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Co-Secretary - Vacant  
Treasurer – Mary Kurucz

## BUMPER SNICKERS

My grandmother has a bumper sticker on her car that says, 'Sexy Senior Citizen.' It's hard to think of my dear old granny in that way. What is she doing?



Was she out entering wet shawl contests? Wheelchair racing? Teeth swapping? Makes me wonder where she got that ten-dollar bill she gave me for my birthday 😊

## \*\*LAWN MOWING HOURS\*\*



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

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Forest Park Property Owners Association, Inc.

5200 Forest Park Drive  
North Fort Myers, Florida 33917  
239-543-1155 Telephone  
239-543-0070 Fax

February 8, 2024

Dear Forest Park Members,

I am writing this letter to clarify some issues. I have been on the Board for 5 years and President for the last four. During my term, I have always stressed my need for transparency. Getting members involved and helping with different tasks in the daily operations of Forest Park.

We constantly urge residents to sign in and sign out when leaving or returning to the Park when absences are for a week or longer. This is to assure that we can reach you. It makes a huge difference if we can deliver something to your house or if we have to mail it. The office tries to keep a list of people who are here and not here. We can only do that with your cooperation.

An example of what I am talking about is the Pool Vote. It takes a crew of volunteers to assemble the vote for delivery and mailing and not having accurate information about who is here and who is not, wastes time and resources. Mailings are a big expense which we try to minimize.

I realize this is not hurricane season but just a week ago we had a tornado warning. We need to know if we need to come and check on you or not. After Hurricane Ian the Fire Department was in here inquiring if everyone was accounted for. We cannot do that without your cooperation in signing in and signing out.

Be aware that Forest Park does not recognize the site Forest Park Issues & Comments and Forest Park Facebook pages and we do not respond to these sites. If at anytime you have any questions, please contact a board member or the office. You can contact any board member from 8:00am-5:00pm week days (unless it is an emergency, in which case we would expect a call).

It is very difficult to get volunteers and this Park belongs to everyone. Please help those who volunteer and make it easier for everyone to get things done.

Respectfully,

  
Kenny Parsels

## Editor's Message

By Gail Pare

Welcome to March!

I can't believe we are almost through Snowbird season in Forest Park. Pretty soon, many of our residents will return to the north for the summer. What a busy winter we have all had.

As you know, my husband and I left Forest Park and returned to New Hampshire where we are closer to our family. We have had an easy winter here as far as winters go. Lots and lots of rain where we are and averaging about 11" less in snowfall for the season. But winter is not quite over yet. I'm looking forward to dry weather, beach days, camping and family time.

I am happy to announce that Monte Johnson has offered to take over the newsletter. We are working together to get him up to speed in doing so. Thank you, Monte, for volunteering and I know you will do a great job. It was my pleasure to be the Editor of the Forest Park newsletter for the last 19 months. As I graciously depart from my duties, I hope you have enjoyed reading my work and I appreciate all the wonderful comments I have received. My husband and I truly enjoyed living in Forest Park, and the friendships we made will be cherished forever. Until we meet again. Please welcome Monte to his new position.



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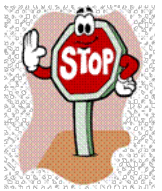
## Trash TO Treasure And Carport Sales Forest Park March 1<sup>st</sup> 5-7 Resident Sneak Peak only 3/1 Open to Public March 2<sup>nd</sup> 8-1

### 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**



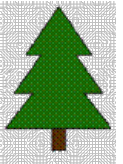
• **Rolling through Stop Signs** – Each intersection is clearly marked; our park is no different than a regular road. The only difference is you could be hurting your neighbor or their family members. Take it easy and obey the Stop Signs.



• **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 & Friday. 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 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 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!!!

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• **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!



I want to thank Ellsworth's Heating & Cooling for their continuous years of sponsoring our league and fighting to keep shuffleboard alive. I will keep you posted as to how the season ends!

## 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's 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

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR & GENERAL MEETING DATES

*From the Office*



Mar 14, 2024	Board Meeting 9 AM	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Mar 21, 2024	Membership Meeting 7 PM	
Apr 18, 2024	Board Meeting 9 AM	
Apr 25, 2024	Membership Meeting 7 PM	



## LINE DANCING

by Ellen Heigham

Hello dancers,

I'm discontinuing classes for the remainder of the season but I'm happy to have private lessons, for fun. Come dance at any of the upcoming Social Club dances. We always do some line dancing! We'll be back at it again next year!



