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## Editor's Message

By Gail Pare

It's May already!!



For some of our Forest Park Community this means traveling back to our summer homes and the end of 2022/23 season. Wow, that was a fast one.

Many of us have been cleaning up our properties and homes with much-needed time after Hurricane Ian blew through. Let's hope we never see another category 4/5 come through anytime in our future.

We've had an amazing season with lots of fun, laughter, cheers and events! Let's remember all the special times we've had this past season and look forward to a much brighter 2023/24 season. For those in our community who have decided to sell, we wish you good luck with your new adventures and safe travels wherever you may land. To our new residents we Welcome You to Forest Park.

Since summer can have less activities, it's a wonderful time to share pictures of your travels, your hobbies, interests, etc. right here in our newsletter. We want to see what you've been up to.....

Have a great month of May and a very happy Summer!  
Gail



For all our mothers out there,  
**Happy Mother's Day**  
**Sunday, May 14th.**



## FOREST PARK SOCIAL CLUB:

By Denise Brewer



We hope everyone had a safe trip home for those that head north and that everyone has a safe and fun filled summer.

We are planning on having an **Ice Cream social in July** again this summer, it seemed to be enjoyed by those who attended, it's nice to get together. A date will be announced soon.

You can always find out what is happening with the Social Club and others through our Facebook pages, email blast, signage and of course the newsletter.

The Social club has a great schedule of entertainment and activities planned for the next season and we hope to see new faces attend, along with our regular " Let's have some fun" friends. So, plan on enjoying some of your evenings out, but in (the park) with friends.

All residents are members of the Social Club, and we are always looking for assistance in helping with our many different events, so please take part in spending a little time helping when possible. Our park is a great place to live because of the generosity of those willing to make it so.

Thank you to all who helped this past season, especially those who went above and beyond due to Ian. It was greatly appreciated by all.

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# FOREST PARK CRAFT CLUB

by JoEllen Gallant



Good Day!

Assuming many of you have arrived back at your summer homes, we'd like to thank you once again for all your support of the Forest Park Craft Club. Below is a list of the donations put forth by the club on behalf of the residents of Forest Park.

- Forest Park Hurricane Relief - \$ 2,500.00
- ACT – Women’s Shelter - \$ 300.00 – Comfort Bears – So Many Toys!!!!!!
- Gifts of Cheer (Forest Park) - \$ 200.00
- Meals on Wheels - \$ 100.00 – 400+ Tray Toppers
- Southwest Dog for Vets - \$ 200.00
- Comfort Bears (167) Lee County Sheriff’s Department  
Lee Childrens Hospital  
No Fort Myers Fire Department  
ACT Women Shelter Children’s Christmas
- Samaritan’s Purse - \$ 3,000.00 (Social Club donation included)
- Still Meadow Church - \$2,550.00

**Total Donated on the behalf of Forest Park Community - \$8,850.00**

## Comfort Bear Distribution 2023 Season



Thank you! We look forward to next year’s events. We have so many fun things in-store!

Our Give Back Campaign will continue for the 2023 – 2024 Season. As many of you know our campaign this year was a new vehicle to collect donations to thank Samaritans Purse and the Still Meadow Church of the Nazarene for all their assistance after Hurricane Ian. Through small events and raffles people were able to make donations without breaking the bank. We also received some very generous private donations that increased our success!

This year our Forest Park Clubs are joining forces to officially operate some of our charitable events under the Give Back Banner. We are happy to announce our own **Forest Park Community** will be the recipient!

Donations will go towards targeted in-park projects. The details will be worked out during the summer months and shared during our November General Membership Meeting. We'll set fundraising goals and project plans that will be geared towards the improvement and updates of our Forest Park Clubhouse and maybe some shared areas that need some attention!

We'd love to hear your suggestions! Please feel free to send along your ideas to [forestparkcraftclubinfo@gmail.com](mailto:forestparkcraftclubinfo@gmail.com)

As a reminder the Craft Club continues to meet throughout the Summer ~ Wednesday mornings at 9am in the Clubhouse. We'd love to have you stop by, meet some new friends and see what we do.

