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August 31st

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

Editor's Message

By Gail Pare

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Welcome to December and welcome back to many of our snowbirds from afar. This final month of 2023 will be a busy month for many as we prepare for the holidays. Hard to believe this year is almost a memory as we get ready to welcome in 2024.

I hope all of you had a nice Thanksgiving full of love, friendship and good eats! As the joy of the holiday season approaches, let's remind ourselves of the meaning of Christmas and all the special memories we've had, whether it be far away in our prospective states or right here in our lovely community of Forest Park.

Do you ever ponder on your childhood holiday memories ~ I know I do. Yes, I was one of those who would try and sneak a peak of what was under the tree before anyone else was awake on Christmas morning or taking a cookie off the plate intended for Santa! Years later, I remember singing in the church choir many a Christmas Eve at the candlelight Midnight Masses, then rushing home at 1:30 in the morning to finish wrapping

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those gifts I had hidden for my own children. (always late). I remember the hustle of Christmas Day trying to visit both sides of the family with the children as to keep everyone happy. I remember..... So grateful, so blessed.

Whatever you are doing for Christmas, however you celebrate the holidays this year, I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season.

Wishing all the residents of Forest Park peace and joy this holiday season and throughout the coming year. *Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year!*



SEARCHING!

As Editor of the park newsletter, I am looking for a replacement. My home is for sale, and we will be returning to New England once it is sold. If anyone is interested in taking over this important duty, please reach out to me with any questions. I will work with the new editor until he or she is comfortable taking over the position. (603) 507-7572.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Season's Greetings!

We are about to begin our 51st year of welcoming back the winter residents of Forest Park! The park has seen many changes over the last 50+ years. It took many years and volunteers to make this feel like home to a wide variety of people. People come with different backgrounds and skills. Their devotion to our way of life is what keeps this park not only affordable, but a safe and clean environment, that we are happy to return to year after year.

We have seen a wide variety of people volunteer for our Board of Directors to assist with keeping our park out of the hands of a management company, which would undoubtedly increase our costs. These people give their best to do what's right for the community as a whole. After all they all live here too!

Time and effort are put into our founding documents, to ensure that we keep the park not only financially strong, but strong in character. We came through last year's hurricane as a solid group, we love our homes here and our community!

One of the most important aspects of the Board of Director is to ensure the rules set out before us and voted on by our membership are adhered to. The By Laws

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and Deed of Restrictions are documents that protect our investments and our quality of life here in Forest Park. The Rules and Regulations are a live document that is managed by the active board of directors again with the intention of keeping our quality of life as expected.

Each household is given these documents upon purchasing their home and are always available online at Forestparkonline.com or by hard copy in the Office. It's important that we all understand some of the basic guidelines to avoid hits to our budgets, ensure the safety of our residents, the cleanliness of the park and overall quality of life here at Forest Park. Some of the issues that come up quite often are:

- **Speeding** – The park has many walkers and bike riders, please obey the speed limits. The speeding near the Pool, Pickle Ball and Clubhouse area has truly become a danger! Members pull in and out of the area regularly on golf carts and bicycles, they will have no protections against a speeding vehicle. **Throughout the Park our Posted Speed Limit is 15 MPH**



- **Rolling through Stop Signs** – Each intersection is clearly marked; our park is no different than a regular road. The only difference is you could be hurting your neighbor or their family members. Take it easy and obey the Stop Signs.



- **Unattended Guests in the Pools** – Guests should have a GREEN Wrist Band when using the pool, they should know your address when asked. Please be vigilant.

- **Unightly Property** – Be proud of your home. Be courteous to your neighbors. Be safe with unexpected storms.

- **Forest Park Green Car Stickers** -We are back in session and have night patrol in place to keep you and your property under a watchful eye. Cars on property without a green Forest Park Sticker on the back of the vehicle will be noted by the team and sent to the office. Stickers are available for FREE in the office. Using the identifiers helps us know if we have strangers in the park.



- **Late Trash Set Outs** – All trash needs to be set out before 7am on Tuesday. Second rounds of trash pickup for late set outs are costly and really overworks our Maintenance Team if it gets too hot. Your trash can be put out the evening before if in a trash can.

- **Improper Use of Dumpsters** – Dumpsters are CLEARLY marked. It's dangerous for the Maintenance Team to climb into the dumpster to

retrieve improperly dumped items. Contractors working on your home are also required to take the debris with them off site.

