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8:00 AM to 11:00 PM

September 1st - May 1st



Editor's Message

By Gail Pare

Greetings Forest Park neighbors and happy fall to everyone! The first day of fall 2023 was Saturday, September 23 and with temperatures hopefully falling just a little in October, just in time for us snowbirds to return south for the winter months.

In just a couple of weeks my husband and I will be returning to Forest Park. I've seen a few homes decorated already for fall and for Halloween. The tree tops and leaves up here in New Hampshire have just started to turn their beautiful shades of yellow, orange and red - my favorite time of year. Before you know it - it'll be time for Thanksgiving and then the holidays. Please see the article written by Paula Chapin about her free to residents Thanksgiving dinner. Don't forget to sign up by November 12th by texting Paula at 774-452-3813.

I'm glad to see that many of the park clubs and activities will be gearing up again soon. I'm also looking for someone to take over doing the monthly newsletter for the park. Please let me know if you might be interested.

Have a nice October and we will see you very soon.

Gail

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SEARCHING!

Gail Pare, Editor of our park Newsletter, will be stepping down from this position once her home is sold and she returns north. We wish to thank her for a job well done!

With her resignation, the editor position is open. Please notify Gail Pare at (603) 507-7572 if you are interested in volunteering for this important job.

Gail will work with the new editor until he or she is comfortable taking over the position.

THANKSGIVING MEAL - November 23

by Paula Chapin

There will be another Thanksgiving Dinner this year.

To sign up, please TEXT Paula Chapin directly....please DO NOT go to the office or any of the clubs to sign up. The only way is to text Paula your full name and how many people will attend.

If your neighbor does not text, please help them out. Because of the generosity of our beloved Forest Park residents this dinner will be free again this year. **The cutoff date to sign up is November 12th** as I have to have enough time to purchase all the fixings. Remember texting only 774-452-3813. Thank you!!



CRAFT CLUB

By JoEllen Gallant



It's October! We have just arrived back in Forest Park and as much as I adore my time in New Hampshire with my boys, it's good to be back. As I sat having my early morning coffee trying to decide what to write

for this month's newsletter, my mind wandered to the thought of why we craft and the joys of living here in Forest Park. What benefits does the Craft Club provide the members that join us weekly and the Forest Park Community as a whole.

Here are a few of my thoughts.

As we age, our needs, desires, and priorities evolve, leading many individuals to seek a more relaxed and fulfilling lifestyle. One popular option for retirees is to move into a 55+ community, where they can enjoy a sense of community, engage in a variety of activities, and foster meaningful friendships. Among the many activities available in these communities, joining a craft club that

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meets weekly can be particularly rewarding. One of the primary benefits of joining a craft club in a 55+ community is the opportunity to expand your creative horizons. Engaging in creative activities like crafting can stimulate the brain, enhance cognitive abilities, and provide a sense of accomplishment. Crafting often involves problem-solving, fine motor skills, and imaginative thinking, all of which help keep the mind sharp and active. This creative stimulation can contribute to a healthier and more vibrant lifestyle, proving that it's never too late to learn new skills and embrace your inner artist. (sourced from chatgpt)

The gift of friendship is often one of the least discussed but most impactful benefits. Joining our craft club provides an excellent avenue to connect with like-minded individuals who share similar interests. Crafting together creates bonds that go beyond the Clubhouse Wednesday morning meetings. It creates a meaningful friendship. Our club is a close-knit community, where members support and encourage each other not only in their crafting but also can extend into their daily lives. Friendships can alleviate feelings of isolation and contribute to a sense of belonging and purpose.

The Forest Park Craft Club is well known for its passion of engaging in charitable endeavors. This adds a deeper layer of meaning to our creative pursuits. Crafting for a cause, such as making 100's of Comfort Bears for children experiencing trauma, or a sweet surprise of a tray topper for the Meals on Wheels recipients during the holidays, not to mention the funds raised and donated to various charities throughout the year allows our club members to make a positive impact on the community. The act of giving back is not only fulfilling but also strengthens our sense of purpose and connection. Our crafting makes a difference in the lives of others and is incredibly rewarding and uplifting.

As you can see there are many benefits to joining our craft club that extend far beyond making some really cute crafts. From stimulating your creative mind to enjoying the company of friends, and the satisfaction of contributing to charitable causes.