Enjoy the Summer! See you all in the Fall!  
JoEllen



# PICKLEBALL CONTINUES

By Charlene Wash



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

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

# THE QUILT CLUB

By Renee Huck



Our quilt club would like to thank all of you who helped make our March show a success this year, by attending as well as purchasing tickets for our raffle quilt. With the proceeds we as a group were able to contribute a donation to Samaritan's Purse as well as to the Church of the Nazarene for their help to our park after Hurricane Ian.

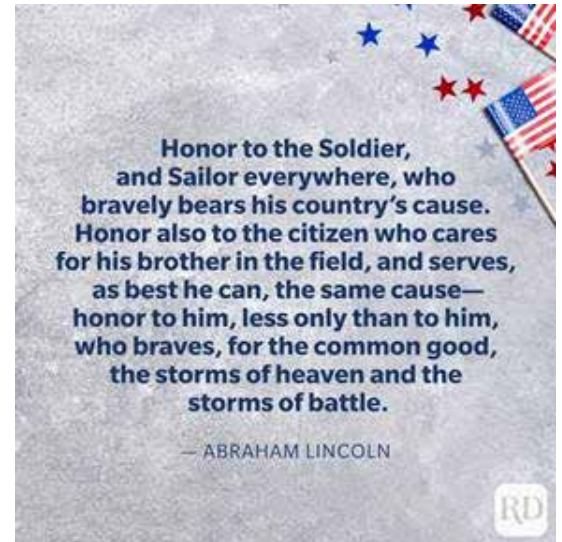
Our club continues our Friendship quilts to those in the park that are housebound and/or recuperating from surgery or an illness. As a club we donated 18 quilts to Project Linus this year.

We will resume meeting in December after the summer/fall season. We welcome new members anytime and encourage anyone who would like to learn quilting to join us. This next season we will concentrate on teaching techniques in quilt making. If you can sew a seam you can learn to quilt.

# MEMORIAL DAY - May 29, 2023



*To all those who served in the military, we Thank you for your Service.*



We wish to thank Peg Baker for her leadership this past year and wish her well.

# RV YARD

A reminder to all who have a spot in the R/V Park: Please ensure that your trailer, camper, or R/V has a current registration on file at the office and you have affixed a current tag on the license plate. Also ensure that it meets all Florida guidelines for being roadworthy. Many of you will be leaving us soon to head north. Ensure that your tires have adequate tread depth, there are no slow leaks, the axles and tongues are not rusted out, and all the lights and turn signals are in proper working order. If your trailer is staying here for the summer, our rules remain the same for your trailer. It must meet Florida laws for road worthiness. Lastly, our rules state you may not store anything, under, around, or behind your trailer, camper, or R/V because it could be blown around during high winds.

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## Notes of Cheer

By Robyn Johnson

Remember, Heather Flavin is the new cheer person for Forest Park. Heather will send out cards to residents that have been ill, had surgery or has had a spouse pass away.

The Social Club provides the stamps, and they rely on residents to donate sympathy and get-well cards so if you have any to donate please let Heather know. Also, if you know of any resident needing Cheer, please reach out to Heather or myself so she can send a card. Including the person's address is appreciated.

