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THANKSGIVING THANK YOU!

By Paula Chapin

Thanks to all who supported us once again for a very successful Thanksgiving Dinner. Thanks to all my helpers from potato peelers to pie cutters and a big thank you for all the donations to make this a free meal again.

**Happy New Year,
Paula Chapin**

SUNCOAST YOUTH GIFT DRIVE

THANKS

By Pam Salk

Thank You, Forest Park Christmas Elves: We as a Park, have been helping the children of Suncoast to have a Blessed Christmas for many years! We would like to thank everyone in Forest Park who donated to this needy cause. By donating gifts and cash you have helped many needy children to have a blessed holiday.

Thank you,
Pam Salk



CHRISTMAS CAROLERS THANKS

Thanks to all those who came out to Sing Christmas Carols to our neighbors in Forest Park. The Holiday time can be a lonely time. It's nice that we can spend a minute and remind people they are not forgotten.

We are blessed!

Ellen. 617-448-1748.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF CHEER

THANKS

By Nancy Cooper

For nearly 20 years this wonderful event has put a smile on many faces and a bit of happiness in many hearts and minds. Once again, what started as a simple gesture to help the needy, right here in our Park, has turned into one of Forest Park's finest moments. Thanks to the generosity of the **Social Club**, the **Northeast Club**, the **Craft Club** and individuals within the Park, Santa's elves delivered baskets of fruit, cookies, and candy to folks who could use a bit of cheer this holiday season.

If you know of someone struggling to get food, is shut in, suffering from a serious illness, taking care of an ill family member, or having lost a child or spouse, please contact me. My telephone number is 207-632-7544. My



LAWN MOWING HOURS

8:00 AM to 10 PM

September 1st. - May 31st.

June 1st. - August 31st.

7:00 AM to 11:00 PM

Come Ring In 2025 With Us!

Forest Park Social Club

New Years Eve Dance

December 31, 2024

7pm – 12 am



Music by Jerry Burton

Tarot Reader

Table Games

BYOB-Hot & Cold Hors D'oeuvres

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email address is floobme@gmail.com. Also contact the office at 239-543-0070 or email fppoainc@gmail.com. The office will contact the head of the appropriate group in the Park. **Helping Hands** have **volunteers** that will help with rides to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, and help around the house or yard. The **Social Club** has a **volunteer** that sends out Get Well or Sympathy cards to those who are ill or lost a loved one. They rely on donations for stamps and cards. The **Pine Tree Knots Quilt Club** donate a lap blanket to residents in the Park who have been ill or hospitalized. They rely on donations of fabric for the quilt squares, batting, and especially sheets for the reverse side of the quilts. The **Craft Club** sponsors the craft sale in the fall, dinners throughout the season, Trash to Treasure sale in the spring, and make table center pieces for the various dinners that are raffled off to our residents. They rely on donations of wood, cloth, bottle caps, and assorted items that they use to transform into beautiful crafts.

Please remember that it is not the amount of money in your checking account or the big house in which you live in but the worry and sorrow in your heart that makes this season feel so lonely. Just knowing there are others who care can make the days seem brighter.

THANKS TO THE CHRISTMAS ELVES

By Joyce Hines

On Saturday, December 3rd at 9:00 a.m. a warmly dressed crew arrived to help decorate the Clubhouse grounds and Hart Road Entry. Those resident volunteer elves performed a yeoman's job: unpacking, carrying, placing, putting up, staking down and plugging in all the items that help create a "Merry Christmas" atmosphere in our park. Those who donated their time and talents were: Mike Hartz, Jim Wash, Ellen Heigham, Diana and Phil Powers, Tim and Lori Waltz, Gianna Wachholz-Ebert, Toni Foote, and David Helphinstine. And if Saturday's decorating wasn't enough...Mike, Ellen, and Diana returned on Monday to help decorate the Hart Road entry!

Hopefully, the wind and rain will wait until after the holiday so make an appearance in order for the Christmas lights to shine bright in Forest Park! KUDOS TO ALL WHO HELPED!

TAKE 'EM DOWN!

By Joyce Hines

I can't believe that when this article is published, Christmas will be over! And you know what that means. Yep, time to unplug, pull out stakes, take down, carry

back, and store our Forest Park Christmas decorations. This FUN activity is just the thing needed to help us recover from a holiday season of food, food, and more food! So join your Social Club for a morning of exercise and companionship as we perform all of the above mentioned tasks!