The Forest Park Craft Club has a wonderful in-season calendar of events planned. We meet every Wednesday morning in the Clubhouse from 9am to 11. It's just \$10 per year to join and we offer a "Stop In and Check Us Out" visit for free! Come and see if we're a good fit! Bring along a friend and join the fun. Should you have any questions, please give us a call. Happy Crafting! Hope to meet you soon!

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

A Social Club Event

Mark your calendars!

We will be having our Halloween Party on Tuesday, October 31st beginning at 7:00 p.m. Costumes are encouraged so everyone will have more fun, even a simple inexpensive costume is fine. You can find many simple costume ideas with an internet search or Pinterest. Couple and group costumes are fun also. This will give you time to come up with the perfect costume in time to party. Details will follow and we are looking forward to a great turn-out of those that have been inside avoiding the heat and especially looking forward to seeing those that come to their Florida home early in the season. Details will follow, but we wanted to get you excited and prepared for our hauntingly good time.



VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM & LUNCHEON



Saturday - November 11th starting at 11:00 a.m. by the clubhouse

Luncheon will follow in the clubhouse.

Please watch for additional details about this event in your email and on the marquee.

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

TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO

Don't forget to come on out for our weekly Bingo in the Clubhouse. Be there at 6:45 pm, starts at 7:00 pm. Lots of Fun!!!



Notes of Cheer

By Robyn Johnson



If you're new here, Heather Flavin is the cheer person for Forest Park. Heather will send out cards to residents that have been ill, had surgery or have lost a loved one

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 or myself at drjohns85@gmail.com

SOCIAL CLUB UPDATE

By Denise Brewer



The social club's next event will be our Halloween Party, to be held on Tuesday, Oct. 31st. We had a spooktacular time last year and I hope we have another great turnout of those who are here.

We want to remind all residents that everyone is a valued member (no dues for membership) to participate in social club activities. This year we will be holding an informal meeting the first part of each month to review and make any adjustments needed for our upcoming events, any person who would like to attend is welcome. Also, anyone who would like to take part in assisting at our events (setting up, collecting tickets, serving, cleanup etc.) is encouraged to participate. Looking forward to this coming year. Also, please see an exciting article on secretarial position. Thank you.

NEW CO-SECRETARIES



As many of you know, Joyce Hines has stepped down as the Social Club's secretary after many years of devoted service to our park and residents. Thank you Joyce! Since Joyce's shoes would be hard to fill, this year we are to have co-secretaries with divided/ or combined duties they would be most interested in.

We are a park of "mostly" retired individuals and feel

that by having more officers it would lighten the load on any one person, who has kindly volunteered their time, making it more enjoyable for all, as it does entail some time commitments. With that being said, while working alongside other officers, the two secretarial positions involvement would/ may include taking meeting and event notes, contacting and assisting entertainment (we do have an ever changing list), entertainment contracts, writing articles, advertising events (posters, signage- we have supplies) and participation at most events.

We'd like to share that we do have a new resident that has already graciously volunteered to be a co-secretary and we are excited to meet her and have her on board. However, as I mentioned above we don't want to overwhelm one individual, we all enjoy our park events and activities. If we all do our part, by being part of the team, that keeps this park the wonderful park that we all enjoy, it makes it better for all. So please, if this would interest you at all, please consider helping out by contacting me @ 317-364-6985 or any other social club officer. Thank you for your continued support and consideration.

MARQUEE

By Robyn Johnson

Forest Park is in need of a new Marquee person. After 7 years of taking care of the marquee, I have decided to step down.

If anyone is interested in learning how to operate the new marquee, please contact the Forest Park Office and they will answer any questions you may have. Training will be available so you can be proficient in changing the marquee notices.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

By Gail Pare

I hope you are all enjoying the monthly newsletters. I welcome any ideas and photos so feel free to submit your info.



All articles, news or photographs should be submitted to this email fpsocialnews@gmail.com and are due by the 12th of each month for the following month's newsletter. You may also call/text 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

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) If you need further information, contact me at webmaster@forestparkonline.com.



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 watch.

BYOB and snacks.



October Birthdays!

Happy birthday Jeff Forsyth for August 1st as he didn't get a mention in the August Newsletter.