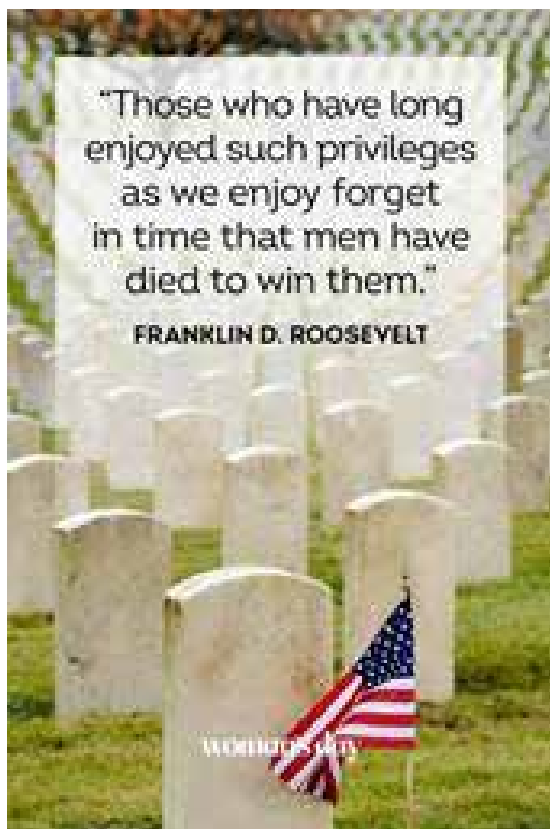
You may email Heather at [tokentrespasser@gmail.com](mailto:tokentrespasser@gmail.com) or myself at [drjohns85@gmail.com](mailto:drjohns85@gmail.com)

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

By Gail Pare

All articles, news or photographs should be submitted to this email [fpsocialnews@gmail.com](mailto:fpsocialnews@gmail.com) **and are due by the 12th of each month** for the following month's newsletter. You may also call me with any questions at 603-507-7572.

Remember, newsletters are printed year-round for all residents and always available for snowbirds online. Printed Newsletters usually arrive by the end of the month and are available in the Clubhouse or in the Activities building. They are always available online a few days later.



## FOREST PARK WEBSITE

[www.forestparkonline.com](http://www.forestparkonline.com)

By: Jan Provence, Webmaster

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. ([fpoainc@gmail.com](mailto:fpoainc@gmail.com)) If you need further information, contact me at [webmaster@forestparkonline.com](mailto:webmaster@forestparkonline.com).




## Red Hatter's Luncheon

By Pam Salk



Another year has come to an end. We have had a wonderful year! I have so enjoyed being your leader!

Heather Flavin has accepted my invitation to become your next leader. I am very excited for all of us! She will be wonderful! Stay tuned to your newsletters for coming events. We will probably start again in December; but that is in the works. Have a wonderful summer 

## LINE DANCING

By Ellen Heigham

Line dance class is suspended until next October! Thanks to all who came out and danced with me! Keep dancing and see you on the dance floor! I hope everyone has a very nice summer. See you in the Fall.

## KARAOKE



Karaoke with Chris Tybor continues the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month as long as there is enough participation. 7 – 9 pm, BYOB and snacks.

**May 1st and May 15th** at the Clubhouse.

Please watch for email blasts and Facebook posts for monthly updated info.

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

## HELPING HANDS

By Ellen Heigham

A million thanks to all my neighborhood “Angels” who have taken time to collect information and thanks to all who updated their information! It’s not too late to return your completed forms to Ellen. I have lots of new volunteers so please call if you need a helping hand!



We are blessed to live in such a caring community.

Call Ellen at 617-448-1748 for more information or if you need help.

## FROM THE NIGHT PATROL COORDINATOR:

By Valerie Trapp



A reminder to everyone who is leaving to go “north”, please sign out with the office.

If you want to have a FREE summer house check, please complete the VOICE form. Please follow steps below:

Lee County Sheriff - V.O.I.C.E.

[www.sheriffleefl.org](http://www.sheriffleefl.org)

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- Public Interests
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- Request Vacation Home Check

I would like to send out a big “thank you” to everyone who has volunteered their time during the past season and those who have stepped up to support our night patrol during the coming summer months. If you are interested in helping, even if it is one evening, please contact me.

Your helping in this way gives our residents a feeling of peace and safety. Our patrolling in the evenings deters “invaders, mischief makers, and trespassers”, especially in the summer months when many of us are gone. So, let’s keep our community safe all year long with patrolling.

Some hints and reminders:

- Pick up the Patrol Bag in the Activities Building - back counter- and return it there by noon the following day.
- Choose your own time to patrol ~ any time after 11:00 PM. Just in case someone has been “casing the joint” - Park, we don’t want the same routine each evening.
- Sit for a bit at the Entrance. I hear there is lots of action in those wee hours out on Hart Rd. 🤖
- Ask someone to cover for you, if you can’t patrol your assigned evening.