When? Friday, January 3rd, 2025

Where? The Clubhouse Grounds

Time? 9:00 a.m.



And the good news is that it takes a quarter of the time to undecorate as it did to decorate! See you on Friday, Jan. 3rd at 9:00 a.m.! Volunteering is a great way to usher in 2025! **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

LAUGH FOR TODAY



"Elderly Edna's unfortunate update!"

I've gotten old. I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, two new knees, and I have diabetes. I am half blind; can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine; take ten different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. I have bouts with dementia and poor circulation. I can hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. I can't remember if I'm eighty-five or ninety-two. Most of my friends are no longer living. About the only thing that keeps me going is that I still have my driver's license!

Ain't Florida great?!?!?

ELECTION DAY JANUARY 9TH

By Jane Cullin

The nominating committee worked diligently to procure a full slate of candidates for the Park election this month. We would like to thank Chris Tybor, Bob Charles, Brian Hafer, Carol Candido, Charles Baker, Warren Starks, Lenann Crisci, and Barbra Passos for volunteering to run for these positions. The election will be on **Thursday, January 9, 2025 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm in the Clubhouse.**

We would also like to thank Ken Parsels, Hoyt England, Greg Murray, and Tony Trapp for their service on the board. There is never enough thanks for these people who spend countless hours volunteering their time and energy for the betterment of Forest Park!!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Ken Parsels

Here we are at the end of another year. I made the decision, after six years serving on the Board of Directors and five years as your President, to step down and retire

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because of Joyce' health concerns.

It has been a pleasure to serve this great park through three hurricanes, rebuilding of the walking trail at Peace Lake, replacing the majority of the storm sewer system, adding rip rap at Hollyberry Pond, replacing the fence behind Shrub Lane, the refurbishment of the Swimming Pool, Shuffleboard, Boceball, and Pickleball court at the Pavilion. None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the help of all the great volunteers, office staff, maintenance personnel, and all the people who volunteered their time to clean up after the hurricanes, serve on all the committee's and the Board of Directors.

Joyce and I will still be spending the majority of our time here in the paradise we call home, Forest Park!! Thank You for all the help and support throughout the years!!!

Kenny

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 protection 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. Take it easy and obey the Stop Signs.
- **Unattended Guests in the Pool** – Guests should have a **GREEN WRISTBAND** when using the pool. When asked, they should know the address of the member they're visiting. Please be vigilant.
- **Unsightly Property** – Be proud of your home. Keep your siding free of mold and mildew by power washing. Keep your lawn mowed and hedges trimmed. Be courteous to your neighbors. Be safe with unexpected storms.
- **Forest Park Green Car Stickers** - We are back in season, we 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. This is to protect all of us.

Visitors are required to have a sticker. If you don't want it stuck on your back window, tape it up on the inside. I see many vehicles without these stickers.

- **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 **secured** trash can.
- **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 **exact 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 are **10PM to 8AM.** Please be respectful of your neighbors!
- **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.**

ATTENTION

The following rules still apply, only household trash is allowed in the compactor, all cardboard should be set out on Friday for recycle, no horticulture, construction materials, or bulk items. Bulk items include any furniture, cushions, bulky pillows or life jackets. Any Aluminum may be placed near the work bench in front of the horticulture dumpster for recycling, (this includes aluminum framed lawn chairs, pop-up tent frames, carport roofs, or gutters that are aluminum. Appliances go in the metal trailer parked southwest of the compactor. If it is not regular household trash, horticulture, appliances, aluminum, or construction materials, it is a BULK ITEM. The dumpsters are clearly marked. If the gate is locked, PLEASE lock the gate when you leave, to keep unauthorized people out of the R/V Park!! If you notice a vehicle in the R/V area, with out a green tree sticker, PLEASE notify the office or if after hours call a board member or the sheriffs office. These people are trespassing, leaving unauthorized refuse, and costing everyone in the park more money!!!

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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 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.

Jan 9, 2025 General Election 9AM-2 PM - Clubhouse
Jan 10, 2025 BOD Organizational Meeting 9 AM
Jan 16, 2025 Board Meeting 9 AM
Jan 23, 2025 Membership Meeting 7 PM

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! Your expertise could be exactly what we need to turn a needed project into something great!!!

