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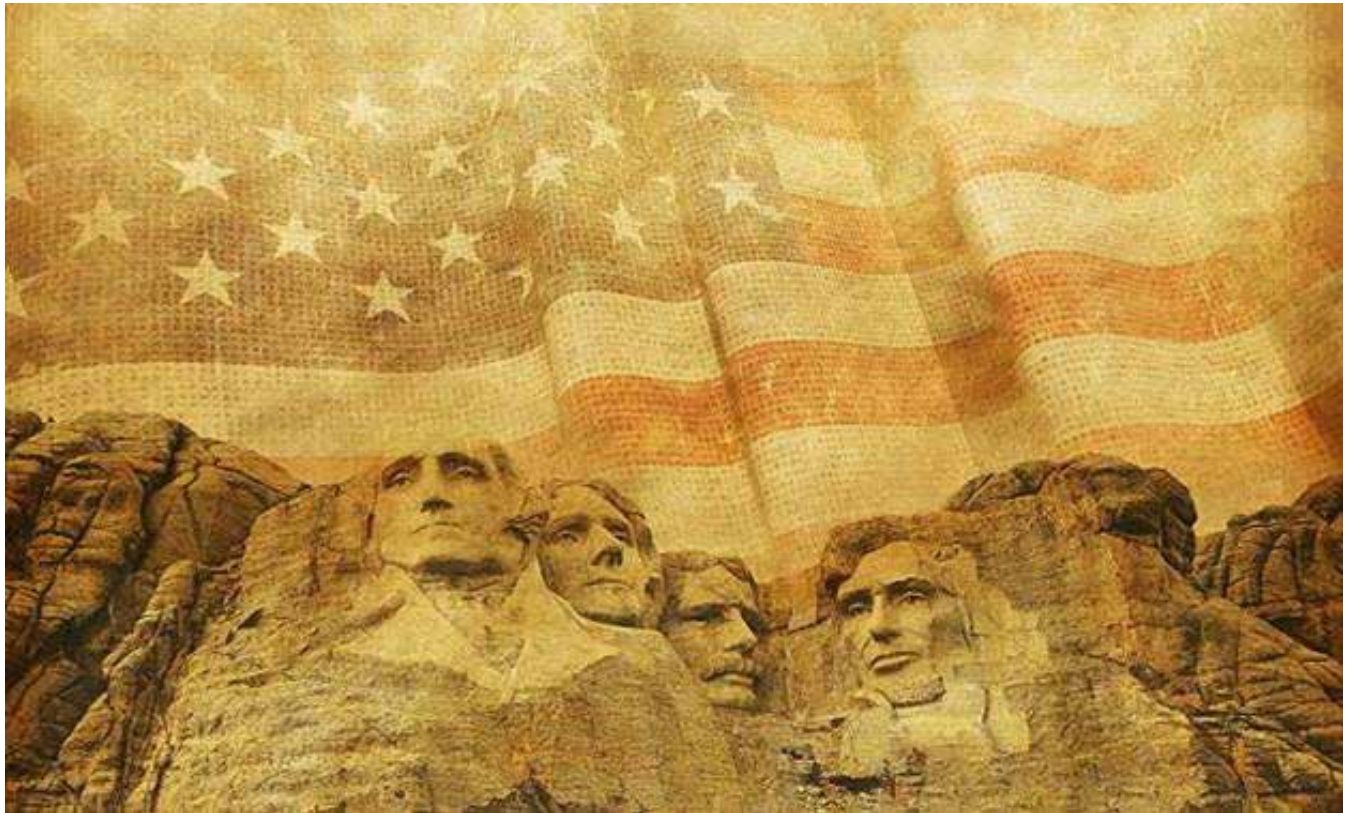


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FEBRUARY

SOCIAL CLUB OFFICERS

President – Denise Brewer
1st Vice President – Dottie Fender
2nd Vice President – Ellen Heigham
Secretary – Joyce Hines
Treasurer – Mary Kurucz

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8:00 AM to 11:00 PM
September 1st through May 1st



Editor's Message

By Gail Pare

February is known for the month of "Love" but there is so much more to this month. . . .

It's a month of awareness for many causes, National Heart Health month, National Self Check month, Black History month, National Cancer Prevention month, National Cat month, National Library Lovers month, International Friendship month, and of course, the month where we honor all our past President's and so much more!

For me it reminds me of Valentine's Day with red roses, chocolates, sweet desserts decorated with sugary flowers and designs, shades of pinks and whites, paper cutout hearts and memories of loved ones sharing a special meal with family or with sweethearts.



CRAFT CLUB

Happy February!



We are in full swing and enjoying all the Florida sunshine here in Forest Park. Our craft club has been busy with projects, dinner events and planning for our future events. Our club membership is continuing to grow as more residents are joining!