- **Late HOA Fees** – Please do your best to send your HOA fee in by the 1st of the month. It's also important to make your check payable for the amount of your HOA Fee rounding up or down adds additional work for our accounting team.

- **Quiet Time/Lawn Mowing** – Our rules for **In Season Quiet Time is 11PM to 8AM**. *Please be respectful of your neighbors.*



- **General Membership Meetings** - We are a membership community. Monthly General Membership meetings are an important part of keeping our park a great place to live. Please make an effort to attend in person to help us meet our quorums for voting on issues large and small. If you can't make it in person, please join us by Zoom so your voice can be heard and so you have a full understanding of any issues. Zoom can be done on your Smart Phone, computer, or tablet, it's very user friendly and it allows you to hear firsthand the strides made and challenges ahead to keep Forest Park a great place to live. Your expertise could be exactly what we need to turn a needed project into something great!!!

- **Volunteer** – We need your help, please consider volunteering for the Board, a committee or just to lend a helping hand. It's the skills that people bring that make us a great place to be!

We're looking forward to a terrific season, so glad you are all here!

~ Ken

VETERAN'S DAY Update

By Denise Brewer

Thank you to all our park Veterans for your service to our great country. It was an honor to celebrate and serve you and your spouses. A big thank you to Gloria Hartz again for organizing the program, JoEllen Gallant for once again, a delicious meal and a special thank you to all our wonderful volunteers that help make this and other events possible. Thank you again for your service!



BOARD OF DIRECTOR & GENERAL MEETING DATES

From the Office



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Dec 7, 2023 Board Meeting 9 AM
- Dec 14, 2023 Membership Meeting 7 PM
- Dec 28, 2023 **Cut-off date for candidate names to be printed on ballot 12PM**
- Jan 3, 2024 Meet the Candidates Night 7 PM
- Jan 11, 2024 General Election 12-2 PM
- Jan 12, 2024 BOD Organizational Meeting 9 AM
- Jan 18, 2024 Board Meeting 9 AM
- Jan 20, 2024 Board Training 9:30 AM
- Jan 25, 2024 Membership Meeting 7 PM
- Feb 15, 2024 Board Meeting 9 AM
- Feb 22, 2024 Membership Meeting 7 PM
- Mar 14, 2024 Board Meeting 9 AM
- Mar 21, 2024 Membership Meeting 7 PM
- Apr 18, 2024 Board Meeting 9 AM
- Apr 25, 2024 Membership Meeting 7 PM



Business Meeting

LINE DANCING

by Ellen Heigham



Hello dancers,

I'm back and have started up my free line dance classes on Tuesday afternoons. Come join in and learn a few line dances and get some exercise. Review of the steps is from 12:45-1:00. I learned some fun new dances over the summer, and I'd love to teach them to you as well as the old tried and true. Regular class is from 1:00-2:00. For more information, please call Ellen at 617-448-1748

SHUFFLBOARD

By Bill Madill

We will be starting shuffleboard the first week of January. A sign-up sheet is by the court for you to sign up. All are welcome! It's a fun game, easy to learn and not much strain on our old backs. Hope to see you on the courts, get off your rears and PARTICIPATE. It's your park, so let's use it. Not to forget, it's good exercise! More info will be coming in January.



Roast Pork Dinner
Forest Park Holiday Event



Dec 6th 2023 5:00 PM

- \$10.00 per meal
- Roast Pork
- Mashed Potato
- Stuffing
- Green Beans
- Famous Dessert Table





By JoEllen Gallant

Well, it's here, the last Month of 2023. Funny how the days go by so quickly. We must really be enjoying ourselves! Our December is filled with all kinds of Happenings!

