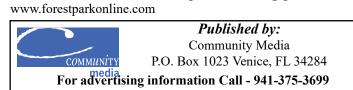
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7:00 AM to 11:00 PM June 1 - August 31st 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM September 1st - May 1st

Quiet Hours: 11pm to 8am

Editor's Message By Gail Pare



Welcome to February !!!

I can't believe we are already starting the month of February. December and January were busy months for my family, selling our home in Forest Park and returning to the north. As I sit here writing this today we are getting 4-6" of snow, light fluffy snow, that could turn to freezing rain later today. I bet you all don't miss that! It's okay, I'll take that punch for you all.

We have just experienced two back to back winter storms up here in New England with record setting rainfall and then beach erosion along the coast. Much of the coastline was affected from the northern Massachusetts border, coastal New Hampshire, and all the way up the downeast side of Maine to Bar Harbor and Rockport, were beaten with severe flooding. Interior streams and rivers were high with raging waters from the mountains.

We are all safe here and enjoying what we know - New England weather! You can't mess with Mother Nature no matter where you live. Miss you all...

February is known as the month of Love! It's a time to celebrate love, friendship, and all the special people

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in our lives. February is a month that brings with it the promise of spring and new beginnings. So take a moment to sit back, relax, and enjoy these thoughtful and inspiring words. We hope you enjoy these inspiring words and that they bring a little extra joy and inspiration to your life this February.

- "Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in vour own powers you cannot be successful or happy." Aarushi Tewari
- "February is the border between winter and spring." Terri Guillemets
- "Cheers to a new month and another chance for us to get it right." Oprah Winfrey "Never dull your shine for somebody else." Tyra Banks

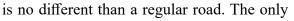
RESIDENTS NEED TO REMEMBER:

• 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



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 to non-residents & unwanted guests.
- Unsightly 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 on Tuesday & Friday before 7 am. Second rounds of trash pickup for late set outs are costly and really continued on page 4

overworks our Maintenance Team if it gets too hot. Your trash can be put out the evening before if in a trash can. Remember, bags must be less than 30 lbs. or they will not be picked up.

- 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 works 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 vou 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 Smartphone, 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!

BOARD OF DIRECTOR & GENERAL MEETING DATES From the Office



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

From The Nominating Committee By Gail Hempel



Jane Cullin and Lucinda King for working with me on the

Nominating Committee. Thank you, I couldn't have done it without your help especially through the holidays.

Second, I would like to thank all the nominees who stepped up and were elected to be our new Board of Directors. Thank you for your willingness to get involved and be an integral part of Forest Park.

Third, please read our By-Laws, in particular Article X-D. The whole nominating process must, according to our By-Laws, be started in October in order to be able to present a nomination report at



the general membership meeting in November. Anyone wanting to be a write-in candidate has approximately 2 weeks from the November general membership meeting to submit their intention to the office or President prior to the Meet the Candidate Meeting scheduled for the first week of December.

As much as I enjoy serving my community and helping out where and when I can, I feel our by-laws need to be followed. Unfortunately, I knew I could not follow the By-Laws as I was not in the park till the first of December. Please step up, volunteer your help is needed and appreciated. The Nominating Committee is a short commitment but is important. Thank you,

Gail Hempel



Line Dancing! LINE DANCING - Canceled by Ellen Heigham

Hello dancers,

Due to numerous scheduling conflicts, I'm discontinuing the line dance

classes for the remainder of the season. Maybe we'll try again next year.

TAI CHI CLASS by Lenann B Crisci

I am looking forward to seeing the wonderful friends I have made in the park and teaching my small but dedicated Tai



Chi class starting the first Wednesday in February in the Community Room. Call Lenann at (207) 705-7475 for more details.

SHUFFLBOARD By Bill Madill



Don't forget to join our Shuffleboard games. 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. Come on over and check it out sometime.

HELPING HANDS By Ellen Heigham



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

So much has changed. 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.

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

Night Patrol

All is quiet and well here in Forest Park, thanks to our wonderful Watch Patrol.

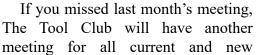
Schedules through March are completed. If you would like to



volunteer in April, let me know and I will add you to the schedule.

Valerie Trapp

TOOL CLUB



members interested in joining. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 13th at 10:00am** in the meeting room of the Activities Building. Dues are \$10.00 per year.