Cheryl Buening	1	Kathy Carson	17
Max Moor	2	Frank Campanaro	21
Suzanne DelRossi	4	Jack Glover	21
Leonard Neckers	5	Patti Kothe	21
Daniel Tesar	5	Donna Stiner	21
Lee Luberti	6	Carol Record	21
Delores Holmes	7	Becky Lodi	21
Dawn Gale	7	Ann Charles	21
Wayne Hampel	8	Mike Neises	22
Becky Conrad	12	Mark Snyder	22
Mary Schreiber	12	Mary Gorgan	22
Madaline Preston	13	Don Bargholz	23
Luisa Hamilton	13	Robert Ferrara	24
Yvonne Murray	14	Ivan Taylor	24
Christen Henning	14	Brian Revels	24
Carl Basore Jr	15	Hoyt England	24
Christy Robison	15	Marilyn Guiney	28
Janice Tomas	16	Gail Hampel	31



NEW NEIGHBORS

James & Beverly Peterson
504 Timber Lane S
MN

Debbie Ghignon
741 Knotty Pine Cir
NY



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jack & Judy Watson	October 3, 1965
Thomas & Minnie Castor	October 4, 1980
Bob & Sandy Bagge	October 14, 1972
Gerald & Melodye Gilbert	October 15, 1983
Dan & Susan Dessing	October 21, 1995
Danny & Karen Angell	October 22, 1971
Tony & Karen Nash	October 22, 1977
Barbara & Marcos Passos	October 29, 1988



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Joyce Arlene Hoffman

Joyce Arlene Hoffman passed away July 22, 2023, in Cape Coral Florida. She was 82 years old.

Celebration of Joyce’s life will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at 11 AM at Abels Funeral Home in Grundy Center. Memorials can be made to the Grundy County Memorial Hospital Foundation.



Joyce was born on April 6, 1941, in Perry, Iowa and graduated from Ogden High School. She was married to Gerald Hoffman on August 2, 1959. Gerald and Joyce had 4 children – Brenda, Brian, David & Chris.

They made their homes in Lanyon, Ottosen, and Grundy Center, Iowa. Joyce was a homemaker until her kids graduated from high school. She worked at the Spokesman Press as a proof-reader and at Community Title in Grundy Center. After she retired, Joyce enjoyed traveling, reading and spending time with her kids and grandchildren. In October of 2018 she moved to North Fort Myers, Florida to be close to her daughter, Chris. She made many new friends and loved the warm weather.

Joyce is survived by her daughters Brenda & husband Tom Heinz and Chris & husband Darrell Abels, daughter-in-law Beth Hoffman, 9 Grandchildren, 11 & 5/6th Great-Grandchildren, a brother Royce Rinehart, brother-in-law Keith Hoffman and sister-in-law Elaine Shelton. She was preceded in death by her husband Gerald and sons Brian & David.

JAMES ULLREY - MARILYN ULLREY

James Clarence Ullrey, a resident of Kalamazoo, embraced life with an unwavering spirit until he peacefully passed away on April 4, 2023, at the age of 80.



Born on April 12, 1942, to Billy and Nina (Brown) Ullrey, James lived a life defined by his remarkable ingenuity and generous nature.

James had an exceptional ability to see potential where others saw challenges. A true mechanical genius, he could mend and improve anything with a motor. He

shared this passion with his children, instilling in them the knowledge of cars, engines, and all things that move. From teaching them how to drive to indulging their need for speed, James created countless cherished memories with his beloved family.

His boundless creativity extended beyond mechanics, as he was renowned for his ability to craft and repair virtually anything. His involvement in his children's activities, from coaching sports teams to supporting their interests, demonstrated his dedication to family. The garage and his workshop were more than spaces; they were his sanctuaries where he created, fixed, and explored new ideas.

James's kindness knew no bounds, readily assisting anyone in need, and his expertise was sought after by many for his meticulous planning and practical wisdom. An active member of First Reformed Church, he radiated warmth and was cherished by his church community.

Marilyn Jean Ullrey, also a resident of Kalamazoo, graced this world with her presence until she peacefully passed away on December 28, 2022, at the age of 83. Born on May 5, 1939, to Guy and Anna VanHaaften, Marilyn's life was marked by her love for family and the joys she found in life's simple pleasures.