- If there is an evening not covered on the schedule and you would like to Patrol, feel free to do so. I hear there are some wonderful ‘night owls’ living here. **There are several evenings that need patrolling this summer** so feel free to step up if you can.

As a reminder, the Patrol Schedule for the 2024 Season will be ready in December and If you would like to volunteer get in touch with me. I will have an Informational ‘application’ ready soon. (Your preferences, arrival/ departure dates, etc).

Just drop me an email: [valerieartlady@aol.com](mailto:valerieartlady@aol.com) if interested or have any questions. Thank you once again for your help and giving of your time.

## MEN’S KOFFEE KLATCH & WOMEN’S KOFFEE KLATCH



Men’s, Women’s and Forest Park’s Koffee Klatch will be on hold until this fall when we are all back together. Enjoy your Summer!

## LOW-IMPACT STEP EXERCISE

By Carole Beconder



What a fun season we had, and I thank everyone who has attended. I saw plenty of new faces and old alike and I appreciate the interest.

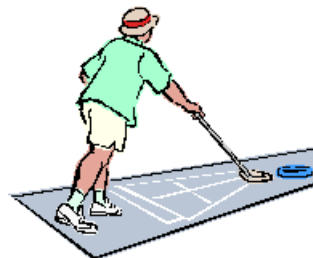
Classes for this season have ended and they will resume in the Fall.

## SHUFFLEBOARD NEWS:

By Bill Madill

Shuffleboard was another fun year with the pizza shuffles and all the fun days.

We had 18 active participants, and we could have room for 14 more, but next year I am hoping it will be better! We ended the season on March 30th and will be starting up again in early January. We’re looking forward to seeing all the shufflers next league season! Until then, all the best! ~Bill





**Happy Birthday to all born in May**

Eddie Teresi	8
Robert Rackers	9
Marcos Passos	10
Jeffrey Pierce	11
Paula Chapin	12
Alfred Pandola	12
Sandi Walts	13
Robert Ayers	13
Chad Henning	15
Carol Dirago	15
Kathy Fanning	17
Sandy Kidder	17
Janet Richardson	18
Diann Marunowski	19
Janet Suchecki	21
Jan Provence	22
Shirley Woods	23
Karen Nash	23
Connie Mooney	25
Robert Chapin	29



**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

Ron & Jane Anderson	May 1, 1954
John & April Gelesko	May 2, 1970
William & Nancy Campbell	May 12, 1984
Bob & Ann Charles	May 21, 2009
Ronny & Dana Lee	May 22, 1977
Robert and Paula Chapin	May 30, 2008
Charlie and Lynne Baker	May 31, 2013



**NEW NEIGHBORS**

Chad & Christen Henning  
516 Pine Tree Ct  
MI

Beth Rakestraw  
339 Shrub Lane S  
RI

Louise Gelso  
245 Shrub Lane N  
OH

Julie Steinhoff  
754 Knotty Pine Cir  
MN

William & Joyce Russell  
849 Hollyberry Ct  
NY

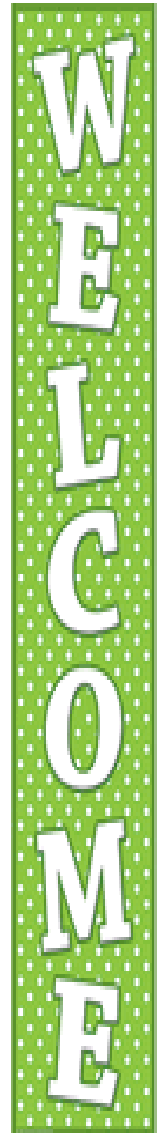
Luisa & James Hamilton  
517 Pine Tree Ct  
FL

Jill Budolfson & Joan Stai  
524 Timber Lane S  
MN

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## FAREWELL DEAR FRIENDS.....