Once dues are paid you will be provided a new code to

the lockbox for the tool shed in the RV yard. All details will be explained at the meeting. If you need a tool, this might just be the place to borrow one. If you have questions, please reach out to Bob Carson 607-857-0320, Mark Snyder 716-939-0237, or Monte Johnson 319-415-2816.



By JoEllen Gallant

Hello & Happy February!

The Craft Club Hopefully the Sunshine will return this month and the streets will be filled with Happy smiling people again! No matter the temperature outside the Craft Club Members are busy creating either something beautiful or something delicious!



January brought about our annual Italian Dinner! A bit of an expanded menu this year! Lasagna, Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Hand Breaded Chicken Parmesan and family style

salad all prepared with love, and of course our famous dessert table!! The Clubhouse décor was just lovely, the balloon arch photo spot gets used more and more each event! All this for just \$10. If you are new to the park and wondering what all the excitement is about be sure to get your ticket at the Box Office, located in the Activities Building on Tuesdays form 11 -1 and Sundays from 4-6. Eat well, share a laugh with your neighbors and have some fun, right here at home! February is about love love love! We will be Co-Hosting the Valentines Dinner Dance with the Social Club on February 10th. Dinner Starts at 5pm, Dancing at 7pm, it's going to be lovely! Dress to the nines and have a wonderful time! Tickets are just \$15 and covers the entire evening of food and entertainment! We can't wait to see you there!

Our February \$5 Craft will be held on February 14th! We'll be doing Dandelion Painting with Val. A unique painting technique using a simple object from your home! You'll need to attend to find out the secret!

Just \$5 to learn a skill and walk away with a beautiful creation! Pre-registration is required.

Our club is always welcoming new members! So please stop by and see what all the fun is about!

Joanne Montie will be contacting each club member this month, concerning the upcoming **elections for the Officers**. This is a 2 year obligation for each position. Please consider running for these volunteer positions, it's a great bunch of gals that really enjoy creating, giving back and making our park a better place to live! The election will be held on March 27 th.

We'll begin prepping for our **Big 3 Event (Final of** the Year) Craft Fair, Trash to Treasure and Member continued on page 6

Carport Sales all held March 1st (Resident Only Sneak Peak) and March 2nd Open to the Public 8am to 1pm

(I'll start my NO RAIN DANCE today!) It's always a wonderful event and well attended. Start planning today. Watch for updates on email blasts, Poster, and Facebook Posts on important dates.

Wishing you all a February filled with sunshine and loving memories! JoEllen

Pork Roast Dinner by Chef Andy!

On Sunday February 25th Chef Andy will be preparing a wonderful Pork Roast Dinner. Tender pork loin, mashed potato, vegetable and gravy all cooked to perfection!



This is an annual event here at Forest Park. Each meal is by donation and helps to defer the costs of the meals provided to our neighbors who may need some assistance throughout the year.

Meals are available for take out only and will be ready for pick up beginning at 1:00. Please stop by and give whatever you can to this worthy cause.

Give Back Campaign

We are continuing on with our Movie



Night and Forest Park

Brunch Events. Please mark your anei calendars and try to attend these events.

The Breakfast Brunch is served buffet style and just **\$10**. You won't be disappointed! Our February Date is

February 18th. Buy your tickets ahead of time at the Box Office!

The Movie Night will be held January 29th. I have a hunch Mr. Tom Cruise will be making an appearance!



The Movie is "Free" to attend. We will

be offering *food for purchase* to raise money for the Give Back Campaign. Last month our "Walking Tacos were a hit!" This month we will be offering them again as well as a few other delicious choices! It's BYOB. Come in your PJ's if you'd like! We leave space for you to bring a lawn chair if you'd prefer. And of course there will be Popcorn and a 50/50 drawing! It's a fun, easy night and all proceeds benefit the park! See you there!

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. Have questions? ask in the office.

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, so 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 Currently, Heather has enough cards on hand, so hang onto your extras for now!

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!!! No ink daubers needed, we provide all supplies. Bring your own snacks/drinks.

THE SOCIAL CLUB **By Denise Brewer**

Let's Dance and Have Fun

Own Beverage) if you would like.