January brought us some beautiful projects; we worked on some paint pouring to create unique vases and painted seascapes on pizza pans (yup pizza pans!) to create wall décor. We all worked together to create some adorable centerpieces that were raffled off at our Lasagna Dinner event. February will be offering some crushed seashell art, clay pot garden characters, watercolor paintings and more!

Our Annual Craft Fair/Trash to Treasure Event and Carport Sale will be held on February 4th from 8-2. We've joined forces with the Social Club to make this event the best ever! Some of the benefits for this event include:

- **Craft Fair** – All handcrafted items will be set up and sold in the Clubhouse. A number of outside vendors have already booked their spots! We will also have some very crafty residents showing off their handy work. We'll have a number of raffle baskets and items donated by the vendors too! 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Meal Deal is Back!** – After the success of last year's \$5 Meal Deal, we've decided to do it again! This year we have a bit of an expanded menu – Italian or Turkey Subs, Homestyle Chili, and some Good Ol' Fashion Corn Chowder! Each of these items are served with chips or bread and dessert. Breakfast items will be available for purchase as well as complimentary coffee. We will also offer a Bake Sale throughout the day to support the Give Back Campaign. Donations to the Bake sale will be greatly appreciated! Food will be served from the Clubhouse Kitchen. Meals while they last!

- **Trash to Treasure** – The Trash to Treasure event will be staged at the Pavilion. You never know the treasures we'll have on hand, but I'm sure you won't



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be disappointed. You are welcome and encouraged to donate your unwanted items to this event. Items may be dropped off at the Pavilion beginning Thursday evening February 2nd, (after 4 p.m. please!!) All items must be clean and free from any type of water or mold damage. You may also call to schedule a pickup at your home. Please contact JoEllen Gallant 978-835-6625 to schedule a time. Any items left after the event will be donated to a local charity.

• **Carport Sales** - This year's carport sale will have a bit more support! We've decided to make up a map of the homes offering items for sale! We will utilize the Forest Park Map and highlight the homes participating in the event. Simply call or stop by the office to make sure your house is noted on the map. Maps will be handed out at the front entrance by volunteers. (We need some extra hands if anyone would like to give us an hour of time handing out the maps at the park entrance!) This will make it easier for shoppers to find you!

• **The Social Club** will be handling the advertisement in the local newspapers and the Craft Club will be handling the social media and signage! Come join the fun!

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CRAFT CLUB UPCOMING DINNER!

Our dinner event for February is a Chicken BBQ on Monday, February 20th! 5-7pm



We are planning on a hearty meal of a ¼ chicken, baked beans, tater salad and pasta salad! Some country music and maybe some line dancing to get our toes a tapping! The Give Back Campaign

Centerpieces will be available at the Raffle and of course baked goods! Tickets will be available through Pre-Sale and always available at the door. Dinner while supplies last!

As you can see there's a lot of fun to be had by joining our Craft Club. Membership is just \$10.00 per year. We welcome you to come and visit a meeting prior to joining.

We meet every Wednesday at 9am to 11:00 Bring a friend! Come meet your neighbors! Let's create something!



Part of the Lasagna Dinner Crew!

THE TOY DRIVE UPDATE

By Pam Salk

The Suncoast Toy Drive was a huge success because of the generous hearts in Forest Park! The gifts collected provided for 138 children. Amazing! The hope was that each child received 3 gifts each and due to your generosity, we were able to provide 5 per child. Thank you, Forest Park Family for your Love ❤️

PICKLEBALL

By Charlene Wash



Men's Pickleball meets Monday-Friday at 8:00 a.m. @ the Pavillion

Women's Pickleball meets Monday-Friday at 9:15 a.m. @ the Pavillion

SOCIAL CLUB POSITION OPEN

As of the end of the season the position of Secretary will be open. If you are interested, please notify the Social Club President Denise Brewer.



Don't Throw the Baby Out

With The Bucket, But...

by Joyce Hines

But... it is time to throw out the useless stuff you have accumulated over the years in your closets, drawers, desks, cubby holes, and cupboards, sheds, etc., etc. and so forth! In other words, get a head start on Spring cleaning and make some money!

As a result! Make money...how, you ask?

Simply participate in the **Forest Park Carport Sales** in your own driveway. Also happening this day is the

- **Craft Club's Craft Fair in the Clubhouse**
- **Craft Club's Trash to Treasure Sale in the Pavillion.**



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Double Your Fun!

by Joyce Hines

February brings not one, but **two** dances. The first Social Club dance is the **Valentine Dance on Friday, Feb.10th from 7:00 p.m to 10:00 p.m.** featuring Jerry Burton. Jerry is a park favorite. We look forward to celebrating an early Valentine's Day with our wives, husbands, significant others, and/or good friends while dancing or listening to the music provided by "The Music Man"!