SHUFFLEBOARD

By *Bill Madill*



The League Shuffle will start the 1st week of January open to all! New players are welcome! **Bill Madill 519-634-5619**

LINE DANCE CLASSES

By *Ellen Heigham*



Well folks, I'm going to try again. Starting Tuesday, January 7 at 1:00 I will have a line dance class in the clubhouse. I will teach/ review basic steps i. e. vine, lockstep, shuffle, box step at 12:45.

The Social Club is excited that a wonderful and talented country band will be our first show of the season on January 18. Wouldn't it be fun if we could get up together and dance to some of their songs! Line Dancing is a fun way to get exercise, stay healthy, and even lose a couple of pounds. No experience is required! Come and have some fun!

Questions call **Ellen 617 448 1748**

HELPING HANDS

By *Ellen Heigham*



Thanks to all those who came out to Sing Christmas Carols to our neighbors in Forest Park. The Holiday time can be a lonely time. It's nice that we can spend a minute and remind people they are not forgotten.

I have a new list of helpers who are willing to cook, bake, clean or shop for someone in need. We are blessed!

Ellen. 617-448-1748

Forest Park Craft Club

By *Carole Beconder*



January Craft Club News

Planning ahead for the 2025 Craft club meetings we will be creating centerpieces for our dinners, crafts from doilies, bottle caps, mosaic house number plaques, whisk butterflies, and stamped linen/ cotton dish towels.

Be sure you come and join the craft club for the 2025 Season.

Dues are only \$10.00

Happy New Year,

Carole Beconder 330-726-9776

2025 Craft Club Dinners Schedule

Dinner menu and centerpiece

Dinner tickets (\$12 each) will be available at Box Office a few weeks before each meal

Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. Bring your own place settings, silverware, and drink

Tea, water, coffee will be available. Take out can be preordered and picked up at 5:30 p.m. (centerpiece raffle too!)

Italian Night. January 15

Wine cork trivet Centerpiece

Spaghetti. Lasagna roll up. Roll. Salad. Dessert.

Valentine's Dinner and Dance. Co-Hosted with Social Club February 14

Wooden Sweethearts

Parmesan chicken. Vegetables. Roll. Salad. Dessert.

Luau March 19

Hand painted Olive oil decanter

Ham, pineapple coconut rice, Raw veggies. Ambrosia salad. Dessert.

QUILT CLUB



The Pine Tree Knots Quilt Club will be holding its first meeting on January 2, 2025 at 9:30 in the Clubhouse. All current members and anyone interested in joining are invited to this organizational meeting. **The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the future of the club, select a leader, and discuss the March Quilt show. PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING!**

NORTHEASTERN STATES CLUB

By Nancy Cooper

Mark your calendar for MONDAY, JANUARY 27th—5 PM

Time to root through your closets and find your most outrageous outfit to wear to the **WACKY-TACKY FASHION SHOW**. This is your chance to wear those faded plaid shorts, mismatched socks, oversized pants or anything else you've been meaning to trash for the past five years. Forget all fashion news of 2025, this is your chance to show your creative side as you parade around the Clubhouse dressed to make a statement. Oh yes, there will be a fashion show with fabulous prizes so be sure to sign up.

Tickets costing a mere \$12 will be sold in the Activities Building from 2-4 on January 5th, 12th and 19th. Homemade stew is on the menu so remember to bring a spoon and bowl with your table setting. As usual tea will be available but 'ya might prefer something a bit stronger.

If you haven't paid up your 2025 Membership dues you can do that when you buy your ticket. Dues again this year are only \$5.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: DEADLINES

Remember years ago when you were in high school and the teacher gave you a deadline to submit a written piece or project? For each day you were late a letter grade was dropped. Many sleepless nights were had as kiddos rushed to finish.

Here in Forest Park we too have deadlines. Running for an office, buying tickets for an event all have a final date. Why you might ask? Well in the case of running for a Board Position ballots need to be printed. When buying a ticket to a dinner the organizers need to have a final count to buy food.

Oh sure, you say, what's one more? Chances are there are several asking that same question and while one

might not create a problem 6 or 8 might. (Think of it as one dessert pie short.)