✚ Wednesday December 6, 2023	Holiday Dinner Event	5pm
✚ Wednesday, December 13, 2023	Craft Club Meeting	9am
✚ Thursday, December 14, 2023	Craft Fair Prep	9am
✚ Thursday, December 14, 2023	Bake Sale Donations Needed	6pm
✚ Friday, December 15, 2023	Cookie Stroll Donation NEEDED	noon
✚ Friday, December 15, 2023	Set Up for Holiday Craft Fair	9am
✚ Saturday, December 16, 2023	Holiday Craft Fair/Carport Sale	8am
✚ Monday, December 18, 2023	1st GBC Movie Night/ Hot Dog Meal Deal	6pm
✚ Wednesday, December 27, 2023	Craft Club Meeting	9am

Below you'll see some of the beautiful creations come to life, I'd like to just send out a special Thanks to Joyce Parsels and Deb Johnson, their efforts made all of these possible! As I reviewed our projects for this upcoming year, it became very apparent that with costs soaring for supplies we would need to adjust our Centerpiece projects. I put out the call for leftover artificial greens and flowers and boy did these two answer the call! I returned to Forest Park in October with a porch full of beautiful flowers! Being yard sale and estate sale experts, they were able to secure more than enough supplies for us. Expect some beautiful creations by our local artists!

In October, our members created some Magical Witch Hat Door Hangers that were raffled off at the first General Membership meeting.



During November, we launched our Centerpiece Raffles for the Giveback Campaign with some wonderful creations by our very talented members! Here are a few from our first session. In total, 20 centerpieces were donated to the Forest Park Community Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by Paula Chapin. Proceeds from this raffle again supported the Give Back Campaign.

We welcomed our members back with a Welcome Back Breakfast on Nov 29th! It was also the day we brought a bit of magic to the Clubhouse with the 2023 Holiday Decorating Event! This year we added just a little bit of whimsy with our Candyland

concept. The Gingerbread Men and oversized candys were added this year as a way of remembering our dear friend of the park Sherrill Wright. She watched as we decorated the Clubhouse last year and emailed often from her home in Canada. She loved the holiday décor and began sending all kinds of ideas for this year. Sherrill lost her battle to cancer, but will always be remembered for her time, efforts and love of Forest Park. This year we will again be joining forces with the Social Club for the Forest Park Holiday Event - Dec 6th at 5pm Roast Pork Dinner with all the fixing's and of course our famous dessert table! Tickets will be available for purchase (\$10) at the New Forest Park Box Office, located in the Activities Building. After dinner and some holiday music the Social Club will begin their Holiday Give Aways! It's always a fun night! Christmas Centerpieces will be raffled off and maybe a visit from Santa!



A reminder that everyone is welcome to join our little group of crafters! All skill levels are needed. We meet every Wednesday morning at 9am in the Clubhouse. It's only \$10 a year to join! Lots and lots to do. Stop in and give us a try, bring a friend! Many hands make light work!

~JoEllen



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HELPING HANDS

By Ellen Heigham



As I walk around the park, I marvel at the contrast between now and a year ago.

One thing remains the same. There will always be people who need a little help from their friends. Sometimes it's a ride to an appointment or the clubhouse for Bingo or Karaoke. Sometimes it is needing help, bringing out the trash or recycle bin. Maybe it's changing a lightbulb that's too high to reach without a ladder.

I don't always have an answer, but I promise I'll always try to match you with someone who does.

Also, I'm hoping that starting with the November newsletter, some of my neighborhood volunteers will deliver them to the people who might have trouble getting to the clubhouse.

Don't be too proud to ask for help. Call Ellen at (617) 448-1748

“ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS”

By Joyce Hines

Wow! How can the holiday season be upon us so soon? I was thinking about my Christmas list and decided that *“all I want for Christmas is YOU”* to help to turn our Clubhouse grounds and Forest Park entrance into a Christmas Wonderland. On **Friday, December 1st at 9:00 a.m.**, your Forest Park Christmas elves will be unpacking, assembling, and setting up our decorations! How can you get to join in the fun, you ask? Simply show up outside the Clubhouse Friday morning with a smile and a willingness to work! The result...a month of Christmas Cheer to be enjoyed by our friends and families!



See you on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st @ 9:00a.m.! BUT...

The fun doesn't end there, OH, NO!

On **Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 9:00 am.** we plan to UNdecorate the clubhouse grounds and front entryway! We will be removing lights, wreaths, and trees, etc. and storing them in our maintenance shed storage area! Two fun- mornings happily spent with friends...what more could a person wish for?



Double your fun on ...

Tuesday, January 2nd @ 9:00 a.m.!

Questions?? Call Joyce Hines: 724-689-5175!

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 regular trash pickup days 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.