The second dance is on **Saturday, Feb.25th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.** Our entertainment that evening will be provided by a highly recommended local group called **Sh-Boom! Sh-Boom!**

"Ya-da-da-Da-da-da-Da-da-da-Da" Life could be a dream if you'd join us during this fun evening!



At both dances, you may BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage) and snacks. It has been suggested that we have a section for the singles in our park. We are happy to accommodate! If you are a single and wish to **"mingle with the singles"**, take a seat at the "Singles' Table"!

The cost for each dance is: \$7.00.

**Double your fun by joining us!
on February 10th and February 25th!
7:00 to 10:00 p.m.**

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

By: Gail Pare

All articles should be sent to this email address at: fpsocialnews@gmail.com **newsletter articles are due by the 12th of each month** for the following month's newsletter. If you belong to a club or are on a committee, or as a resident have a story you would like to share, etc., please don't forget to submit your materials by this date every month. Thank you all very much for your submissions.

Please remember the newsletter continues to run every month all year long. Since the marquee is down, we will notify you in the Forest Park email once the newsletters are ready to be picked up in the Clubhouse and Activity Building. The Newsletter is always available on our web site.

Newsletters for February can be picked up at the Activity Building or Clubhouse and are always available on the website.



Laughter Is the Best Medicine!

By Joyce Hines

Better than a pill...the return of Comedian, Frank Del Pizzo!

He will be at our Forest Park Clubhouse on **Friday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m.** Frank has performed for us several times and always provides a large dose of laughter! **The cost: \$10.00 at the door.**



TOOL CLUB

The Tool Club held an informational meeting on January 10th. If you missed the meeting and would still like to join please contact Bob Carson at 607-857-0320 or Mark Snyder at 716-939-0237. Dues are \$10.00 per year are now due. The club will soon be going to a code-entry system in the near future and keys will no longer be used. You must be a current member to use the tools. Hold onto those keys for now, once the new lock is put in place the keys will become obsolete.





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By: Jan Provence, Webmaster

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All residents that have a Member Share in our park can access the **Member's Only Pages** on our website. On these pages, you will find the latest information with the FPPOA board and member minutes and many other documents that you will need to keep updated on this community.

To receive a username and password, contact the FPPOA office. (fpfoainc@gmail.com) If you need further information, contact me at webmaster@forestparkonline.com.

RED HAT'S

By Pam Salk

Next Red Hat Ladies adventure is Feb 21st: We will gather at the club house at 10am to caravan to Babcock Ranch where you will discover the natural heart of Florida on a 90-minute narrated Eco-Tour through Babcock Ranch's vast untouched nature preserve. Lunch will be available on your own after the tour at the



Gator Shack Restaurant. There is also a museum and gift shop for your perusing.

Don't forget your camera!!



KARAOKE

Karaoke with Chris Tybor will be held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, from 7-9 pm.

Come join in or just sit back and enjoy the songs....

BYOB and snacks



LINE DANCE CLASS:

Line Dance classes with Ellen Heigham are held on Tuesdays. It's FREE! Come join and learn a few line dances and get some easy exercise all at the same time. From 12:45 -1:00 Ellen will teach the basic steps for the first timers. Then from 1:00-2:00 she will work on some easy social dances. Lots of fun, so come join in!



HELPING HANDS

By Ellen Heigham

Our group of helping hands was created in 2018. Forest Park is known for its kind people and people willing to step up and help. If you need a hand or know someone in the park who needs a friendly visit, a ride to a doctor's appointment, help with grocery shopping or help carrying a recycle bin out please call me. If you would like to be added to our list of helpers or if you are handy and willing to help with small repairs (not replacing the roof) please call Ellen at 617-448-1748.



CAROLER'S

Thanks to all the Caroler's who joined me (especially on the very last-minute rain date!). I think the residents we visited were appreciative.

EUCHRE and RUMMYKUB:

By Phyllis Freese

EUCHRE CARD GAME

Have you tried Euchre? Euchre is a trick-taking card game is played with 24, 28, or 32 standard playing cards played with two to nine players, usually played with the thirty-two highest cards, the aim being to win at least of the five tricks played. The advantage is to prevent another player from taking three tricks.

Euchre is played on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm in the Activities building. New players are welcome.



RUMMYKUB

Rummikub (/ˈrʌmɪkjʊːb/) is a tile-based game for 2 to 4 players, combining elements of the card game rummy and mahjong. There are 106 tiles in the game, including 104 numbered tiles (valued 1 to 13 in four different colors, two copies of each) and two jokers.

For anyone interested in restarting Rummykub meet on Monday nights at 7:00pm in the Activities building and any new members wanting to join in are welcome. It's fun and quick game, easy to learn if you do not know how.