Marilyn's dedication to her family was profound. She was a loving mother to her three children, Steven (Colleen) Ullrey, Kevin Scott Ullrey, and Julie (Micah) VanBeck. Her three granddaughters, Haley, Kylee, and Madison VanBeck, brought her immense joy.

An accomplished quilter, Marilyn's skilled hands wove warmth and comfort into every stitch. Her quilts were not just works of art but tokens of her love, crafted for her family and for those in need. Her affinity for sewing and reading allowed her to find solace in creativity and imagination.

James and Marilyn shared a love that was felt by everyone fortunate enough to know them and the two of them were united in holy matrimony on August 23, 1969. Their dedication to family was unwavering, prioritizing quality time over all else. The couple found solace in camping and embarked on an adventurous retirement, traversing the US in a motorhome for 16 years. Eventually, they discovered their haven in Fort Myers, Florida, building strong bonds with friends and their church community.

Their legacy as Nana and Papa to their grandchildren was cherished and invaluable. Their home was a haven of both affection and structure, where rules were complemented by boundless love. The impact of James and Marilyn's presence was felt not only within their family but also within their church family, where their

warm spirits left an indelible mark.

Though they are no longer with us, James and Marilyn Ullrey's memory will forever be treasured by the countless lives they touched. Their love story and legacy of selflessness and devotion will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know them.

A celebration of their lives was held at First Reformed Church, 7905 S Westnedge Ave, Portage, MI 49002, where they found community and solace. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made in their honor to a charity close to their hearts.

"Though they may be gone, their love and influence live on in the hearts of all who were touched by their presence."

DID YOU KNOW ??

GOLF CLUB COLLECTION

We have a golf club connoisseur here in the Park. If you want to check out John Berg's golf club collection just give the Golf Club Man a call 618-319-0642.



FOREST PARK VISITORS WRISTBANDS

Remember - Visitors 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.

TRASH



Please note that our maintenance workers are now scheduled to work 6:00am-2:00pm rather than 7:00am-3:00pm. Given that, please have your garbage ready for pick-up by 7:00am to assure that it does not get missed.

And, once again, please assure that your garbage bags are not more than 30 pounds. If too heavy, the bags will be left. Be mindful that all of the garbage that is picked up has to be thrown into the compactor and the weight of the bags when too heavy creates a risk of injury. A previous maintenance worker was out with a severe shoulder injury caused by throwing too heavy of a bag into the compactor and he was out of work for months because of it.

TRASH PICKUP -
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GREEN TREE STICKER

There is a little green tree sticker available in the office that goes on the **LEFT SIDE OF YOUR BACK WINDOW** on 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.



RECYCLE BLUE BIN

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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.

EXERCISE CLASS

By Jane Cullin



Jane will resume her step weights and core class on Monday mornings in the clubhouse on October 30th from 8:30-9:30 am.

Jane can also teach a Pilates-like class if people are interested, just let Jane know a good day and time.



KOFFEE KLATCH

The first Men' Koffee Klatch of the season will be Friday November 10th at 9:00 am in the clubhouse

(The 3rd Friday each month)

FOREST PARKS HOME CHURCH

"THE LIGHT"

By Roberta Rizas



Happy month of October to all of you. Pretty soon some of our friends will be heading back to be with us again. We look forward to seeing them. Many of our Park's activities will be starting up soon. Please remember the Park's church, "The Light", who meet every Sunday night at 6 pm. We meet at 457 Jacaramba Ct. We welcome all of you.

A little poem follows as we think of our friends.....

Lord, bless those we love on this October day,
Be they near, or far away.

Bless our good friends who mean so much, & those with whom, we are out of touch.

We bring them all to you in prayer, and ask you to keep them in your care!

As they travel back to our Park, keep them alert and safe in the dark.

We look forward to being with them again soon, haven't seen many since early June.

Let's join together and have lots of fun, October has definitely now begun.

Welcome Back Our Northern Friends....
We're Glad You're Here



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QUILT CLUB

by Renee Huck



The month of pumpkins, witches and goblins has arrived. October, fall is in the air up here in Wisconsin. Harvest time in the fields and gardens. The orange pumpkins are appearing

on front yards with sale signs as it seems that the harvest is prolific. I am sure this month many of you will be heading back to Forest Park, or at least starting to think about it!