### **Sherrill J. Wright**

**July 28, 1938 - March 30, 2023**

Sherrill J. Wright, of Bath, Ontario passed away peacefully on March 30, 2023 after a battle with cancer. Sherrill and her husband John purchased a home in Forest Park in 1988. They originally lived on Forest Park Drive and then installed their current home on Shrub Lane S. where they have enjoyed spending the winters.

Wherever there was a need in the park, Sherrill eagerly jumped in to help. In addition to supporting John in his role as Board Treasurer for 22 years, Sherrill was a member of the Wi-Fi Committee. She was responsible for maintaining the inventory list and ordering antennas. Sherrill and John co-chaired the Computer Club that helps residents interested in learning more about computers, laptops, tablets and mobiles. She also collected recycled ink to donate to local schools.

Sherrill established the office reception volunteer program and recruited residents to help. She volunteered in reception regularly, often covering when other volunteers or staff members were absent. Sherrill looked after videos and audio books in the park library.

Sherrill served on several Document Review Committees focusing on updating the park's governing documents. She also served on the Pool Committee. In her free time, Sherrill could be found in the pool that was one of her favorite pastimes. Sherrill's devotion and passion for Forest Park was evident to all who knew her, and she will be dearly missed.

*A note from John:* I am sad to tell you that, after battling cancer and kidney failure, Sherrill died on March 30th, quickly and peacefully, with the application of the Medical Assistance In Dying (MAiD) procedure. The procedure requires personal affirmation throughout and until the final moment. Sherrill provided this and expressed heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the attending medical professionals. She praised their compassion and dedication to relieving her suffering.

~John



### **James Kekelis**

**August 16, 1946 – April 4, 2023**

James "Jim/JK/Jimmy" Thomas Kekelis, age 76, of Madison, passed away on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. He was born August 16, 1946 in Cleveland, to George and Helen (Yuhovic) Kekelis. He married his adoring wife, Sheila, on June 18, 1966. The food and beverage industry has always been in his blood. He began his young working career at Krogers in the 1960's. He worked in the commercial food service industry (The Brant Company in Cleveland, Ohio) for many years. He began Elegant Entrees in the 1980's until forming the James Tea company in the 1990's. Jim was the founder, owner & President of the James Tea Company. He was the previous owner of Sam & Tommy's Tavern, Painesville, Ohio. JK forged many sincere friendships in his career, but the most were out of the life-long dear friends at Sam & Tommy's that he held so dearly close to his heart. His love for his life-long band of brother best friends; Dickie Hemmi, Lee Babcock, Bob Beifuss & Jim Webster, never wavered through the changes of life. Jim & Sheila's deep love of travel took them to 48 US states, plus Ireland, Mexico, Virgin Islands, Aruba & Eleuthera island, many times over. He and Sheila both had a love of Florida and made Fort Myers their second home. They made beautiful new friends & discovered his love for bocce ball. His culinary explorations and the love of good food & wine were always the center of all family and friend gatherings. He would spend countless hours with the grandkids making jellies and cookies. His other cherished past times also included "award" winning wine making & making his famous banana cream pie and of course, tea. Jim also enjoyed woodworking as a life-long hobby and treasured projects will be forever cherished by his family. He is survived by his daughters, Rikki Williams and Mindy (Terry) Reed; and grandchildren, Maddie, Luke, and Olivia; and his brother Ronnie Kekelis. He is preceded in death by his parents; his adoring wife, Sheila; sister Carol Myers and son-in-law, Todd.







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# Be Red Cross Ready

## Hurricane Safety Checklist

Hurricanes are strong storms that cause life- and property-threatening hazards such as flooding, storm surge, high winds and tornadoes.

Preparation is the best protection against the dangers of a hurricane.

### Know the Difference

**Hurricane Watch**—Hurricane conditions are a threat within 48 hours. Review your hurricane plans, keep informed and be ready to act if a warning is issued.

**Hurricane Warning**—Hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours. Complete your storm preparations and leave the area if directed to do so by authorities.