Unfortunately none of us have the power to lower your grade and the only thing that can be done is to say "sorry, you missed the deadline". Please don't get angry. It's not the seller's fault you were late. It's yours. Every Club activity and Social event publishes a deadline to get tickets. If you can't get to the Box Office before that deadline, ask someone to get them for you. If you can't do that, call the person selling the tickets (**BEFORE THE DEADLINE**) and see if you can make other arrangements. It will make life a lot nicer for you and particularly for the person selling the tickets.

TOOL CLUB

BY Monte Johnson



The Tool Club will have a meeting for all current and new members interested in joining. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 8th 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. Any questions, please reach out to Bob Carson 607-857-0320, Mark Snyder 716-939-0237, or Monte Johnson 319-415-2816.

Library News

By Maureen Hesketh



Our Forest Park Library is ready and waiting for year round readers and returning Snowbirds. Lots of great reads and excellent biographies galore!!!

Come and browse through and find your favorite mystery and romantic authors.

Enjoy your page turning choices and return them when finished. I'll make sure all books will be back on the shelves for future readers....

For you Victoria Thompson fans, we recently received a series of her novels.

The Park formerly had a book club that met to discuss a book that everyone had read. If anyone would like to volunteer to head up a book club in the Park, please contact the Newsletter Editor at fpsocialnews@gmail.com or **Nancy Cooper at 207-632-7544**. Come in and enjoy!!

Maureen 508-962-5979



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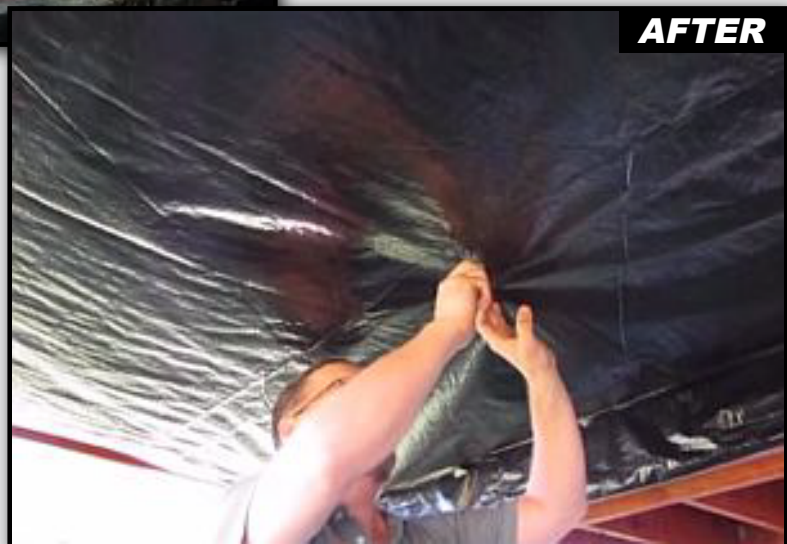
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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/NIGHT PATROL

By Gloria Restko

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

ATTENTION: RETURNING SNOWBIRDS AND NEW RESIDENTS.



Please consider **VOLUNTEERING** for **Neighborhood Watch/Night Patrol**. It's only **one night per month**. If you are new to the park, or an 'old timer', feel free to pick up information and a volunteer form at the office, keeping a watchful eye on our park residents and residences. It is vitally important to the safety and security of everyone in our Park. In the past we have had bicycles, golf carts, and tools stolen, as well as squatters moving into vacant homes. We have also had drug activity. Noone wants that in our Park.

Info you will need: Sheriff # 239-477-1000

- Patrol Hours Suggested patrol hours 11:00 pm-1:00 am. But...to deter anyone, you may vary your hours. If you are a night owl 🦉, feel free to take a ride at any time during your assigned evening. You get to drive up and down each street, check the clubhouse and activity/ office doors, and surrounding outdoor areas.
- Sit at the entrance for about 15 or so minutes. Your presence makes a lot of difference to those driving, walking, and riding bikes on Hart Road. Our presence with that flashing light makes all of us feel safer.
- CHECK Doors at clubhouse, activity building, and pool restrooms. They automatically lock around 11:00 pm.
- BE SURE YOU PICK UP THE BACKPACK IN THE ACTIVITY BUILDING AND RETURN IT BY NOON THE NEXT DAY. INSIDE YOU WILL FIND A FLASHING LIGHT 🚨, NOTEBOOK, FLASHLIGHT, AND MAGNETIC SIGNS FOR YOUR VEHICLE, PLUS SOME INFO AND PARK DIRECTORY
- If you find doors unlocked, lights on, try to turn them off and lock doors. Sometimes the restroom doors are not locked. Go inside and lock the interior door. **NOTIFY THE OFFICE THE NEXT MORNING OF ANY ISSUES.**
- If any of the street lights are out, get the number on the pole, street, and closest house number and report this to the office.
- **NEVER CONFRONT ANY INTRUDER**