The Valentine Dinner and Dance is Saturday, February 10th from 5:00pm. to 10:00pm. We look forward to an early celebration with our spouses, significant others and/or our friends. First the Craft Club will be serving a delicious meal, then beginning at 7:00pm dancing will begin with music provided by Mike Kafalas, who has been here in the park before (New Year's Eve 2022, I believe, don't hold me to that). Ticket cost will be \$15.00. You may BYOB (Bring Your

Our second dance is on Saturday, February 24th from 7:00pm. to 10:00pm. Our entertainer that evening



will be **Bill Pence**, singer/entertainer who has performed thousands of shows on cruise ships, restaurants, corporate and private events. Bill Pence performs a wide variety of musical styles and sings songs from Frank Sinatra,

The Eagles, Garth Brooks, Bob Seger, Billy Joel, Elton John, Bruno Mars and so many more. We are excited to continued on page 8



bring you another night of dancing the night away. **Ticket cost will be \$7.00**. You may BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage) if you would like.

Tickets will be available at the Box Office Sundays 4:00 p.m.- 6:00p.m. Depending on available help Tuesdays 11:00am-1:00pm and prior to Bingo.

Thank you for your support

Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed music by Sunday Drive and a park favorite, Jerry Burton. The Social club depends on your support of our events as



we cover many of the expenses of our goodwill events that many enjoy here in our park, besides social club event costs and supplies, we cover additional expenses including Coffee Klatches refreshments, Veterans Day Luncheon, Christmas Golf Cart after-party refreshments, Meet the Candidates refreshments, 50th Wedding Anniversary Gifts, Christmas gifts for employees, Postage for Notes of Cheer or Sympathy, Clubhouse grounds decorations and half the cost of our free End-of-Season Dance and to make donations back to our park. Another great way to help is by saving your aluminum cans (please rinse out, it is much appreciated!!) and setting out on Monday evenings to be collected. Thank you again for your support. We also are always in need of volunteers, and all residents are members of the social club.

Social Club President Position Open

The Social Club is needing a volunteer to help lead our group. When I was asked to step up from a vice president to be president of the social



club I was only working three days a week at my job and cleaning a couple homes here in the park. Since that time, I have been taking care of an elderly, past resident, of our park on Friday afternoons. Then, my job added an additional day and recently added

another day. I've needed to stop my cleaning jobs and currently have Friday mornings and Sundays off. Needless to say, I'm running on empty and realize I need to step down and let someone who does not have a full-time job take this position over. Whomever steps up and volunteers for this position, I will, along with other officers, assist you the remainder of the season. Beginning May 1st, I will be permanently stepping down from this position.

Thank you to all, including past and present officers who have helped me, especially Robyn Johnson and Joyce Hines for keeping me on track, Ellen Heighman for taking over when I'm out of town or working, Dottie Frender for helping tear and sell those 50/50 tickets, Pat Schuren and Mary Kurucz for taking care of the monies, Pam Salk and Milton Herrick for helping at the doors and Debbie Rooney for stepping up, as a new resident, to take over as secretary. I am thankful I had the pleasure of serving with you and serving our park.

RV PARK



Are you still using your spot in the RV Park? Do you really need it?

Space in the RV park is at a premium right now. If you do not need your assigned spot, please contact Tony Trapp- 859-620-0516.

There is a waiting list of residents that are in need of parking spot for their travel trailers, boats, and RV's. Thank you, Tony Trapp.

MARQUEE

I know change is hard sometimes, but, I for one am enjoying the new marquee.

If info needs to be added to the marquee, just let me know. There are some limits to the marquee, but I am still learning all of the tricks to make the sign 'catch your eye' and provide needed information. Yes, I still stand there and laugh at myself G. Thank you to Cathy Holle and Chris Major for stepping up to help and learn how to set up the marquee.

Contact me, if info and club activities need to be added - 859-620-0519 / valerieartlady@aol.com.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR - OPEN POSITION By Gail Pare

I hope all of our Forest Park residents have been enjoying reading the monthly newsletters. I have been



having fun creating these special newsletters for you all for the past fifteen months.

Sadly, I will be resigning from my position as Editor of the Newsletter very soon. As many of you know, we sold our house in December and we have permanently returned to New England. With all the new residents in Forest Park, there must be someone with some extra time to take over this position.

I would hate to see the monthly newsletters end, but eventually I will not be able to continue. Please, please if anyone is interested, please email me at fpsocialnews@ gmail.com or contact the office and they can get ahold of me. It's really not hard, just collecting info monthly through email from the various committees, the office, then copying and pasting most of the details into a blank document. Pictures and clipart can be added, but our Publisher makes the final copy pretty before publishing. The most important detail is staying within the allotted time frame of when articles are due. Reach out to me if interested, I can help you get started. Thank you.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES By Gail Pare

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.