EXERCISE CLASS

By Jane Cullin

My exercise class continues Monday mornings 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the clubhouse. Class will include cardio, strength and core. I have a few weights. A mat is good or at least a towel because we do finish on the floor. Questions, call Jane Cullin 330-242-2772. New participants welcome.



LOW-IMPACT STEP EXERCISE

By Carole Beconder



A fun and easy low-impact step class is held every Tuesday and Saturday mornings in the clubhouse at 9:00 am. We put on some fun music or watch videos which shows the steps we are learning.

Fun for all! Sneakers recommended. Come join us and meet some new friends and learn new steps while toning and exercising. New participants welcome at any time.

WOMEN'S KOFFEE KLATCH



The February Men's Koffee Klatch will be held Friday, February 10th at 8:00 in the Clubhouse. (The 2nd Friday each month)

MEN'S KOFFEE KLATCH



The February Women's Koffee Klatch are held on Friday's, February 17th at 9:00 in the Clubhouse. (The 3rd Friday each month)



YOUR FOREST PARK BOD TEAM

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To begin, thank you to all the nominees for committing to running for the Board of Directors. You should all be commended for the efforts you have put forth to be a part of this election.

The Board would like to thank everyone involved in the election. Thank you to the Nominating Committee for overseeing and ensuring that the voting process was handled professionally and in accordance with the rules. Thanks to the office for providing all the administration and help to all involved. Finally, to you, our residents, thank you for taking the time to come out and vote.

It was wonderful to see so many residents come to the "Meet the Candidates Night" which was moderated so well and kept on time. All the candidates were so passionate about helping Forest Park continue to be an amazing place to live.

As we move forward, we will share in the monthly newsletter updates from the Board and the different committees that are dedicating their time on a variety of projects.



GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS – JANUARY 12, 2023

2-Year Term for 1st Vice President – Ron Croteau (2023-2025)

2-Year Term for 2nd Vice President – Robert Carson (1-Year remaining -2023-2024)

2-Year Term for Secretary (2023-2025 – Rebecca Tybor

2-Year Term for Treasurer (2023-2024) Cindy Trepanier (1-Year remaining 2023-2024)

3-Year Term for Director #4 (2023-2026) Bruce A (Tony) Trapp

3-Year Term for Director #5 (2023-2026) Barry Simes

(official results are available on the Members Only page on forestparkonline.com via the link below.... <http://forestparkonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/BOD-Election-Results-2023.pdf> and also posted in the Clubhouse.



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CHILI & SOUP COOK-OFF RESULTS

The second annual chili-soup cook-off was a huge success raising \$300 to donate to the park for Ian relief. Probably towards the new sign.



Kevin Mann repeated his winning ways taking first place with his medium to hot chili. Jane Cullin was second with her spicy 'n sweet chili and JoEllen Gallant took third with her medium chicken chili.

There were 11 entries all of which were very good. Everyone that came had a great time and many crock pots were

emptied. Rumor has it next year they will also have an optional ice cream bar!

I want to thank all the people that helped make this a huge success. Thank you to Barb Sudsbury, Deb Johnson, Jan Burlew, Patti Kothe, Heather Flavin, Coach Cullin and JoEllen Gallant. And so many stayed to clean up. Thank you thank you thank you!!!!

SHUFFLEBOARD NEWS:

By Bill Madill

The in-park league is up and running. We have about 20 players and are always looking for more. We practice Mondays at 10am and league play is Thursdays at 10am. Our fun night has been moved to Sunday at 6pm as this seems to be less conflicting to other activities in the park.

Let's get out and use the courts. This is basically a free and fun activity, and anyone can do it! New players welcome.



SAFETY FIRST:

Remember to use flashing lights or flashlights when you are riding or walking at night. Please obey STOP SIGNS and YIELD to vehicular traffic.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Lee Fisher	2
Linda Steffen	3
Art Stiemke	4
Jeffrey Collar	5
Mike Maugans	8
Lucinda Pfeifer	9
Linda Boyan	11
Dean Hillman	11
Sue Caudill	12
Brian Corrigan	12
Andre Fiset	12
Lee Hayek	13
Cynthia Loper	15
Dolores Paskowski	15
Charles Galbraith	16
John Mickelsen	16
Lynne Baker	21
Kelly Harkins	21
Marilyn Jackson	22
Kathy Revels	22
Jean Christenson	23
Bernard Ranello	23
Lise Kliskey	24
Wayne Meyer	25
Robert Koenders	25
Roberta Rizas	26
Myra Rodriguez	26
George Allen	28
Bob Charles	28



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Mike & Betsy Maugans	February 7, 1970
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50 FABULOUS YEARS AND STILL COUNTING

Honoring Four Celebrants

By Joyce Hines



John and Glenda Alfano

It was fate: **Glenda**, a shy girl from a small town in Crossville, TN and **John**, born in Italy, but raised in the states from the age of 6, meeting in Cleveland, OH while working at an envelope manufacturing plant. A mutual co-worker, and friend of both, asked John if he would consider taking Glenda on a double date. Now he had **noticed** Glenda and he was happy to agree! Their dating was "off and on" over a three-year period. As Glenda said, "Playing hard to get" kept the boys interested! John knew "she was the one" early on; Glenda, however, was simply enjoying dating and having fun.