## SHUFFLEBOARD

By Bill Madill

Shuffleboard is going well with approximately 18 participants. We have a good group and have a good time on Mondays and Thursdays. We have had our fun day and are looking forward to our King and Queen Day which will be on March 28th. This is open to the whole park, so come out and participate.



By JoEllen Gallant

Dear Forest Park Craft Club Members,

As we navigate through another season filled with creativity, camaraderie, and compassion, I find myself overwhelmed with gratitude for each and every one of you who contributed to the vibrancy of our club. Your unwavering support has been the cornerstone of our endeavors, enabling us to make a meaningful impact not only within Forest Park but also the local community.

At the heart of our club lies a shared commitment to giving back and supporting those in need. Through our collective efforts, we have organized numerous events, from our festive Holiday Craft fair to delightful membership monthly dinners, all aimed at raising funds for local charities and addressing the needs within our park. We provided dinners delivered to our neighbors that were unable to attend to remind them they are still very much in our hearts.

It is through your dedication and generosity that we have been able to make a difference in the lives of others. Whether its providing resources to a struggling family seeking refuge at the ACT shelter, funding Veteran initiatives, contributing our Comfort Bears to local first responders and the children's hospital, or building a nest egg for Forest Park Projects through our Give Back

Campaign, your contributions have brought hope and joy to many!

One of the highlights of our calendar is undoubtedly the monthly dinners we host for all members. These gatherings not only fill bellies but also feed our souls, fostering bonds of friendship and goodwill. It is in these moments of shared laughter and shared meals that the true spirit of our club shines brightest.



I can't express the joy of watching you successfully try new skills within art to create beautiful projects! I enjoyed learning with you when a member would pull some skills from their pre-retirement life to share with us and help us expand even more. It was an exciting 2 years with you all, creating beautiful art, making memories, causing chaos and having a few laughs along the way. The memories we've made will bring a smile for years to come. I will always be extremely grateful for those of you that sometimes shook their heads at my crazy ideas but hung in there to see the projects through!

Today a new leadership team was welcomed in. I have 100% confidence that they too will bring joy, excitement, and creativity to the Forest Park Craft Club! I hope new members will continue to join, to bring fresh ideas, the opportunity for new friendships and keep the heart of the program thriving. Remember that Many Hands Make Light Work!

Thank you for your commitment, your friendship and love. You'll always have a special place in my heart.

~JoEllen

## 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.



## NORTHEASTERN STATES CLUB

By Nancy Cooper



### MONDAY, MARCH 25th-5 PM

Grab your towel, your cooler, your sunglasses, and head on over to the Clubhouse for BEACH MADNESS, a fun-filled evening guaranteed to put you in the mood for

a day on the shore. Enjoy a delicious meal and play a few games...you might win a prize! \$12 tickets for members are on sale at the Box Office March 3rd, March 10th, and 17th. Deadline to get tickets is 6 PM, March 17th.

## NIGHT PATROL

By Valerie Trapp



I want to thank all of the volunteers here in the park that give us a sense of peace and security each evening- Thank you!

To all my volunteers, I am working on the **April Schedule**, so remember to let me know if you are still here or have returned to your Spring/Summer home **by March 15th** if you are available to volunteer. Also, if anyone would like to volunteer from April thru December, complete the volunteer form; copies in the Activity Building and return them to the office. Thank you again to all the volunteers.

## MARQUEE

We have been busy this year keeping up with all of the fun activities here in Forest Park. We sure know how to have a good time around here.

If anything needs to be added to the marquee contact Valerie Trapp: 850-620-0519, Cathy Holle: 417-403-0137, or Chris Major: 810-423-8068

Check out the marquee regularly to know "what's happening" around here! 😊

## RV STORAGE PARK

Are you still using your assigned spot in the RV Storage Park? We have residents that are on a waiting list for a spot. Please contact **Tony Trapp and let him know ASAP: 859-620-0519**



## 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

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have any to donate please let Heather know. Also, if you know of any resident needing Cheer, please reach out to Heather or myself so she can send a card. Including the person's address is appreciated.

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

## SOCIAL CLUB UPDATE

By Denise Brewer



The Social Club would like to thank everyone who came out and supported the Valentine Dinner/ Dance. We hope you enjoyed the evening with the delicious meal provided by the Craft Club ladies and the entertainment provided by Mike Kafalas. We also had a great evening of entertainment last month by Bill Pence. Hope everyone had a fun time.

