes, bake at 350° until done – about 1 ½ hrs. Serve and enjoy. (or put in a large crock pot and cook on high for 6 – 8 hrs.)
16 Servings (1/3/4 C per serving))
Weight Watchers Pts. 7 per serving.

Helen Hasler

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Jell-O-Strawberry Pie

- 1 3 oz. box strawberry jello
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups water
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- 1 qt. strawberries
- 1 pie crust

Mix first four ingredients. Bring to boil, stirring until thick and bubbly - cool. Mix ½ into berries and put into baked pie crust. Drizzle rest over top till covered well.
Serve with doppel of whipped cream on top.

Helen Smith

COMIC CORNER

Residents: Once again I will remind you this is a Comic Corner and any joke or item in this corner is not intended to offend anyone.

JOHNNY THE NEWFIE (from Newfoundland, Canada)

Johnny was working at the fish plant in Carbonear when he accidentally cut off all ten of his fingers. He went to the emergency room in St. John's.

The doctor looked at Johnny and said, "Let's have da fingers and I'll see what I can do." John said, "I haven't got da fingers"

What do you mean, you haven't got da fingers? It's 2010, we got microsurgery and all kinds of incredible techniques. I could have put dem back on and made you like new. Why didn't you bring da fingers?"

John says, "How da fock was I suppose to pick dem up?!!!"

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UNIONS

A dedicated Teamsters union worker was attending a convention in Las Vegas and, as you would expect, decided to check out the local brothels.

When he got to the first one, he asked the Madam, "Is this a union house?" "No," she replied, "I'm sorry it isn't."

"Well, if I pay you \$100.00, what cut do the girls get?" The house gets \$80.00 and the girls get \$20.00", she answered.

Mightily offended at such unfair dealings, the union man stomped off down the street in search of a more equitable, hopefully unionized shop.

His search continued until finally he reached a brothel where the Madam responded, "Why yes sir, this is a union house. We observe all union rules."

The man asked. "And if I pay you \$100.00, what cut do the girls get?" The girls get \$80.00 and the house gets \$20.00." "That's more like it!" the union man said.

He handed the Madam \$100.00, looked around the room and pointed to a stunningly attractive blonde. "I'd like her," he said.

"I'm sure you would, sir" said the Madam. Then she gestured at a 91 year old woman in the corner, "but Ethel here has 67 years seniority and she's next."

That's all folks! See you next Fall.

I'd like to thank everyone for emailing their submissions. It really is a big help. The Newsletter Box is still available in the Clubhouse for anyone without a computer.

Have a healthy, happy summer everyone.

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