NIGHT PATROL



Hello Neighborhood watch volunteers

It's the Holiday season and we're starting to get more active in the park with residents returning from the north.

I am still looking for volunteers once a month to help with our neighborhood watch.

I am in the process of updating volunteer information and the new schedule. Please fill out the enclosed form, text me, email me, or give me a call with your information ASAP. I want to make sure I have the correct info to complete the schedule.



Welcome back, 🐾

Valerie Trapp

Valerieartlady@aol.com (859) 620-0519.

TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO



Don't forget to come on out for our weekly Bingo in the Clubhouse.

Be there at 6:45 pm, games start at 7:00 pm. Lots of Fun!!!



NORTHEASTERN STATES CLUB

By Nancy Cooper

Annual Membership Meeting

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11th-5 P.M.

The annual Membership Meeting will kick off the year which once again promises to be a fun time for all. For all the new folks in the Park, please disregard our club name. You don't need to be from the N.E. You all are invited to join no matter where you live or come from.

The first meeting will be a **Ham Dinner** with all the fixings. Tickets for the dinner are \$10 and can be purchased from Nancy Cooper, 734 Knotty Pine Cir., before December 6th. You must also pay your annual dues of \$5, which you can do when you buy dinner tickets. Hope you'll consider joining us! We do many fun events throughout the year – all are welcome!



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



New Co-Secretaries

The Social Club needs your help! We are looking for a second Co-Secretary to fill in the void left by Joyce Hines. We have one volunteer and would like one more. This year the duties of the co-secretaries will divide/combine duties that they are most interested in.

You won't go at it alone, you will be working alongside other social club officers and the involvement will would/ may include taking notes from meeting and events, snapping a few photos if you please, contacting and assisting in entertainment contracts, writing an article here and there and helping with advertising (posters, signage – we have the supplies) and of course, participation in most events.

Debbie Rooney has already graciously offered to volunteer – and we need one more person to step up! This shared partnership will make it easier and not overwhelm one individual so we can all enjoy our park events and activities. If you are interested in lending a helping hand, please contact Denise at 317-364-6985 or any other social club officer. We thank you for your continued support and consideration.

ATTENTION: UPCOMING DATES

- Decorating Clubhouse Grounds
Friday, December 1st 9:00a.m.
- Christmas Event and Craft Club Dinner
Wednesday, December 6th 5:00p.m.
- Christmas Light Canal Cruise
Wednesday, December 13th *(by ticket only)
- Craft Club Fair and Carport sale
Saturday, December 16th 8:00a.m.
- Holiday Caroling
Sunday, December 17th 5:00p.m.
- Holiday Caroling
Tuesday, December 19th 5:00p.m.
- Holiday Golf Cart Parade
Friday, December 22nd 6:30p.m.
- New Year's Eve Dance
Sunday, December 31st 7:30p.m.

The Social Club would like to welcome all our New Residents to Forest Park and we look forward to getting to know you. Also, a big welcome back to our snowbird family, it will be great to catch up with you and to continue our friendships. We will begin the month by decorating the clubhouse grounds. (if you are reading this after Dec. 1st and volunteered - Thank you, it was greatly appreciated.

On Wednesday, December 6th we're holding a combined event with the Craft Club. The Holiday Dinner event starts at 5pm with a delicious Pork Roast Dinner, followed by the Social Club annual Holiday Party immediately after.

There will be holiday raffles donated by local businesses. It's not too late, if you would like to donate a gift, see any social club officer. Come on out and support our park and have fun doing it!! Tickets on sale in the Box Office Sundays 4-6pm.

Social Club New Year's Eve Dance – December 31st 7:30pm

Join your Forest Park friends at the clubhouse for our New Year's Eve Dance. Music this year will be provided by **Tim Burton**. Mr. Burton has entertained us before, and we look forward to his return. Snack trays with sweet treats will be available to munch on during the evening.



Also, a sparkling cider toast during the balloon drop @ 10:00p.m. *Notice the time change this year; many had asked for an earlier celebration, this way, if you choose to retire before midnight but still enjoy a*

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"midnight experience" you can do so or follow up our party with other late-night friends. However, you choose to celebrate, please drink responsibly, be safe and have fun.

Sunday, Dec. 31st, 2023
7:00p.m.-10:30p.m.
BYOB and snacks

Please see the email blast and Facebook pages for ticket sales dates and cost for a great evening while being safe, as we celebrate the New Year.