John proposed to Glenda while they were "enjoying" each other's company" on the couch in John's parents' living room. They planned an April 29th wedding,

But...Glenda's mom wouldn't sign to allow her underaged daughter to marry a "foreigner". In Ohio, the legal "adult" age was 21, so their wedding ceremony was postponed until **July 15th, 1972** when Glenda became of age. About 100 friends and family attended John and Glenda's nuptials. After their wedding, they headed to the Poconos, most likely listening to their favorite dating song on the car radio: Creedence Clearwater's "**Lookin' Out My Back Door**"!

John and Glenda settled down in Brunswick, a town on the outskirts of Cleveland. There, they raised a son, Michael John and a daughter, Amy. Michael has three children Anna 22, Sofia 16, and Ella 12. Amy has an 18-year-old daughter, Karli, and a 14-year-old son, Kollin. With the children on their own, Jon and Glenda downsized to a smaller house in Medina, a town south of Brunswick.

John started out working in manufacturing in inventory control, and then went on to become a programmer machinist. The last company for which he worked was Kalt Manufacturing, a job shop servicing all types of work needed in various industries. He retired from there after 28 years, but he actually worked a total of 40 years in his field of expertise. Glenda worked for 25 years at Boise Cascade, the envelope company where she met John. After that, she worked part time setting up breakfasts in a hotel. Eventually, Glenda worked at her most important job; she became the family babysitter, a job she dearly cherished.

After retiring, John and Glenda had the opportunity

to visit with a friend who lived at Lake Arrowhead. Spending time there encouraged them to look for a place in Florida. First, as snowbirds, they found Forest Park and bought a house on Hollyberry. After three years, John finally convinced Glenda that they should move to Florida becoming permanent Florida residents to avoid Cleveland's lake-effect winters. He promised her that they would fly back to Ohio to spend time with their family. They moved into a larger, newly remodeled house on Timberlane South. Hopefully sunny Florida will allow John and Glenda to celebrate many more anniversaries!

Mark and Theresa Snyder

Mark and Terri Snyder lived in Buffalo, NY. They were a part of a group that socialized together which included their respective best friends who were brother and sister. Mark organized dances which they would all attend. The rest was not history...yet. Eight years later they ran into each other at a bar. Mark asked Terri if she would go out with him the next evening. No go...She already had a date. "How about the next night?" he asked. She said, "Yes." Two and a half months later, on **June 24th 1972** they married!

Mark and Terri, on a limited budget, arranged for a small reception after the wedding at a local club. At that time, a massive flood in PA delayed the arrival of a few family members who missed the meal. When the caterers refused to serve them, feisty Terri said "NO! We paid for that food. You are serving our guests!"

Next, after leaving the club with Mark's dad in the back seat of their car, they had a flat tire...in the pouring rain. Mark couldn't get the lug nut off the wheel, so there they sat. A friend from the wedding whizzed past. Finally, a stranger stopped and helped change the tire. Naturally they had to buy him a drink at the nearest bar. This was not how they anticipated their evening to go! And, on top of everything, half of their friends didn't believe that they were actually married...they thought the wedding was a practical joke!

After this memorable event, Mark and Terri went on to have three children. Sadly, their oldest son David was 21 when he was killed during the Persian Gulf War. Their son Robert is married with one son, Jackson David age 10. Andrew is their youngest son.

Mark did all kinds of odd jobs which mostly involved working with shipping and receiving; he also took night courses. He eventually took a job at the Crosby Co. plant running their shipping department. He retired after 30 years. Terri initially worked for a cable Company staying there for 25 years. Her last 10 years were spent at the

Geico Insurance Company working as an underwriter. There she met Warren Buffet, Geico's owner.

The couple visited a friend in SW Florida several times and finally made the decision to leave Buffalo's nasty winters for good! They contacted a realtor and bought a house on Jacaramba Ct. Both Terri and Mark enjoy playing cards and occasionally enjoy going to the casinos. Terri spends her time working with her amazing plants! After 50 years, they are living life like one of



their favorite songs..." **We've Only Just Begun**"!

Bob and Sandy Bagge

Bob Bagge, three years older than **Sandy**, was Sandy's brother's best friend. Bob was always around, so naturally

Sandy knew him well long before they dated. After high school Bob went into the service. He was injured while in Vietnam and was sent to a hospital in Rhode Island. Sandy would accompany Bob's parents on those visits. One time she baked 12 dozen cookies to take to him. After that, Bob was not only the other patients' best friend, but he also began to see Sandy in a new light. (The way to a man's heart is through his stomach!)