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.

** All event dates must be approved and added to the park calendar or your article will not be posted in the newsletter. Please contact JoEllen Gallant at jdgallant63@ gmail.com.

FOREST PARK WEBSITE By: Jan Provence, Webmaster



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All residents that have a Member Share in

our park can access the **Member's Only Pages** on our website. On these pages, you will find the latest information with the FPPOA board and member minutes and many other documents that you will need to keep updated on this community. To receive a username and password, contact the FPPOA office. (<u>fppoainc@gmail.com</u>) If you need further information, contact me at webmaster@ forestparkonline.com.

NORTHEASTERN STATES CLUB MEETING



Monday, February 26th—5:30 PI

Start those engines and hurry to the Clubhouse

for a fun evening of NASCAR. A good meal, some fun activities and great company.....who could ask for more? As always, this dinner is open to all members.

Everyone in the Park can join for just \$5. Tickets for the NASCAR evening are on sale at the Box Office. The deadline for purchasing the tickets is February 18th.



I would like to thank all of you who made this year's event a joyful success.

Nearly 40 baskets of cookies, fruit and candy were delivered. A huge basket was also delivered to the North Fort Myers Fire Department as our way of showing

appreciation for all the care they show the residents of Forest Park. Once again the Northeast Club,

CHRISTMAS CHEEF →>> ★-<<<-

the Craft Club and Becky Conrad were generous in their donations. The Craft Club also donated cookies which helped fill the packages.

Thank you to all the Cheer Elves: Carol Bradsher, Paula Chapin, Chris Major, Gloria Hartz, Lucinda King, Barb Woods, Kathy and Mike Fanning.

GOLF CART POKER RUN by Sally Miller



SAVE THE DATE!! - Saturday, March 16h @ 2:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse

Don't miss the fun, save the 1 - 1 + 1 + 1 = 1

date! The 5th Annual Golf Cart Poker Run will be held Saturday, March 16th at 2:30 pm in the clubhouse. A big thank you to Mary Kimball and her committee who organized this event last year in my absence. Don't let the words "Poker Run" keep you from joining in the fun, knowledge of the game is not needed, only a willingness to participate in a friendly competition and have fun with your friends and neighbors. You will need a golf cart or join a friend or neighbor with one, \$5 a person to enter, a non-perishable food item to donate, a dish to pass, and your drink of choice. A helpful hint: bring along your Forest Park Directory and a pen or pencil. Your mission, should you accept, will be to solve the clues to find 7 host families in our park who hold the keys to your success. They hold the cards to make your poker hand and you will get one card at each host station. Combine your cards to make the best poker hand and win the prize (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place payouts. Don't have a golf cart? No worries, you can ride your bike!

<u>Everyone</u> in the park is welcome to join us in the clubhouse at 4pm for potluck and food drive. Just bring a dish to pass, your own drink and a non-perishable food item to donate.

Hosted by Sally Miller and the Social Club.

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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!



LADIES PICKLEBALL

The ladies play Pickleball every Saturday morning at 9:15 for anyone wanting to give it a try. It's lots of fun

and new participants are always welcome!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Ken & Joyce Parsels February 3, 1973 Bob & Kathy Carson February 7, 1970 Mike & Betsy Maugans February 7, 1970



WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS



Sonya & Jessop Marchbanks 5001 Forest Park Dr KY

David & Nancy Schepers 522 Blossom Ct FL



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.





FAREWELL



Dr. Rufus Edward Durden, DMD, 91, of Independence, KY, entered into his eternal rest Thursday night December 28, 2023, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center –Edgewood. Born on April 9, 1932 in Pearson, GA, he was the

son of Ben Edward and Vernice Lillian Herrin Durden.

After graduating from Russell Springs High School in Russell County, he proudly served his country by spending four years in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict. Upon his honorable discharge from the military, he entered Western Kentucky University in Bowling

Green, KY where he met his "bride-to-be". On June 20, 1958, he was united in marriage to the former MaryAnne Elander; this was the beginning of a beautiful and enriching relationship that lasted for 65 years. After graduating from Western University.