There are many opportunities to volunteer your time and talents in many of our clubs or in general ways around the park. If you would like to contribute in making our park the best it can be while meeting and making friends, I encourage you to ask any club officer or our office personnel how you can help.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

By Ellen Heigham

We will be out Caroling in Forest Park on Sunday, December 17th and Tuesday, December 19th starting at 5pm. (you'll be back before Bingo!)



Meet outside the Clubhouse by 4:45. It is not necessary that you be an accomplished vocalist, only that you have a desire to bring a little bit of joy and happiness to our neighbors here in Forest Park.

I had a suggestion last year of a new route. We will see how that works. Please let me know if you know of anyone who has had an especially hard year. Call to let me know if you plan to join in the fun. (No one wants me to sing a solo)

For more info, call Ellen at (617) 448-1748.



HOLIDAY GOLF CART PARADE & GIFT EXCHANGE

Come join your neighbors and friends for our annual event – the “Holiday Golf Cart Parade” with Ivan & Jill Taylor leading the way. This event will be on **Friday – December 22nd starting at 6:30 pm. Parade starts at 7pm.** Decorate your golf cart with all your favorite holiday decorations, blinking lights and show your creativity. Feel free to dress in your holiday costume too! Participants should meet up no later than 6:30pm and be ready to show off your creations on a parade throughout our park. Following the parade, meet back at the Clubhouse where we will be exchanging a \$5 gift while enjoying holiday cookies. If you have any questions, contact Linda Meyer (262) 225-7200 or Wendy Henderson at (443) 789-6569. You won't want to miss this one.





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MARQUEE

By Robyn Johnson

Valerie Trapp has graciously offered to take over the duties of the marquee, but she would like to have one or two more people to learn the process and help her out. PLEASE, if anyone would like to assist Valerie, you may call her at 859-620-0519. Thank you, Valerie, for taking over this task.



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

By Gail Pare

PLEASE NOTE:



*** Due to early Publisher deadlines, the January materials are due by November 30th.

All articles, news or photographs should be submitted to this email fpsocialnews@gmail.com and are normally 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

By: Jan Provence, Webmaster

www.forestparkonline.com

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

KARAOKE



Karaoke with Chris Tybor is held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, from 7-9 pm, BYOB and snacks.

Come join in or just sit back and enjoy the songs.... All are welcome!



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December Birthdays

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Sally Miller	1
Michael Marunowski	4
Bill Madill	4
Christina Stricklen	6
Georgiy Kolomichenko	7
Mike Fanning	11
Patricia Sadowski	19
Ron Geik	14
Ann Mocko	15
Carol Candido	17
Helen Cox	18
Ray Hosey	18
Minnie Castor	19
Benny Sisto	21
David Hillstrom	21
Steven Gallant	22
Donald Matheny	23
Dawn Lawton	23
Carole Beconder	24
Tony Nash	25
Janet Lammers	27 – Special birthday
Linda Neises	27
Edward Eads	28
Pam Salk	28
Steve Barhorst	31
Mark Olson	31



Janet Lammers celebrates her 90th birthday on December 27th, let's all wish her a special happy birthday.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Pam & Jim Crain -	December 3
Don Bargholz & Peggy Cleary -	December 7, 1993
John & Ramona Etoll -	December 12, 1970
Dean & Diane Goldsboro -	December 18, 2004
Monte & Deb Johnson -	December 15, 1973
Alfred & Carol Pandola -	December 26, 1972



WELCOME

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NJ



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.



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FOREST PARK VISITORS WRISTBANDS



Remember - Visitors unaccompanied by Forest Park residents must wear wristbands when using park recreational facilities (pool, mini-golf, etc.). If you see something, say something, lets all be vigilant.

The wristbands are 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 before 6:00am to assure that it does not get missed. You can put it out the night before as long as it is in a barrel.



And, once again, please ensure that your garbage bags are not more than 30 pounds. If too heavy, the bags will be left. Be mindful that all the garbage that is picked up must be thrown into the compactor and the weight of the bags when too heavy creates a risk of injury.



TRASH PICKUP – TUESDAY only

(place your trash out after 6 p.m. the night before but before 7 a.m. the day of pickup.

Trash pickup will resume two days per week starting in January 2024.