### What should I do?



- Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio for critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS).
- Check your disaster supplies and replace or restock as needed.
- Bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind (bicycles, lawn furniture).
- Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters. If you do not have hurricane shutters, close and board up all windows and doors with plywood.
- Turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and keep them closed as much as possible so that food will last longer if the power goes out.
- Turn off propane tanks and unplug small appliances.
- Fill your car's gas tank.
- Talk with members of your household and create an evacuation plan. Planning and practicing your evacuation plan minimizes confusion and fear during the event.
- Learn about your community's hurricane response plan. Plan routes to local shelters, register family members with special medical needs as required and make plans for your pets to be cared for.
- Evacuate if advised by authorities. Be careful to avoid flooded roads and washed out bridges.
- Because standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding, it's important to have protection from the floods associated with hurricanes, tropical storms, heavy rains and other conditions that impact the U.S. For more information on flood insurance, please visit the National Flood Insurance Program Web site at [www.FloodSmart.gov](http://www.FloodSmart.gov).

### What supplies do I need?



- Water—at least a 3-day supply; one gallon per person per day
- Food—at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map(s) of the area
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Tools/supplies for securing your home
- Extra set of car keys and house keys
- Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes
- Rain gear
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Camera for photos of damage

### What do I do after a hurricane?



- Continue listening to a NOAA Weather Radio or the local news for the latest updates.
- Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding even after the hurricane or tropical storm has ended.
- If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe.
- Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges.
- Keep away from loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company.
- Stay out of any building that has water around it.
- Inspect your home for damage. Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance purposes.
- Use flashlights in the dark. Do NOT use candles.
- Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until you are sure it's not contaminated.
- Check refrigerated food for spoilage. If in doubt, throw it out.
- Wear protective clothing and be cautious when cleaning up to avoid injury.
- Watch animals closely and keep them under your direct control.
- Use the telephone only for emergency calls.

### Let Your Family Know You're Safe

If your community has experienced a hurricane, or any disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well Web site available through [RedCross.org/SafeandWell](http://RedCross.org/SafeandWell) to let your family and friends know about your welfare. If you don't have Internet access, call **1-866-GET-INFO** to register yourself and your family.



For more information on disaster and emergency preparedness, visit [RedCross.org](http://RedCross.org).

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# Be Red Cross Ready



Get a kit. Make a plan. Be informed.

It's important to prepare for possible disasters and other emergencies. Natural and human-caused disasters can strike suddenly, at any time and anywhere. There are three actions everyone can take that can help make a difference...Get a kit. Make a plan. Be informed.

## Be Red Cross Ready Checklist

- I know what emergencies or disasters are most likely to occur in my community.
- I have a family disaster plan and have practiced it.
- I have an emergency preparedness kit.
- At least one member of my household is trained in CPR/AED use.
- I have taken action to help my community prepare.



## Get a kit

At a minimum, have the basic supplies listed below.

Keep supplies in an easy-to-carry emergency preparedness kit that you can use at home or take with you in case you must evacuate.

- Water: one gallon per person, per day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- Food: non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Current digital photos of loved ones, updated every six months, especially for children
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map(s) of the area

Consider the needs of all family members and add supplies to your kit. Suggested items to help meet additional needs are:

- Medical supplies (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- Games and activities for children
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Two-way radios
- Extra set of car keys and house keys
- Manual can opener

Additional supplies to keep at home or in your kit based on the types of disasters common to your area:

- Whistle
- N95 or surgical masks
- Matches
- Rain gear
- Towels
- Work gloves
- Tools/supplies for securing your home
- Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes
- Plastic sheeting
- Duct tape
- Scissors
- Household liquid bleach
- Entertainment items
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent



## Make a plan

- Meet with your family or household members.
- Discuss how to prepare and respond to emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, learn, work and play.
- Identify responsibilities for each member of your household and plan to work together as a team.
- If a family member is in the military or engages in extended business travel on a regular basis, plan how you would respond if they were away.
- If you or a member of your household is an individual with access or functional needs, including a disability, consider developing a comprehensive evacuation plan in advance with family, care providers and care attendants, as appropriate. Complete a personal assessment of functional abilities and possible needs during and after an emergency or disaster situation, and create a personal support network to assist.