## Upcoming Social Club Events



**The Kenny Evans Show, returning Friday, March 8th at 6:30** we welcome back Kenny Evans to the stage. Kenny Evans began singing as a child, as an adult his career quickly took off performing as the opening act for some of country music's biggest stars including Kenny Chesney, Sara Evans, Charlie Daniels, Toby Keith and many others. A featured vocalist in Pigeon Forge, TN since 2001 and has travelled the country entertaining many. We are excited and look forward to having Kenny perform for us again. Tickets are \$15 per person with light snacks provided. Tickets will also be available at the door.

## End of Season Dance & Potluck Dinner



End of Season Dance, sponsored by the BOD and Social Club this year will be held **Saturday, March 23rd starting at 5:30 with a Potluck Dinner.** Please bring your beverage of choice and a favorite dish to be shared. Dinnerware will be provided.

We will be enjoying the music provided by past residents and friends, Lori Adams and Tony D'Ororio, who have played and sang for us many times for our final dance of the season. Please join us as we celebrate with a night of friendship, good food and fun.

**Looking for Team Members / Volunteers** - Remember, everyone is a member of Our Forest Park Social Club.

**Like to write?** Social Club is looking for residents who would enjoy writing articles about the social club activities for the newsletter, posting articles on our Facebook pages and sending info to be included in email blasts to keep residents informed of social club events. Please contact a social club officer if you would be interested in contributing in this way.

Social club will also be starting a **volunteer sign-up sheet** available during Box Office hours for anyone interested in helping out before any event (simple food prep, ticket sales, table setting, decorating etc.--during event ticket collection, sales at the door) and after events (light clean-up). If you would like to help at any one/or all please let us know by signing up or letting us know if you would be happy to help in any way.

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES by Monte Johnson



All articles, news or photographs should be submitted to this email [fpsocialnews@gmail.com](mailto:fpsocialnews@gmail.com) and **are normally 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.

## NEW EDITOR



Hello,

I hope this finds everyone doing well and looking forward to Spring. My name is Monte Johnson, and I am the new Editor for our Newsletter. Most of you know me, but for those that are new to the park, allow me to introduce myself. My wife, Deb, and I have resided at 631 Forest Palm Ct. since 2018. Prior to that we were residents of Raymond, Iowa. I retired from a car dealership after almost 29 years in the service, parts, sales, and sales management departments. Deb and I have been married for fifty years, were both raised on farms, and Deb retired after 30 years at Orkin Exterminating as office manager.

In my career, I always felt that it is important to volunteer and give back to your community. In the past, I served on the University of Northern Iowa Panther

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Athletic Board of Directors for twelve years and on their Executive Council for five years, with one year as President. In Raymond I served as the Mayor-Pro-Tem for four years and another nine years as their Mayor after that. I resigned to move here for retirement.

In Forest Park, I served on the Board of Directors for five years, four as First Vice President. While here in the Park I have been in charge of the R/V Park, Maintenance Personnel, Streets and Drains, Coordinating Waste Pro for clean up after Ian, and Head of the Planning Committee. I have also served on the Budget and Finance Committee and as a leader for the Tool Club. While I have zero experience as an editor, I promise to do my best.

I am looking forward to working with all the different clubs and organizations in the park.

## FOREST PARK WEBSITE

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

**By: Jan Provence, Webmaster**

All residents that have a Member Share in our park can access the **Member's Only Pages** on our website. On these pages, you will find the latest information with the FPPOA board and member minutes and many other documents that you will need to keep updated on this community. To receive a username and password, contact the FPPOA office. ([fpoainc@gmail.com](mailto:fpoainc@gmail.com)) If you need further information, contact me at [webmaster@forestparkonline.com](mailto:webmaster@forestparkonline.com).