BULK PICKUP – WEDNESDAY only

WASTE PRO - RECYCLE PICKUP - FRIDAY

(place recycles out before 6 a.m. ~ ~ They have been 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** 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.

RECYCLING BLUE BIN

FRIDAY is Recycle Day!!

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's. Recycling saves the park money from Waste-Pro.



ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLE

By the 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 the 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



Come join Jane in her step weights and core class on Monday mornings in the clubhouse from 8:30-9:30 am.

Come on out and try something new – All are welcome!

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

LOW IMPACT WALKING & LIGHT WEIGHTS

By Carole Beconder

Please join me every Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 9am to 10am in the Clubhouse! We will be doing low-impact walking to music using light weights.



Come have fun with easy exercise. See you soon!

COFFEE KLATCH



The **Men's** Coffee Klatch will be held on Friday, December 8th at 8:00 am. In the clubhouse (the 2nd Friday each month)

The December **Women's** Coffee Klatch is Friday, December 15th at 9:00am in the clubhouse. (3rd Friday each month)



RED HAT LADIES “Christmas Open House”

By Heather Flavin

Our annual holiday **Open House** will be **Tuesday, December 12th at 12:00 pm** in the clubhouse. New members are always welcome!

Please bring your Christmas spirit, a \$5 wrapped gift for our Yankee Swap, and your \$5 Dues.

A light lunch will be served and upcoming activities will be reviewed. Hope to see you all

If you have any questions, please reach out to Heather.



SUGAR CANE TRIP IS JANUARY 3RD

By Joyce Parsels



The next Sugar Cane trip is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3rd.

For those that don't know anything about this trip, it is a trip to the Sugar Cane fields over in Clewiston put on by Raisin' Cane Tours and sponsored by U.S. Sugar. This trip is a totally free trip including lunch. A chartered bus picks us up early in the morning for the all-day trip to and from the sugar fields, giving a guided tour about the agricultural process of sugar caning. We also get an outside view of the sugar cane processing plants and operations centers. At the end of the tour, we are taken to an eatery for a free lunch and then we travel back to Forest Park, usually between 3 and 4pm. It's a fun day!

The Forest Park Sugar Cane trip fills quickly, and we usually fill the bus. If you are interested sign up right away. **You must sign up no later than December 20th at the Box Office** located within the activities building here at Forest Park. If you have any questions, please call Joyce at 607-725-1784. Depending on demand, we often do more than one Sugar Cane tour per season. Hope to see you on the bus!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

from Pam Salk

Once again, the friends from Forest Park will be holding it's annual Toy Drive from December 1st to December 14th. Forest Park has a long tradition of gifting to the children of Suncoast, our neighbors. This tradition was



started many years ago by a resident named Bernie. Let's make Bernie proud and make this a wonderful Christmas for these children.

Drop off new and unwrapped toys to 5350 Forest Park Drive from December 1st to the 14th. Thank you for caring for these little ones. All age toys are welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

The **3rd Annual Chili Cookoff** will be held on **Sunday – February 4th**. Watch for more information coming in your January newsletter. Start searching your cookbooks for your favorite tried and true chili recipes.



FOREST PARKS HOME CHURCH “THE LIGHT”

By Roberta Rizas



We welcome in DECEMBER! Summer left us so fast! Glad those 94-degree days are behind us now! Speaking of going fast, the three years of our Home Church in our Park has passed, and we are starting our fourth year this January of 2024.

All are welcome to “The Light”, at 457 Jacaramba Ct. at 6 pm every Sunday night.

“The Light” wishes everyone in our Park, a very Merry Christmas. Have you started baking all those Christmas cookies yet? Cookies are the symbol of Holiday joy and the spirit of giving. May the simple joys of Christmas warm your heart, fill your homes and last a lifetime. Jesus was born around this time & we remember His birth and His salvation message. John 3:16 says, “God so loved the world He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life. God bless all who read this and have a happy New Year of 2024.



QUILT CLUB

by Renee Huck

Pine Tree Knots Quilters...aka Quilt club will be resuming on December 14th at 9:30a.m. in the Forest Park clubhouse. Please mark your calendars. Let me encourage any of you who would like to find out more about quilting to consider attending. We have many experienced quilters who are ready to welcome you and

are ready to help you learn. We welcome you even if you haven't sewn a seam in a long time as well as those who haven't tried quilting before.