Plan what to do in case you are separated during an emergency

- Choose two places to meet—
  1. Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, such as a fire.
  2. Outside your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate.

Consider any transportation challenges that might be encountered by individuals that use mobility assistive equipment.

# Hurricane Guidelines for Pets

- Keep current color photos of your pets with your emergency supplies.
- If you know that a disaster (such as a hurricane) is immediate, bring your pets inside. Lee County Ordinance prohibits pets from being tethered outside.
- Because of a greater threat of disease, it is important that your animals be up-to-date on their vaccinations.
- If you must evacuate, take your pets with you. Your pet's best protection is to be with you.
- Call ahead to make sure that hotels will accept your animals. Evacuation shelters will not accept pets of any kind unless designated an "Evacuation Pet Shelter." Find pet-friendly lodging in Florida and throughout the United States at [www.petswelcome.com](http://www.petswelcome.com) (Under "Instant Pet Friendly Search," select a state and city) or [www.bringfido.com](http://www.bringfido.com). You should pick a location outside of the area where the hurricane is projected to hit.
- Call boarding kennels or veterinarians with boarding facilities to see the possibility of housing them. Ask if someone will be there with the pets during the hurricane and if their boarding facility is structurally prepared to withstand hurricane-force winds.
- Ask friends or family to provide temporary foster care for your pets.
- Lee County's Evacuation Pet Shelter will be open for residents who live in areas that are under mandatory evacuation orders in the area where they live. This option should be your last resort if you are unable to execute your own personal evacuation plan for your family and pets. It should not be your "evacuation plan." [Get more information about the Evacuation Pet Shelter.](#)
- Acquire an impact resistant pet carrier or cage for each animal to use as protection if you are riding out the storm with your pets at home. Exceptions can be made to house more than one animal per carrier but do not mix different animal species together! Frightened animals may exhibit behavior changes. If you evacuate and must leave your pets behind, do not leave pets in carriers as they will not be able to get more food and water when needed. Remember, you may not be able to get back to your house for days or weeks. A carrier should permit a dog or cat to stand up and turn around in it. Help your pet to adjust to a carrier as part of routine training to reduce the stress of being confined. Place additional ID on the carrier. Birds should have a perch to grasp. (Birds, however, should be left in their cages for safety.)
- Survey your home to determine the safest location away from windows. Cover large openings of carrier or cage to protect from flying debris. Provide high areas when there is a risk of flooding.



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## A Special Thank you

A very special Thank you to Joyce Hines. She has served our park in many ways, those seen and unseen. Joyce has "retired" as our Social Club secretary after 13 years. I'm sure she will stay active in her future interest as there is no slowing this lady down! She has been my right and left arm this past year and I will miss her knowledge and experience in keeping me on track. Don't worry, Joyce has kindly volunteered to lead us in the decorating of the grounds for Christmas, which is a big task.

Her "retirement" now leaves an opportunity for a volunteer for our secretary position. If you are interested in having fun by contributing to making social club events a success and being a part of helping everyone in the continued enjoyment of living in Forest Park, please contact myself at (317) 364-6985 or any social club officer with any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you again Joyce for all you have done for our park. May you enjoy more time with Scott, family, friends, theater etc.



## WHAT TO DO & WHAT NOT TO DO IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR



If you hear or see any suspicious behavior in our Park, either during the day or overnight, we recommend that you do not challenge individual(s). You should call the Sherriff's Department (239) 477-1000 Day or

Night and make a report.

\*\*\*\* If it is a **life-threatening** emergency call **911**.\*\*\*\*

If you have items stolen it is your responsibility to report them to the Sheriff's Department using the number above.

## Notice to all Homeowners and new residents

Please notify the office if your residency status has changed, for example: From Winter Resident to Full-time or vice versa; also, please use the sign-in and sign-out log sheet in the office when leaving/arriving for the season so we know how to reach you. New tenants and new owners are required to stop by the office to fill out the appropriate paperwork and get a Pine Tree sticker for their vehicle(s). If we have another catastrophic event such as a hurricane, we worry about who is here and not.