OR TRESPASSER... CALL THE SHERIFF IMMEDIATELY 🚓

The new **Night Patrol Coordinator** for the Park is Gloria Restko. Gloria has been a full time resident of the Park for many years. You may see Gloria and Mr. Bill in her white golf cart out and about in the park.

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING 🚓

Bill Burroughs and Patty Waseman!!

Gloria Restko 813-841-9920

FROM THE OFFICE

Signing in and Out

The office asks that all residents sign in & out of the Park using either the Arrival & Departure Log in the Activities Building or by notifying the office directly.

If the office knows you are away & we have your northern address voting ballots can be mailed directly to you.

Although it cannot be guaranteed to 'keep an eye' on all properties, it is valuable to the Park knowing which properties are occupied.

Our night patrol does check in with the office if they see unusual activity & we can share this information with the owner.

EMAIL BLASTS



Currently approximately 50% of the email blasts are being opened. The office shares information relating to budgets etc. plus the clubs use this as a forum for their activities & more.

If you are not receiving these email blasts please first check your spam folders, and if they are not in that folder, contact the office and they will endeavor to resolve the problem.

Emails sometimes get 'bounced' or 'unsubscribed' and it may be related to your own personal email settings but together we will try and resolve the issues.

So please don't miss out on these blasts as they are a good source of information.

Thank you



MARQUEE



Welcome back! 🌹

Cathy Holle is the Marquee lady 🌟 If you need a notice placed on the marquee, please get in touch with her. It has been a wonderful, busy season and the marquee has been busy keeping up with the activities. Check out the marquee regularly to know “what’s happening” around here!

And **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

Cathy Holle: 317-403-0137.

RV STORAGE PARK

BY John Hill



John Hill oversees the R/V Park storage area, keeps the spots properly assigned, maintains the signage, inspects the trailers/campers and motorhomes for road worthiness, and for up to date tags. Remember to keep your info up to date and your item tagged, insured, and in working order. **If you have not moved your RV, trailer, boat, etc. in the last 9 months, you are depriving someone else of a spot in our park.** Our rules state that if you have not used your spot for 9 months, your spot may be reassigned to someone else. If you have not moved it in 9 months, it may be considered not using your spot. You are abusing the privilege of a **FREE** spot (for now). Other residents are waiting for a spot. If you no longer need your spot, please let the office know. If you need a spot to store your RV, trailer, boat, etc let the office know so you can be put on the list. **IF YOU HAVE A BOAT, CAMPER, OR TRAILER IN YOUR DRIVEWAY OR YARD FOR OVER 24 HOURS; THIS IS A VIOLATION OF THE RULES & REGULATIONS THAT YOU AGREED TO WHEN PURCHASING IN FOREST PARK! PLEASE INQUIRE OF A SPACE IN OUR R/V PARK OR FIND A COMMERCIAL STORAGE AREA TO RENT.**

Thanks,

John Hill

330-268-0066

Notes of Cheer

By Robyn Johnson



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



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.

Heather Flavin 508-612-6386 or Robyn Johnson 651-341-8346

SOCIAL CLUB UPDATE, ANOTHER VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

By Nancy Cooper

In 2008, there were more than 22 active clubs in Forest Park. There were state clubs as well as CERTS, art, chorus, billiards, ladies' and mens' golf, the Book Club, several dance clubs, and an embroidery club just to mention a few. Koffee Klatches with guest speakers met monthly. A Welcome Back dinner kicked off the season, with a holiday dinner in December, and a New Year's celebration. The 50th Anniversary dinner was held in February which was an elegant affair.

In 2015, about 18 clubs remained. Only the Northeast Club continued to host monthly meetings. The Book Club, Chorus, Craft, and Quilt Club were a few of the surviving groups and a computer club and pickleball club were added. Bingo, exercise classes, and card games were active. The Park dinner's had disappeared with only the Anniversary Party remaining.