Find out how much this art form has changed over the years. Techniques, tools and materials have really been improved. I will try to share knowledge I have learned over the years. Not that I can't learn new things also. I am sure some of you have tried quilting techniques that I haven't.

As a group we try to have fun and share our frustrations and successes on our quilts, also promoting fellowship and laughter along the way. Find out about the meaningful projects we donate to different organizations, as well as the friendship quilts we distribute here in Forest Park. In March 2024, we plan to hold our annual quilt show in the clubhouse, showcasing our quilts. We will raise some funds by selling raffle tickets for one or two wonderful quilts. The funds are used to purchase some supplies as well as to donate to deserving projects. Last year we were able to donate to those organizations that helped our park so much through recovery from the hurricane. This is because of the generosity of those who purchased raffle tickets, so watch for this year's fabulous quilts.

Please feel welcome to come to the clubhouse on any

Thursday morning at 9:30. Meetings are listed on the community calendar.

Wishes for a joyful holiday time. Be kind and understanding with your neighbor and participate in the wonderful activities offered here in Forest Park!

Friendship is sewn...one stitch at a time. One who sleeps under a quilt is comforted by love. Merry Christmas and pieciful days friends. Renee





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CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF CHEER

By Nancy Cooper

Nearly 20 years ago, the then president of the Northeastern Club, Joan King, thought it would be nice to remember folks in the Park who needed a bit of cheer over the holidays. Being a wonderful cook, she baked cookies, and we passed them out to several people bringing a bit of happiness with each plateful. The next year, we passed out even more homemade cookies as well as gift certificates to grocery stores.



Fast forward to 2023 and the Gifts of Cheer continues thanks to the thoughtfulness of Joni and her love for the people in Forest Park. Over the years the gifts have grown from baskets of fruit, boxes of chocolates, bags of food and flowers. Following Hurricane Irma, we passed out boxes of cookies to every occupied house in the Park. Not an easy task considering we were in the middle of the pandemic. Thanks to the generosity of clubs and individuals, we have been able to spread a lot of joy during the Christmas season.

Last year, knowing so many needed a bit of holiday spirit, we held a free pizza dinner followed by a dance with our favorite singer, Jerry Burton. Over 165 people ate, danced and came together for a fun-filled night of friendship.

This year we are (hopefully) back to normal and our elves are ready to get to work. For this we need your help. If you know someone who can use some holiday cheer, has difficulty getting groceries, is caring for another in their home, has experienced the loss of a spouse or child or is 90 years of age or older, please let me know. This is a wonderful tradition, started by a wonderful woman, something we want to see continue for many more years to come.



DECEMBER

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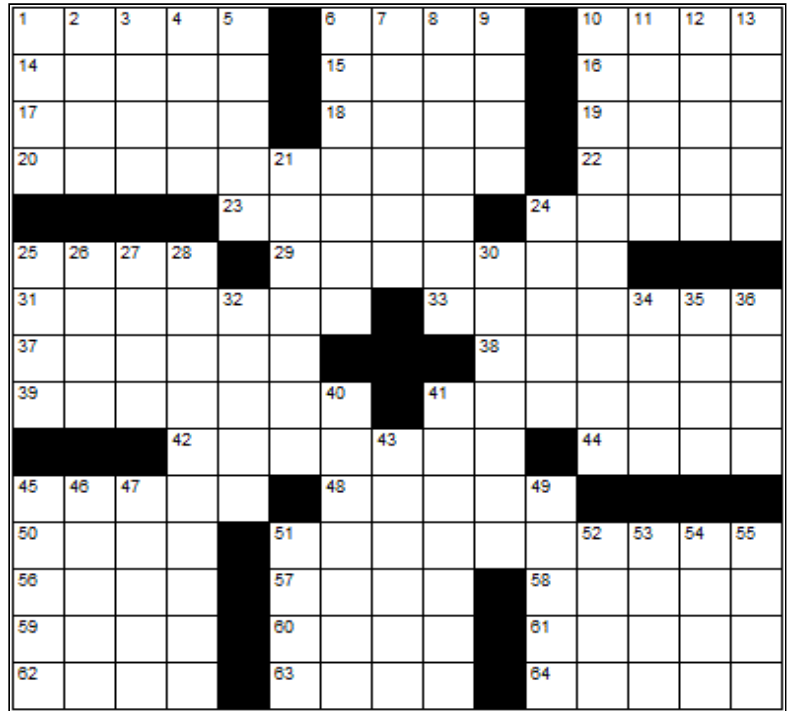
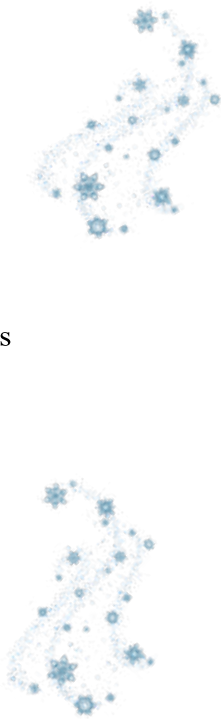
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2	9	1	5	8	6	3	4	7