## 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!

## LOOKING GOOD

My face in the mirror isn't wrinkled or drawn.  
My house isn't dirty. The cobwebs are gone.  
My garden looks lovely and so does my lawn.  
I think I might never put my glasses back on.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Karen Russell-Amici 1  
Sue Q Llang 1  
Nikki Spina 2  
David Loper 5  
Logan LaMour 7  
Shannon Shelton 8  
Richard Barnes 9  
Marilyn Rich 10  
Diana Power 12  
Donald Hesketh 13  
Sandy Bagge 14  
Jack Malone 16  
Mary Kurucz 17  
Douglas Schenk 18  
Karen Moor, 18  
Brent Crisci 19  
Betsy Maugans 20  
Nancy Wilder-Pierce 20  
Linda Chapman 21  
Kerry (Coach) Cullin 24  
Hugo Chow 24  
Shawn Glover 25  
Wendell Cox 26  
Gerard Guiney 26  
Mary Ann Crisman 29  
Danny Angell 30  
Kathy Martin 30  
Mindy Reed 30



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Phil & Marilyn Rich	March 17, 1961
Mike & Gloria Hartz	March 20, 1965
Mark & Jeannie Olson	March 20, 1983
Gail & Rene Pare	March 26, 1977
Mike & Kathy Martin	March 27, 1971



## QUILT CLUB

by Renee Huck



**Attention everyone.... don't miss out on getting your quilt raffle tickets!!!**

The members at the quilt club are proud of the two quilts that we will present at our annual quilt show! The quilt show will be at the Forest Park clubhouse on March 10th, starting at 1:00. We invite all to come and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and laughter. We will offer snacks (free of charge again)! Admission to the show is also free!

Quilt raffle tickets are available at the Box Office as well as from quilt club members for \$1.00 for one, or 6 for \$5.00! Funds raised help to purchase needed batting and supplies that our quilters use to make the many donation quilts that are given throughout the year. Raffle tickets will also be for sale at the show. Just come on in and see the ladies at the ticket table for your chances to win a fabulous quilt!



Ladies in quilt club work very hard making many quilts. Our Friendship quilts are given as a warm hug to many of our friends here in Forest Park who have had major health issues. If you are aware of someone who is struggling with major medical problems, let our club know.



An auction of many different items (most of them handmade will be available to win with tickets to purchase for fifty cents each. Just place in the basket of what you would

like. Hopefully, you will be the lucky winner! This is a fun event! Of course, you will have an opportunity to see the handiwork of our talented club members. This year we have some newer quilters. We give them lots of encouragement and they are having fun learning. We all would love for you to come and enjoy an afternoon with us at the show!

The pictures are the quilts that will be raffled this year. Don't forget to get your ticket for a chance to WIN!!!



## 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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## TAI CHI CLASS

by Lenann Crisci



My Tai Chi class will continue every Wednesday at 2:30pm. Please call 207-705-7475 for more information.

## 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.

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.



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## TRASH PICKUP



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

**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.

## YOGA BALL w/Jane



Every **Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.**

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

## COFFEE KLATCH



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

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

## WATER AEROBICS

Water Aerobics is held daily Monday through Friday at 10:30am !! **COME AND JOIN THE FUN!**



## RED HAT LADIES

*By Heather Flavin & Pam Salk*



**The March Red Hats Luncheon will be March 12th, at the Olive Garden** at 1910 NE Pine Island Rd in Cape Coral. Only 16 minutes away. We will carpool from the Clubhouse @ 10:30. Please arrive @ the clubhouse @ 10:20 for a short meeting and carpool selections. The manager suggested bringing cash for a faster checkout. They have reserved 4 large tables for us. Please contact this month's Host, Pam Salk at 260-385-6407 no later than March 10th, so she can make the final reservation.

## ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF WINNERS!

The 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff was held on Sunday – February 4th. **Congratulations to our Winners – 1st Place: Jeff Forsyth, 2nd Place Tom Treece, 3rd Place: JoEllen Gallant**

I want to thank everyone that cooked their favorite chili or soup. Heather Flavin for providing corn bread. I also thank those that helped set up and stayed to clean up. A big thank you to everyone who came out to taste these great entries. I think everyone had a very good time. Thank you to all who submitted their entries and to all of our testers and voters. We collected \$177.00 which will be given to the Forest Park Give Back Campaign.



## FOREST PARKS HOME CHURCH “THE LIGHT”

By Roberta Rizas

Hello, as we welcome the month of March. Some dates to remember. March 10th is daylight savings time, be sure to change the time on your clocks. Another day to remember, March 16th which we call, "3/16 Day". Only comes around once a year in March, reminding us of John 3:16 in our Bibles. "For God, so loved the world he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life." The next date to remember, is the next day, St. Patrick's Day. Have fun celebrating.