Here it is 2025 and more clubs have dissolved. Those that remain are on the brink of collapse because they can't get people to take leadership positions or even **volunteer** to help those trying desperately to keep things together.

Many of you bought your home in Forest Park because it was such an active park. People used to joke that they could be busy 24/7 with so much going on. Now it is only a few **volunteers** who step up and lend a hand and those few need **your help**.

The Social Club met in late November. At the meeting, Ellen Heigham, who has been working extremely hard to keep things going, talked about upcoming events. She explained that no-one was being asked to run for an office or take a leadership role. All she was asking for was people to help with small tasks such as setting up tables for an event, collecting tickets, or helping clean up. The handful of people at the meeting signed up for some of the slots but more remain empty.

Nancy Cooper 207-632-7544

SOCIAL CLUB BIG SHOW

By Ellen Highham



We are excited to announce our first big show of the year. The **wildly popular, local traditional country band, Barstool Rodeo!!** Will be here on **Saturday, January 18th**

We will serve light refreshments at 6:30 Show is at 7:00. Tickets \$15

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

by Monte Johnson

 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.

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. **Some months the Newsletter has more articles submitted, which may cause a favorite puzzle or Sudoku to be omitted for that month. These are fillers that the publisher supplies. The editor has no control over the filler puzzles or games!**

EDITOR THOUGHTS

by Monte Johnson



Have you noticed how many times the word **VOLUNTEER** or **VOLUNTEERING** is highlighted in **BOLD TEXT** in the Newsletter? This just didn't happen by accident or a typo.

This letter arrived in my email just before the "Meet The Candidates Night" on Dec. 5th. I am publishing this letter in lieu of expressing my thoughts this month, since this letter expresses my thoughts exactly.

VOLUNTEERING!! Does this word make you think of commitment or hours on the clock or signing on to do a job no one else wants? Having recently retired or reached a birthday milestone with lots of candles, do you think your time is better spent golfing or fishing or shopping, etc. rather than **volunteering**? Bring your past work experience and expertise to Forest Park. We need your help now, more than ever!!

Well, have we got a deal for you! Being a **volunteer** doesn't always mean a full time position. Sometimes it's

as simple as collecting salt and pepper shakers after a meal, or making sure all the pool umbrellas are down, or collecting tickets at an event, or picking up litter as you go for your daily walk. If just once you commit to doing one small task it can make a huge difference in Forest Park.

In the last few years, fewer and fewer residents **volunteer**. Sadly more and more activities have been cancelled as a result because there are not enough people that volunteer to run the event. Clubs are folding and some that are still active are holding on by a thin thread. A few folks are doing their darndest to keep things going, but they can't do it all.

You need to get involved. **VOLUNTEER!! Forest Park needs you!** Please take a moment and ask yourself what you can do to help. If you need a suggestion, look in the Newsletter for names of all the people running the club or activity and give them a call. I am absolutely certain he or she will be delighted to hear from you. **Respectfully Submitted Anonymously.**

Our Park is a wonderful place to retire full time or spend a few months away from the cold and snow from up North. If you are new to our Park, please step up and volunteer, join some clubs, and enjoy your life with the amenities that are provided. If you are new or an old timer in the Park, share your knowledge and expertise in moving Forest Park forward so the next generation of residents may enjoy all that we have to offer.

Monte



FOREST PARK WEBSITE

www.forestparkonline.com

By: Jan Provence, Webmaster

All residents that have a Member Share in our park may 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 our community. To receive a username and password, contact the FPPOA office. (fppoainc@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, October-May from 7-9pm **Note the new time!!** BYOB and snacks!! We need more talented people to come out and enjoy an evening of free entertainment with your friends in the park. Bring your singing voices and a list of songs that you would like to sing, or just sit back and listen. Forest Park has many good singers. Hope to see you there. **Mark your calendar for January 20th, 6:00 pm for the return of the \$5.00 hotdog dinner and 50/50 raffle. Just before Karaoke!!**



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.

TAI CHI CLASS

by Lenann Crisci

My Tai Chi class is returning on **Saturday, January 4th at 2:00 pm for beginners** and on **Tuesday, January 7th at 2:00 pm for everyone**. I am happy to answer any questions you may have. My cell phone is #207-705-7475. Can anyone do it? Yes, of course, Tai Chi's gentle movements, accessibility, and holistic approach contribute to overall well-being. Whether you're seeking stress relief, better sleep, or improved mood, Tai Chi offers a harmonious path to health. 🧘♂️💡

CONTACT: LENANN CRISCI

207-705-2256



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.