He entered the University of Louisville – School of Dentistry. In 1963 he graduated with a Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) Degree. Immediately after graduation from Dental School, he took up practice in Flemingsburg, KY, where he practiced from 1963-1965. From the fall of 1965, he practiced in Independence, KY until his retirement in 1999. He was a strong supporter of UK sports, an avid reader; he loved fishing and golfing; he was a lifetime member of the American Dental Association and was active in his church, Nicholson Christian Church in Independence.

In addition to his wife,

MaryAnne Durden, he leaves to carry on his legacy of love, service and commitment, one daughter: Kathryn (Tony) Bradds of Bridgetown,



OH; two sons: Daniel Edward (Leslie) Durden of Harrisburg, PA and Karl Benjamin (Kelly) Durden of Taylor Mill, KY. Also surviving are seven grandchildren: Paige (Dan) Menkins, Jessica (Brett) Harlow, Lindsay (Keith) Riehle, Ben (Rachel) Durden, Kayla (Kyle) Kreft, Nathen Durden and Hannah (Jeremy) Musick, along with 12 great-grandchildren, all of whom lovingly called him "Grandpa" and Grandpa Great". In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, John Wallace Durden.

QUILT CLUB by Renee Huck



February, the month of love is here. What we love is creating beautiful quilts. At this time we are working on creating a new stock of friendship quilts to be given to our park residents who have had serious health issues and need

a warm hug.

At the quilt club our members are also preparing for our Annual Quilt Show on March 10th. Please join us at the clubhouse as we turn it into a gathering of all of our friends to enjoy a showplace of quilts as well as a wonderful social time.

Available at the show will be snacks, and raffle tickets for a chance to win 1 of 2 quilts offered. Also available will be many auction items provided by our members. The winners of the quilts will be drawn and announced at the show. I promise you will not be disappointed with the afternoon of fellowship. **The show is** *free to attend. Tell your friends.*

We sincerely hope you will come and meet the amazing quilters who pour such love into their craft and creations.



Our club meets on Thursday

mornings in the clubhouse at 9:30am each week. We invite anyone interested in learning this wonderful art form to feel free to come and check it out. Our members are learning something new each week. You would be amazed at the innovative techniques today as well as the tools available to turn fabric into a wonderful warm hug to cuddle up with.

Raffle tickets will be offered at the Box Office several weeks before the show. Please support our efforts by marking your calendars with the date of **March 10th**. Sure wouldn't want you to miss our showcase of creations. Come and enjoy! Happy February everyone. Pieceful days friends. Renee.





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, let's all be vigilant about non-residents and unwanted guests.

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 <u>before</u> 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.



<u>TRASH PICKUP – TUESDAY &</u> FRIDAY (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. No cardboard in trash,

put out on recycle day only! BULK PICKUP - WEDNESDAY only - have your

bulk items out before 7 a.m. We'll do our best to pick it up as soon as possible that day.

WASTE PRO - RECYCLE PICKUP - FRIDAY (place recycles out before 6 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 cardboard, paper, metal, plastic, etc. This is a separate program from our regular trash that is picked up on Tuesday & Friday. Recycling saves



the park money from Waste-Pro. Please make sure you separate your trash bags from recycling on trash days

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



My Monday exercise class

continues at 8:30 in the clubhouse. 8:30-9:30 am Cardio, weights and core. Bring a mat or towel.

Yoga Ball Class is now Tuesday at 10:00 am right after the 9:00 am exercise class with Carol. You will need a yoga ball and mat or towel.

COFFEE KLATCH



The Men's Coffee Klatch will be held on Friday, February 9th at 8:00 am. In the clubhouse (the 2nd Friday each month)

The Women's Coffee Klatch is Friday, February 16th at 9:00am in the clubhouse.

(3rd Friday each month)

LOW IMPACT WALKING & LIGHT WEIGHTS By Carole Beconder

Join me every **Tuesday & Saturday** in the Clubhouse from 9-10am (unless something else is scheduled) for Low Impact walking and light weights.

RED HAT LADIES *By Heather Flavin*



February's event will be in Punta Gorda. Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens



We're going to the Peace River Botanical and Sculpture Gardens, which is a lovely place worth visiting... Tour of the gardens is \$15, which includes a tour guide. The boxed lunch is \$15 and provided by a local restaurant.

Please meet at the clubhouse by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13th.... We will need to carpool and drivers are appreciated...Sign up, payment and lunch choice must be completed by February 5th.. Total cost \$30 per person.