Also want to mention that our "Sisters in Christ" continue to meet at 457 Jacaramba Ct. at 10am every Thursday. We have a new Pastor/Teacher and her name is Julie. She is a great leader and we welcome all of you to fellowship with us and meet Julie.

In ending now, I just have to add the following. Don't know if any have heard this before, but you will chuckle. It's called,

### THE VALUE (??) OF AGE

• Remember, old folks are worth a fortune. They have silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.

• I have become a little older since I saw you last, and a few changes have come into my life. Since then, frankly, I have become quite a frivolous gal. I am seeing

gentleman every day.

• As soon as I wake up, Will Power Helps me out of bed. Then I go to see JOHN. Then Charlie Horse Comes along, and when he is here, he takes a lot of time and attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Ben Gay. What a life!

• P.S. The preacher came to call the other day. He said at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him, "Oh, I do all the time. No matter where I am, in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement", I ask myself, "What am I hereafter?" See you next month!

## 2024 Forest Park Poker Run – Potluck – Food Drive!

**On Saturday, March 16th** the Social Committee will host a fun day starting with a poker run and ending in a potluck at the clubhouse.



**The cost to participate is \$5.00 per person...Please bring a dish to pass** (can be appetizer, dessert, salad, or main dish and **bring your own drink**. Plates, napkins, and plasticware will be provided.

**Starts promptly at 2:30 at the clubhouse. You do not need to know how to play poker to participate.**

**This event will also include a Food Drive.** Please bring a non-perishable food item. **Everyone in the park is welcome to join us in the clubhouse at 4pm for potluck and food drive, whether or not you join the Poker Run. Just bring a dish to share, your own drink, and a non-perishable food item to donate.**

If you have never participated in a Poker Run, get ready for an afternoon of fun and laughter as you compete with your friends and neighbors to solve the clues and try to make the best poker hand. A fun way to participate is to get a group of two to four on your golf cart as you will be driving around the community solving clues to find cards to make your poker hand. Don't have a golf cart?? That's okay, team up with a friend or neighbor or you can ride your bike.



**Hint: Bring along your Forest Park Directory and a pen or pencil.** The best 3 poker hands will win the pot (all the entry money will be given back in prizes). **Everyone,**

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including the hosts, will return to the clubhouse at 4pm for happy hour and potluck dinner, whether or not you have found all the cards, to determine the winners! If you wish to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Sally Miller 517-282-8200 via phone or text. Thank you.

Hosted by Sally Miller and the Social Club

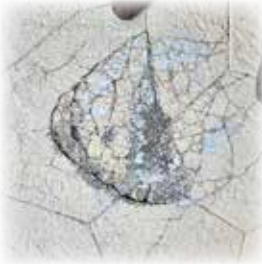
## SWIMMING POOL REPAIR & GROUNDS UPDATE

By Monte Johnson

**THANK YOU**

Giving a HUGE shoutout and THANK YOU to Forest Park resident volunteers, Mike Jacobsen, Lee Hayek, Duke Johnson, Deb Johnson, Kevin & Robin Mann, Bob Morris, Bob Bagge, Tony Trapp, and Bob Charles. Mike and Lee for repairing the East side of the broken-up pool deck. These volunteers did a crackpot professional job.

Also, I want to recognize Duke, Deb, Kevin, Robin, Bob M., Bob B., Tony T., and Bob C. for cleaning up and putting the red mulch in the flower beds around the park. Please thank all these volunteers when you see them.



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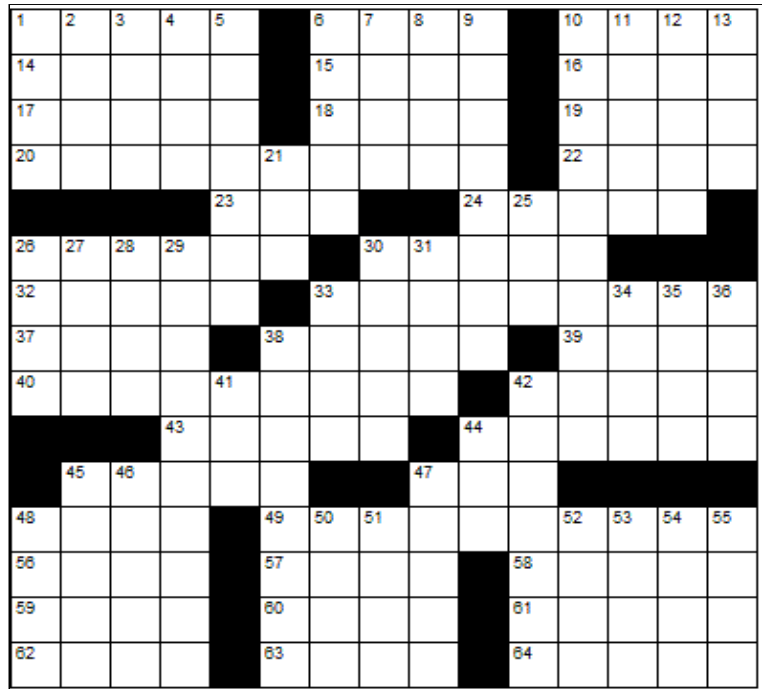
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# March Crossword