**TRASH PICKUP – MONDAY & FRIDAY** (place your trash out after 6 p.m. the night before. (preferably in a barrel to avoid animals getting into it.)



**WASTE PRO - RECYCLE PICKUP - FRIDAY** (place recycles out before 6 a.m. ~ ~ They have known to show up at 6:30 a.m.)

## 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 a temporary resident and don't want any stickers on your window, then scotch tape it there while you are here.





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## ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLE

By Social Club

REMINDER Aluminum Cans are still being collected on **Monday evenings only**.

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. They will **NO LONGER** be picked up on Tuesday morning. Please make sure your cans are rinsed **CLEAN** and **DRY**.

Please place it 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 recycling helps pay some of the costs of Social Club activities. It benefits all residents of Forest Park.

### 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.



## WIFI CONTACT INFORMATION

By WiFi Committee

For help with Wi-Fi connections. Please contact:

Brian Hafer - 717-877-3043 (year round)

John or Sherrill Wright – 239-349-3827 (snowbirds)



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## ***Tips to Prepare Your Home for Summer Closing***

### ***Inside Your Home***

- Unplug all small appliances. (TV, Microwave, Lamps etc)*
- Open all closets and cabinets to keep air flowing*
- Empty/Clean refrigerator, set on warmest setting*
- Close & lock all windows and doors
- Close all blinds & drapes
- Close all sink drains
- Add (1) C of bleach to toilets, wrap with plastic wrap & close lid
- Turn off water to sinks and toilets
- Replace A/C filter
- Roll up/remove throw rugs from floors
- Turn off water heater at breaker box
- Set thermostat at 78 degrees, auto cool, set humidistat to 68 degrees (or away) Change thermostat batteries if applicable
- Turn off water to the house
- Leave dishwasher propped open to avoid mildew
- Remove batteries from devices to avoid corrosion
- DO NOT remove your antenna
- DO NOT shut off Wifi Modem (updates may be needed while away)

## **Tips to Prepare Your Home for Summer Closing**

### **Outside Your Home**

- Bring Patio furniture and cushions inside
- Bring Grills inside or secure
- Bring Bicycles inside and secure
- Close all exterior shutters
- Remove décor from exterior walls unless strongly secured
- Flag poles removed or lowered

### **Special Attention Tips in the Aftermath of Hurricane Ian**

- Remove all unsecured Pop-Up Tents and store inside
- Remove any temporary Sunshades
- Be sure clam shells/storm shutters are secured to exterior walls
- Remove as much hanging debris as possible to avoid further damage
- Unused building materials should be securely stored inside sheds/carport or home if possible



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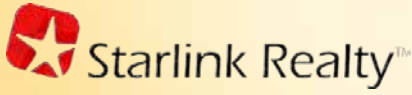
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# Forest Park May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00pm Home Church 6:00pm Hand and Foot	8:00am Mens Pickleball 9:15 am Ladies Pickleball 9:30 am Dominos – Clubhouse 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 10:30am Pool Exercise 2:30pm Bocca Ball	8:00am Mens Pickleball 9:00am Carol's Low Impact Exercise Clubhouse 9:15am Ladies Pickle Ball 10:30am Pool Exercise 6:45pm Bingo - Clubhouse	8:00am Mens Pickleball 9:00 am Craft Club -Clubhouse 9:15am Ladies Pickle Ball 10:30am Pool Exercise 6:30pm Euchre - Activities Bldg	8:00am Mens Pickleball 9:15am Ladies Pickle Ball 9:30am Quilt Club 10:30am Pool Exercise 2:30pm Bocce Ball 6:00pm Hand and Foot	8:00am Mens Pickleball 9:15am Ladies Pickle Ball 10:30am Pool Exercise	9:00am Low Impact Step Exercise - Clubhouse 10:00am Open Bocce Ball
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