Please contact Heather with any questions.. (508) 612-6386. Heather Flavin and Kathy Martin will be collecting payments/lunch choices...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF



The 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off will be held on Sunday – February 4th. The Chili Cook Off is fast



approaching and very few have signed up. Please contact Jane Cullin at (330) 242-2772 to enter.

Judging will be from 2:00 - 3:00 pm in the clubhouse. Anyone entering the contest gets in for free. For those coming in to judge & enjoy Chili, the cost is \$5.00 at the door.

CHRISTMAS BLUES *by Joyce Hines*

December...what a month it has been! For our Christmas elves, it began on Friday, Dec. 1st, when we gathered to unpack our decorations to be placed around the Hart Road Entrance and the clubhouse grounds. Our crew arrived: Denise Brewe, Sandy Corrigan, Heather Flavin, Gloria and Mike Hartz, Ellen Heigham, Dave and Nancy Helphinstine, Monty Johnson, Greg & Yvonne



Murray, Phil & Diane Power, Pat Sadowski, Gianna Wachholz, and Jim & Charlene Wash! Thanks to all who helped! By noon, everything around the clubhouse was either strung up, hung, fastened down, and/or plugged in. The following day, Jim, Charlene, Mike and I worked at the Hart Road Entrance. Being optimistic, we thought the job was finished. And then, **THE RAINS CAME!** Almost every day throughout the month there was a new lighting challenge. Special accolades to Jim, Charlene, and Mike for all the extra time they spent trying to keep everything lit. But...**THE RAINS CAME AGAIN!** Board Director, Barry Sims came to the rescue and worked diligently on our lighting issues! Thank you, Barry!! And "**Never Fear!** "No more **Christmas Blues** for Forest Park. We have "**a wiring plan**" in the works for 2024! We really do!

THE UN-DECORATING *By Joyce Hines*

The **undecorating** was accomplished on Tuesday, January 2nd in record time due to help from the following residents: Toni Foote, Phyllis Freese, Mike and Gloria Hartz, Ellen Heigham, Greg Murray, Diana Power, Shannon Shelton, Jim and Charlene Wash, and Gianna Wachholz, Smaller items are either boxed or bagged and labeled for easy identification. Larger items are shelved or safely placed in our storage shed ready for "Christmas 2024"! Hopefully, I have not eliminated the name of any resident who helped with the decorating and/or undecorating! Without help, both tasks could not happen! Once again, a huge **THANK YOU TO ALL!**



FOREST PARKS HOME CHURCH "THE LIGHT" By Roberta Rizas

Here we are into the month of February already! "Happy Valentine's Day." Valentine's Day is a day to spread joy and share the love that is always there. It's a day to appreciate life and those around you. It is a day that you can express gratitude and affection towards people for no reason other than to share your



admiration. My hope is that others will appreciate this day and extract love and joy from Valentine's Day. For me, it's a day to spread joy and showcase love that's always there. Valentine's Day can be anything you make it and for me, it means embracing love and spreading it wherever I can. First Corinthians chapter 13, truly explains what love is.

The following explains part of what God has taught us. Love is very patient and kind, never jealous, or envious, never boastful or proud, never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong. It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. If you love someone, you will be loyal to him, no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him. All the special gifts and powers from God will someday come to an end, but love goes on forever. There are three things that are important and remain. Faith, Hope, and love. The greatest of these is LOVE. (1Cor. 13:13.)

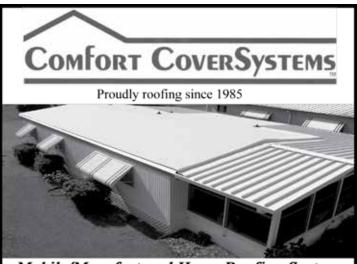
Nothing can separate you from God's love. God's love never fails (exodus, 15:13.) God constantly loves those who obey him (Deuteronomy7:9). God's love pursues us. (Psalm 23:6) God's love is beyond our understanding (Ephesians 3:18). GOD IS LOVE(1John 4:16)

"The Light", your Home Church in Forest Park, is happy to share this information with you. You can join us every Sunday night at 6 pm at 457 Jacaramba Ct. Feel free to walk right in & we will welcome you with love. Enjoy Valentine's Day, everyone!