When Bob returned to their hometown, Manchester, Connecticut, most of the girls he knew were either married or in college. So...he asked Sandy for a date. That one date turned into two years of dating, culminating with a proposal in front of her family with the ring hidden inside a Chinese Puzzle Box! Frustrated, Sandy suggested hitting it with a hammer! Bob said NO! She eventually found the ring. The proof? Bob and Sandy celebrated fifty years together on **October 14th 2022!**

Bob and Sandy have two daughters: Corey who has three children; Kevin 25, Trevor 17, and Cayleigh 15, and Melissa who has a son Ryder, age 10. They also have an adorable Cavapoo dog named Willow.

Bob retired from the Manchester Police Department with 30 years of service. After that, he worked at several jobs among which were construction and a school bus driver.

Sandy worked as a hairdresser. Both of them actively worked at an Irish Club of which they are part owners. When spending the off season in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, Sandy now works three days a week with Highline Cruises booking parking tickets for people who will be cruising to Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard.

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After visiting friends in Cape Coral, Bob and Sandy eventually decided that they wanted to find a place of their own. Thus, they are now residents of Forest Park, living on Forest Park Drive. They both enjoy golfing together. Sandy is active in the Quilt Club and our Book Club. They are a welcome addition to our park! Let's hope their "happily ever after" lasts for many years to come!

2023 CELEBRANTS

Ken and Joyce Parsels

Ken and Joyce have known each other since Kindergarten. Joyce's family owned a farm where they maintained 100 standard bred harness race horses. Ken, who lived nearby, would work on the farm during the summers when he was a teenager.

Ken and Joyce were always friends. They were partners when playing Euchre with friends while riding the bus to Avoca High School in Avoca, NY. In their sophomore year there was a Firemen's Carnival. Silver tongued Ken finally asked Joyce, "Hey, do you want to go?" Joyce said "Yes"! That first date changed their relationship. In order to have more time together, Ken helped Joyce muck out 30 horse stalls that were her responsibility. It had to be love!

Kenny loved cars; Joyce loved horses. The couple made a pact...they would teach each other all about their respective passions. Ken taught Joyce about the mechanics of cars. (She actually helped Ken put a transmission in a car!) Joyce taught Ken how to drive a sulky and care for horses! They have been working together ever since as we have seen proven in Forest Park.

Ken and Joyce graduated in 1971, the year that **Freddy Hart's "Easy Lovin'"** reached #1 in the charts and #1 in their lives! Christmas, 1971 was when Kenny proposed to Joyce! Their parents were not surprised with the news. All they requested was that the couple wait to marry until they were both 21. Kenny was six months younger than Joyce. They married on **February 3rd, 1973**, the first Saturday after his 21st birthday!

Ken and Joyce first worked at W.T. Grants, Ken in the Auto Dept. and Joyce in the Men's Dept. Soon laid-off, Ken worked at several jobs until spending 15 years at Mercury Aircraft in Maintenance. He then worked for the Avoca School District where he was charge of buildings and grounds. Ken retired after 23 years. Joyce continued working at Grants until she took time off to raise their two boys. She also worked at her parents' farm during those years. Eventually she was hired at the US Post Office, retiring with 28 years of service.

The Parsels' oldest son is Shawn who has two children: Michelle 23, Bailey 21. Michelle has presented them with two great grandchildren: Sophia 2 1/2 and Jeffery 14 months. Their younger son Kevin also has two children: Ariell 16 and Ada 9.

When retired, Ken and Joyce rented at Buccaneer Estates before Joyce's brother, who lives on Livingston Rd., suggested they buy a home in Forest Park. They have lived in the park for five years having spent a multitude of hours and their many talents making our park better. After 50 years they are still working together as a team. As Freddie Hart sang:

"Life with you's like livin' in a beautiful dream!"



ATTENTION!

To all couples celebrating their 50th in the year 2023, please sign the sheet on the Social Club Board in the Clubhouse or call Joyce Hines at 724-689-5175.

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Norman Richard Clear
May 20, 1933 - December 30, 2022



Norman was born May 20th, 1933 in Downers Grove, Illinois to Paul and Iris Clear. He was a graduate of Indiana Academy and served in the Army. He was a dedicated member in the Seventh Day Adventist Church for his entire life.

Norman met and then married the love of his life, Janet on June 8th, 1952.

Norm enjoyed several things, watching the bald eagles, watching the moon, playing games with friends, looking at pictures of family and friends.

Norman passed away with his wife by his side.

The family has decided not to have any memorial service, but instead would like to remember him as he was during the last celebration for their 70th Anniversary.

We wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting calls, messages, prayers and other expressions of kindness and concern.



We wish to also acknowledge the sad loss recently of some of our past residents of Forest Park. We will give their families an opportunity to share some special memories in our upcoming newsletters.

Bill Sheehan – November, 2022
Wanda Caughlin – November, 2022
June Kearschner – January, 2023

WELCOME TO FOREST PARK

Daniel Tesar
405 Twig Court S
FL

Donna Ranello
504 Timber Lane S
NJ

Bob & Ann Charles
5361 Forest Park Drive
DE

Barry & Joyce Preston
301 Shrub Lane S
NJ

Tracy Runco
403 Timber Lane N
MI



MISSING IN ACTION by Joyce Hines

While sitting at my computer on Tuesday, the 2nd of January, I received a desperate call!

"Where are the crates? the voice cried! Almost all the Christmas decorations are down!" Yikes! 🤔

Where did Monday go? It is Monday, isn't it? Obviously, it was Tuesday morning, our day to '**undecorate**' and there I was, still in my pj's... **NOT** how I wanted to start the new year!

I dressed in record time, no time to spackle my face 😞, and rushed (at 15 mph) 🚗 to the Clubhouse grounds. A myriad of residents were working diligently taking down the decorations. Within the next hour and a half, almost everything had been removed, bagged or boxed and placed on the shelves in the storage shed. I won't attempt to list all those who helped in fear of missing someone, for in my stupor, I forgot to circulate a sign-up sheet. But you know who you are! Please give yourself a pat on the back...many, many thanks to all who showed up, worked hard, and saved the day! I promise to actually show up on time in 2024...I hope!

NEW YEAR'S EVE, 2022! By Joyce Hines

Over 70+ residents attended Social Club's New Year's Eve Dance. As many of you are aware, our contracted DJ called the day before to inform me that he had Covid and would not be playing music for our dance! Miraculously, we were able to secure Michael Kafalas...what a find! His vocals and music kept the dancers dancing and the sitters entertained. Special thanks to Duke and Robyn Johnson, Chris Tybor who worked to set up the balloon drop, no easy feat! Also, thanks to Pam Salk, Barry Simes,

and Ivan Taylor who provided assistance when needed! Social Club would like to recognize Judy Lucarelli, our local resident and real estate agent, for her continued generosity by donating give-away prizes.

Everyone attending our New Year's Dance had a great time and, together, we raised our glasses to welcome **2023!**

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!



FOREST PARK VISITORS WRISTBANDS

As a reminder all visitors and guests unaccompanied by Forest Park residents must wear wristbands when using park recreational facilities (pool, mini-golf, etc.).

The wristbands are normally 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 and Regulations.

FOREST PARK BOOK CLUB

By Nancy Cooper

Friday, February 17—1pm In the Clubhouse

Based on an actual historical event but told through fictional diaries, **ONE THOUSAND WHITE WOMEN**, is the story of a remarkable woman who travels west in 1875 and marries the chief of the Cheyenne Nation.



Join fellow readers as we come together for dessert and conversation about this book written by Jim Fergus. If you are not a member of the club but would like to join, please call Nancy Cooper, 207-632-7544, to get a copy of the book.

RECYCLE BLUE BIN

The blue bin is used for all other types of recycling such as paper, metal, plastic, etc. This is a separate Program from our regular trash that is picked up on Tuesday, the recycle truck comes on Fridays.



NORTHEASTERN STATES CLUB

By Nancy Cooper



Monday, February 27, 2023 - 5 PM

Viva Italian!! Our international

cuisine continues as we travel to Italy for a delicious meal. Prepared by Paula Chapin and Mike Fanning this dinner promises to be sautéed in olive oil and garlic and dripping with yummy spices. As with all NE Club events, you are asked to bring your own table setting and, of course, your beverage of choice.

Tickets may be purchased on or before January 20th from Mike or Kathy Fanning, 514 Pine Tree Ct. If you have not paid this year's membership dues of \$5, you may do so when you buy tickets to the dinner.

STREETS & DRAINS

By Ron Croteau

Regarding the Development Order (DO), Lee County has accepted the payment of \$1100 from Forest Park. Once the DO is approved and issued then the violation will be rectified. We submitted a request to extend the violation end date from January 4th and it was approved and now the extension date is up to April. 4th, 2023. Once the violation has been taken care of then the plan is to repair the runoff ditch on Shrub Ln. North so it flows a little better and doesn't hold water in low points. Also, we'll be able to create a plan to repair all the soft spots throughout the community and any other drainage issues.

Marquee: We are still waiting patiently for the contractor's availability as to when he can start work on the replacement of the electronic marquee. Pretty soon we will have a beauty of sign up and running where the old one used to be.

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.