I love this time of year for quilting. The rich colors on the leaves turn orange, yellow and brown. When I pull out those fall fabrics, I have noticed that purple seems to make those colors “pop”. Just look at marshes and meadows and you will see purple as an accent color to the rust and oranges of fall. I like to look to nature for inspiration! You can not go wrong with color choices of fabrics if you follow mother nature’s suggestions.

Many quilters struggle with picking fabrics for a quilt. There are many schools of thought about the process. One is...just buy the kit that has all the fabrics with the correct yardages and prints and get started. Others rely on a color wheel with primary and secondary colors, contrasting colors and such. I have always thought that was way too much trouble. I like to pull out a piece of fabric I like and audition different colors and prints with it. When in doubt if a fabric is right, I think...if I put this piece in the quilt, do I like it? Or if I take it away,

is it missing! I sometimes end up with many choices that would work....but which works best? Ok that is when I leave it for a while and come back later and look again.

This works if you own enough “stash” of fabric. I confess ... I own enough “stash” that my husband has tried to make me promise to not buy any more until I use up what I have!!! Well that isn’t really what he said.... He said “promise me you will use it up before you kick the bucket!” I told him I think I am going to hang around a really long time! I also suggested that he can just call my quilting friends and tell them to just come and take whatever they want! So quilting buddies we have to help each other out here.

It comes down to just get started and let the quilt develop as you go. Years ago quilts were made from the scrap basket. Leftovers from cotton dresses and work shirts that were made for the family. Some of you will remember the feed mills having printed cotton bags sewn to hold flour, sugar and chicken feed. Thus flour sack dish towels...still the best for drying dishes. Ladies would send the husband to the mill to find 4 sacks that were the same print, because it took 4 sacks to make a dress. Each sack was about a yard of precious fabric. The scraps would then be used for quilts for warmth in the winter.

If you are fortunate enough to own one of grandma’s quilts, think about the rich history of it, along with the amount of effort and love that went into it. It is a priceless history of your family. Today we have many more choices, but the love and effort that goes into each quilt is priceless. Just remember it is the process of creating that can bring joy to the creator, but the joy of giving a gift of your love and effort makes it all worthwhile.

Pieceful days friends, Renee Huck



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Valerie Trapp – Neighborhood Watch Coordinator
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Thank you for volunteering to be a part of our Neighborhood Watch Team.

I am very thankful for all of the volunteers here in Forest Park that help keep us safe & a watchful eye on things. As coordinator of the Neighborhood Watch Patrol, I am making a schedule for November 2023 (& will need to make adjustment(s) – April 2024 year as schedules change.

As a volunteer you will patrol streets & check area around buildings & pool. Our presence makes a difference. Patrol times can be at your discretion; any time after 11:00pm to early morning hours. Some residents are night owls & patrol at all hours.

Most evenings there are just rabbits 🐰 or frogs 🐸 hopping around 😊. Sometimes a coyote & sometimes a ‘visitor’ is in the park that doesn’t belong. You then call the Sheriff Tel 239-477-1000 & report this or 911 if it is an emergency.

A backpack is provided with a new flashing light for golf cart / car, magnetic signs, new flashlights & information you might need. This is picked up & returned each morning to the Activities Building by 12:00 midday. Notify the office of any unlocked doors, street lights out, suspicious activities & any problems that occur. So, if you can volunteer one evening a month, this is greatly appreciated. Just fill out the form for each team member & return it to the office or email fppoainc@gmail.com & they will forward it on to me.

Name(s) of team members:

Address(s):

Email address(s):

Phone No(s) :

Preferred day to patrol: Sun / Mon / Tue / Wed / Thu / Fri / Sat

Specific week of the month: 1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th

(I am trying to assign the same day each month – makes it easier for my husband & I to remember 😊 when it is our turn.)

Are you a Full Time or Part Time Resident?

Months you are available and prefer to volunteer.

Jan / Feb / Mar / Apr / May / Jun / Jul / Aug / Sep / Oct / Nov / Dec

Any other preferences you may have:

Thank you – Valerie Trapp

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- 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 (Under "Instant Pet Friendly Search," select a state and city) or 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.

Forest Park October 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 9:15am 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	10:00am Open Bocce Ball
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Karaoke					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<i>Columbus Day</i>					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Karaoke					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
	Jane's - 8:30am Weights & Core Class Resumes	Halloween Costume Party 7PM (Social Club Event)				
		<i>Halloween</i>				

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