December Crossword

ACROSS

1. It comes in a loaf
6. Cobras
10. Play parts
14. Spooky
15. Not the whole
16. The central part
17. American symbol
18. Request
19. Hint
20. Wealth and success
22. Peel
23. Rock
24. Little kisses
25. Pear type
29. Retaliated
31. Arithmetic mean
33. Resident
37. Befall
38. Born here
39. Expunction
41. Expunges
42. Thin
44. Filth
45. Select by voting
48. Transfer
50. Teller of untruths
51. Devastation
56. Put _____ words
57. In the center of
58. Insignia
59. T T T
60. Rubber wheel
61. Drama set to classical music
62. Makes a mistake
63. Cards with one symbol
64. Adjust again



DOWN

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| 1. Toot | 13. Sows | 40. Confined to certain regions |
| 2. Backside | 21. Knickknack holder | 41. Deciphers |
| 3. Therefore | 24. Prison-related | 43. Craving |
| 4. Afflicts | 25. _____ Ruth, baseball legend | 45. Gentry |
| 5. Ocean trenches | 26. Not under | 46. Protective covering |
| 6. Give permission | 27. Bristle | 47. Consumer of food |
| 7. Containing salt | 28. Move back and forth | 49. Work hard |
| 8. Make-believe | 30. Universal | 51. Information |
| 9. Remain | 32. No longer a child | 52. Adhesive strip |
| 10. Licensed | 34. Tubular pasta | 53. Mid-month days |
| 11. Infant's illness | 35. Always | 54. Beast |
| 12. Torso | 36. Bird home | 55. Tidy |





Neighborhood Watch Volunteer Information Form

Valerie Trapp – Neighborhood Watch Coordinator
Tel 859-620-0519 / email valerieartlady@aol.com

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

Forest Park December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4:00pm Forest Park Box Office 6:00pm Home Church 6:00pm Hand and Foot	8:00am Mens Pickleball 8:30am Weights & Core Classes w/ Jane 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 Carols Low Impact Exercise 9:15am Ladies Pickle Ball 10:30am Pool Exercise 1:00pm Line Dancing with Ellen 6:45pm Bingo - Clubhouse	8:00am Mens Pickleball 9:00 am Craft Club -Clubhouse 9:15am Ladies Pickle Ball 10:30am Pool Exercise	8:00am Mens Pickleball 9:15am Ladies Pickle Ball 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 Carol's Low Impact Exercise 10:00am Open Bocce Ball
					9:00am Outside Decorating	1 2
3 First Sunday of Advent	4 7:00pm Karaoke w/ Chris	5 12:00pm Red Hats Luncheon	6 5:00pm Holiday Dinner Event	7 9:00am FPPOA Board Meeting <i>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</i>	8 8:00am Men's Coffee Klatch	9
10	11 5:00pm NE Club Dinner Event	12 Holiday	13	14 7:00pm FPPOA General Meeting	15 9:00am Women's Coffee Klatch 1:00pm Craft Fair Set Up	16 8:00am Holiday Craft Fair Members Carport Sale
17 5:00pm Holiday Caroling	18 Karaoke 6:00pm Movie Night – Hot Dog Meal Deal GBC	19 5:00pm Holiday Caroling	20	21	22 6:30pm Holiday Golf Cart Parade	23
24	25	26	27	28 12:00pm Cut off Date for Candidates to be printed	<i>First Day of Winter</i> 29	30
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