LADIES SHUFFLEBOARD

Come join us and learn the game of shuffleboard if you haven't played before. The ladies meet every Tuesday at 10a.m. at the shuffleboard courts. New players always welcome! We play now all the way into April when the season ends. Hope to see you soon!!



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.



ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLE

By Social Club

REMINDER Aluminum Cans are still 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. Please remember to put your aluminum cans in a bag and place **UNDER YOUR MAILBOX by 5:00 P.M. MONDAY EVENING** 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, **aluminum cans only!** All others go in the blue recycle bins. Money collected from can recycle helps pay some of the costs of Social Club activities. It benefits all residents of Forest Park.



QUILT CLUB

By Peggy Baker

March 5th is our Annual Quilt Show. This year the club members have made an outstanding quilt to raffle. Our quilt is bright and sunny, just like Florida. Tickets are \$1 for 1 or \$5 for 6. They may be purchased several ways.



1. Thursday 9:30 - 12:00 at the clubhouse during the quilt club meetings.
2. The Craft Club Dinners
3. The Trash and Treasure Sale on February 4th
4. The Annual Quilt Show March 5th
5. From any Quilt Club member: Laurene Armstrong,

Sandy Bagge, Peggy Baker, Kristina Chapman, Janet Clear, Fran Craven, Brenda Dry, Elaine Furge, Martha Haley, Renee Huck, Marilyn Jackson, Anne Lacey, Suzy Meuwissen, Diana Power, Cindy Trepanier, Judy Watson, and Gloria Zylstra.

The quilt club meets every Thursday in the clubhouse at 9:30. If you enjoy sewing and haven't tried quilting you are welcome to join us. No experience necessary, all are welcome.

WIFI CONTACT INFORMATION

By WiFi Committee

For help with WiFi connections.

Please contact: John or Sherrill Wright – 239-389-3927 or someone in the park office.



HOME CHURCH "THE LIGHT"

By Roberta Rizas



Where does the time go? It goes so fast!

I still have lingering thoughts of Christmas and New Year of 2023, and it's time to start thinking about the month of February already. I would like to say, **HAPPY VALENTINES DAY** to all of you in this park. Have a great day and night sharing your love with everyone. Nice day set aside "special" to do this.

I'd like to share with you all, the time and address of Forest Park's Home Church. It is called, "The Light". We have a nice group of ladies and men that meet every Sunday night at 6pm at 457 Jacaramba Ct.

We invite you to come and share with us a few songs, prayer requests, a Bible lesson and Communion. We like to share testimonies with one another too, and whatever God puts on your heart. Please, feel free to come to share this precious time with us. All are welcome.

"For God so loved the world He gave His one and only Son (Jesus), that whoever believes in Him, shall not perish but have eternal life.

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"Sisters in Christ" now meet every **Monday morning's from 10am-12pm** at the Home Church on 457 Jacaramba Court. We are an inter-denominational group of women who come together to fellowship and study the word of God. Come and experience the joy of the Lord with us! For further information, please call Laura Esters at 239-210-8010, or Roberta Rizas, group hostess at 732-604-2044.



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February Crossword

ACROSS

1. Back of the neck
5. Plant louse
10. Pinnacle
14. Unidentified flying objects
15. Biblical possessive
16. Rude person
17. Amateurish
19. Be aware of
20. Chapter in history
21. Garbage
22. Satisfies
23. To provide maintenance
25. Elastic fabric
27. Antlered animal
28. Imploring
31. Utopian
34. Coming up
35. Zero
36. Formal dance
37. Geologic period
38. Heredity unit
39. Frozen water
40. Not back
41. Femme fatale
42. Aberrancy
44. Total
45. Type of viper
46. Scorn
50. Particles
52. Young
54. US spy agency
55. Murres
56. Savory (Br. spelling)
58. Advanced
59. Will
60. Marine mammal
61. Opera house box
62. Mud volcano
63. A Great Lake



DOWN

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|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Naked people | 18. Ribbed fabric | 40. Crazes |
| 2. Ardent | 22. Cigarfish | 41. Japanese dish |
| 3. Frigid | 24. Calf's meat | 43. Envisage |
| 4. East southeast | 26. Yes (informal) | 44. Agree out of court |
| 5. Assault | 28. Fake | 46. Affaires d'honneur |
| 6. Stage | 29. One less than 10 | 47. More aloof |
| 7. Suggestion | 30. Secluded valley | 48. Red Sea peninsula |
| 8. Smarts | 31. Footnote note | 49. American symbol |
| 9. D | 32. Minnow-like fish | 50. Ponder |
| 10. On a ship or train | 33. Raising | 51. Black-and-white cookie |
| 11. Basket or bowl | 34. Dubious writings | 53. Iridescent gem |
| 12. Speck | 37. Sea eagle | 56. Donkey |
| 13. Anagram of "Rose" | 38. Hobbling gait | 57. South southeast |





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