## ACROSS

1. Fire remnant
6. Clean
10. Noggin
14. Sorceress
15. Away from the wind
16. Therefore
17. Respond
18. Big bash
19. Annual high school dance
20. The criminal class
22. Pitch
23. Anagram of "One"
24. Fatigued
26. Highway divider
30. Musical genre
32. Occurrence
33. Stalemates
37. Dispatched
38. Villain
39. Egyptian river
40. Comes before
42. Small and light boat
43. Avarice
44. Aureate
45. Transparent green gemstone
47. Male child
48. Fizzy drink
49. Quenchless
56. He writes in stanzas
57. Neophyte, in modern slang
58. Cloudless
59. Ammunition
60. Chutzpah
61. Once more
62. Russian emperor
63. Footwear
64. Spear



## DOWN

- |                        |                             |                           |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Beige               | 21. Was victorious          | 41. Weep                  |
| 2. Bearing             | 25. Finish                  | 42. Cone-shaped           |
| 3. Small fastener      | 26. Plateau                 | 44. Obtained              |
| 4. Behold, in old Rome | 27. Not odd                 | 45. Prolonged loud noises |
| 5. Withdrawal          | 28. Depression              | 46. Swelling              |
| 6. Cart                | 29. A person who integrates | 47. Expensive fur         |
| 7. Winglike            | 30. Horse                   | 48. Expectored            |
| 8. Peddle              | 31. Grows pale              | 50. He built the ark      |
| 9. Oncoming breeze     | 33. Adjacent                | 51. Alone                 |
| 10. Having seven sides | 34. Discover                | 52. Seaweed               |
| 11. Mistake            | 35. Ice sheet               | 53. Leguminous plant      |
| 12. Suffering          | 36. Observed                | 54. Nonclerical           |
| 13. Covered stadium    | 38. Impressions             | 55. Sea eagle             |



# Forest Park March 2024

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 Dominoes – Clubhouse 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 10:00am Shuffle League 10:30am Pool Exercise 2:30pm Bocce Ball	8:00am Mens Pickleball 9:00am Carols Low Impact Exercise 10:00am Yoga Ball w/ Jane 9:15am Ladies Pickleball 10:30am Pool Exercise 11:00am Forest Park Box Office Open 6:45pm Bingo - Clubhouse	8:00am Mens Pickleball 9:00 am Craft Club - Clubhouse 9:15am Ladies Pickleball 10:30am Pool Exercise	8:00am Mens Pickleball 9:30am Quilt Club 9:15am Ladies Pickleball 10:00am Shuffle League 10:30am Pool Exercise 2:30pm Bocce Ball 6:00pm Hand and Foot	8:00am Mens Pickleball 9:15am Ladies Pickleball 10:30am Pool Exercise	9:00am Carol's Low Impact Exercise 10:00am Open Bocce Ball
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					Sneak Peak Craft Fair/Trash to Treasure Residents Only 5 - 7	Craft Fair – Trash to Treasure- Carport Sale 8-1
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Karaoke 7pm				Mens Coffee Klatch 8am Kenny Evans Show 6:30pm	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Quilt Show 1pm  Daylight Savings Begins @ 2am				FPPOA Board Meeting 9am	Womens Coffee Klatch 9am	Poker Run 10am
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St Pattys Golf Cart Parade 6:30pm  St. Patrick's Day	Karaoke 7pm	First Day of Spring	Craft Club Dinner 5pm	General Membership Meeting 7pm		End of the Year Pavilion Dance 6:30
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	NE Club Dinner 5pm			King and Queen Shuffle (Everyone Welcome)  Maunder Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday
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Easter						

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