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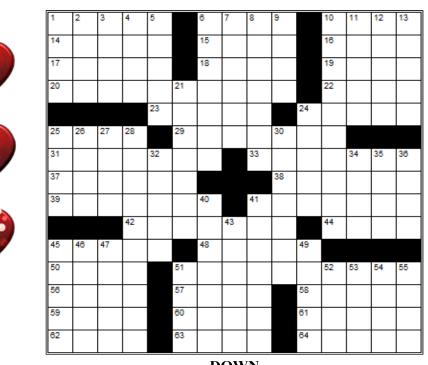
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February Crossword

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- 1. Reliance
- 6. Taxis
- 10. Raindrop sound
- 14. Eagle's home
- 15. Affirm
- 16. Wealthy
- 17. Sail supports
- 18. Hindu princess
- 19. Aware of
- 20. Poulticing
- 22. Average
- 23. Grin
- 24. Pal
- 25. Stops
- 29. "Hush!"
- 31. Spotted feline
- 33. Cuddle
- 37. Ravel classic
- 38. Trader
- 39. Intestinal
- 41. Type of pony
- 42. Heat-related
- 44. Poi source
- 45. Thick-growing
- 48. They connect points
- 50. Nitpicky to a fault
- 51. In a slow, laborious manner
- 56. 5280 feet
- 57. Rodents
- 58. Red Sea peninsula
- 59. Sounds of disapproval
- 60. Curved molding
- 61. Economic down time
- 62. Hotels
- 63. Flippant
- 64. Affirmatives



- 1. Pack down
- 2. Genuine
- 3. Celestial bear
- 4. Seats oneself
- 5. Quizzes
- 6. Toted
- 7. Services
- 8. Types of hat
- 9. Large and hurried
- swallow
- 10. Proclaim
- 11. Delineated
- 12. Group of eight

DOWN

- 13. Fake
- 21. Involve deeply 24. Music genre
- 25. River to the North
- Sea
- 26. Used in advertising
- signs
- 27. Buffoon
- 28. Too shocked for
- words
- 30. Brought on
- 32. Impressive display
- 36. Therefore

- 40. Montage
- 41. Way of thinking
- 43. Violent troublemake
- 45. Famous baby deer
- 46. Labor organization
- 47. Beauty parlor
- 49. Pantywaist
- 51. Brace
- 52. Egyptian river
- 53. Wildebeests
- 54. Hardly believable
- 55. Puppy sounds





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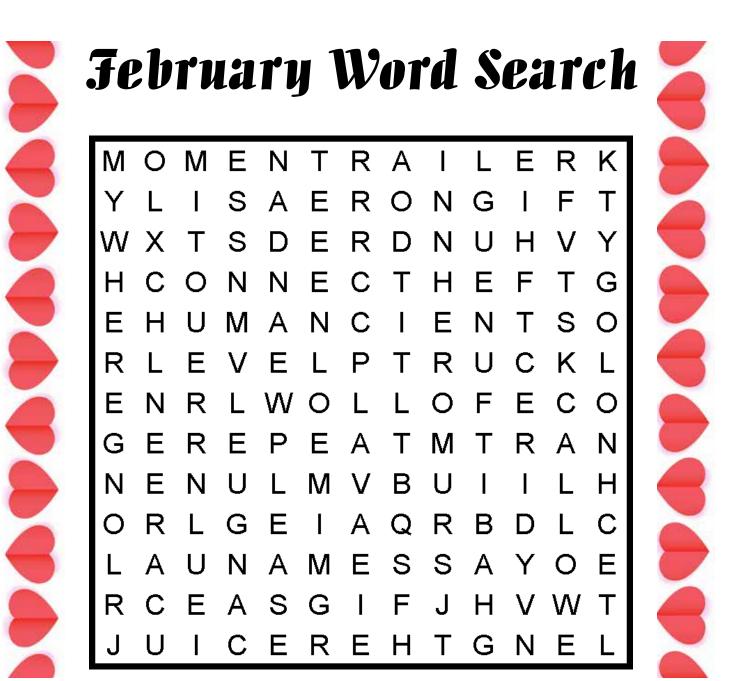
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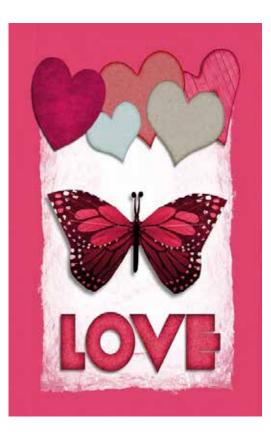


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