TRASH PICKUP

Please note that our maintenance workers are now scheduled to work **6:00 am - 2:00 pm** rather than 7:00 am-3:00 pm. Trash pickup will be on **TUESDAY only through December**. Given that, please have your garbage ready for pick-up **before 6:00 am** to assure that it does not get missed. You can put it out after 6:00 pm 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. Dumping kitty litter into a plastic grocery bag will not work. The bags break and leave the kitty litter on the street. Please use a **Hefty** enough bag so it doesn't break. 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. If you have any broken glass please **DO NOT** put it in a plastic garbage bag. Our workers have been punctured when picking up the bag. Put the glass in a **clearly marked cardboard box** and set it out.

BULK PICKUP – WEDNESDAY only

For large furniture items or appliances, please call the office on Tuesday between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm so the maintenance workers can plan on picking it up.

RECYCLING BLUE BIN

WASTE PRO - FRIDAY is Recycle Day!!

The blue bin is used for all other types of recycling such as paper, metal, plastic, **CARDBOARD**, 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.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Karen Angell 1
 Diane Layne 1
 Marlo Dell'Antonio 2
 Cheryl Geik 3
 Deborah Betz 3
 Melinda West 4
 Paula Eisele 5
 Beth Rakestraw 5
 Marilyn Kuser 5
 Richard Stricklen 6
 Joyce Russell 6
 Toni Foote 7
 Jeff Provence 7
 Harold Flood 8
 David Wood 12
 Gregory Murray 13



Paula Morris 15
 Mike Hartz 16
 Renee Treece 16
 Jerry Hamel 20
 Kimberly Allen 22
 Wendy Henderson 23
 Robyn Johnson 24
 Dick Teal 25
 David Robison 25
 Edie Hosey 26
 Anton Kothe 27
 Mary Linscott 27
 Gerald Gilbert 28
 Renee Huck 28
 Ken Parsels 30



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mark & Sandy Carter	Jan 1, 2006
Donald & Deanna Matheny	Jan 13, 1984
Luisa & James Hamilton	Jan 17, 2003
Rick & Jolanda Rothmeier	Jan 22, 1988
Randy & JoAnn Hull	Jan 26, 1974



IN MEMORIAM

SUZANN MALONE

Suzann Malone passed away on November 26th at 4:05 pm. from complications of pneumonia. She was born August 9th, 1936 and was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Dortha Gentry. She is survived by her husband (Harold) or as we know him, Jack Malone. Their 3 children, Ross (wife Debbie), Paul (wife Pam) and Kim Malone. Their 5 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and she simply adored them all.



Suzann was very active in Forest Park activities including Bingo, Poker, Euchre, Texas Holdem, Hand and Foot, and the Red Hat Society. She loved playing games and being around all her friends. Suzann loved to play the slot machines at the casino too!! She had the uncanny knack of finding the slot machine that always seemed to be ready to hit when she sat down. Suzann and Jack enjoyed going on cruises also. Again, Suzann could be found playing the slot machines, waiting to hit the big



jackpot, while the ship was cruising.

She had a great love of plants and was called the plant lady in the park. 🌻🍀
 Suzann loved all animals, especially cats and horses. She also liked to wear clothes and ear rings with Pink Flamingos.

Being 88 years young, Suzann had an amazing life alongside her husband, family and friends. She will be greatly missed, but know she is at peace and hitting all the big jackpots in heaven!



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, fluorescent bulbs and gas bottles at the curb. 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.

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLE -

Monday

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. 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. If you are putting your *aluminum cans out* on Friday for the recycle truck, **PLEASE** consider putting your cans in a bag on Monday evening for pickup. Money collected from can recycling helps pay some of the costs of Social Club activities. It benefits all residents of Forest Park.

Dogs

Forest Park does not have a **Dog Walk, Run, or Park**. Florida law states that your dog must be on no longer than a six foot leash at all times. This is for the protection of our residents and other pets in the Park. Many of you have “**adopted**” **feral cats**. Have you had them neutered? While on night patrol I see many cats just running free in the Park. People who do not clean up after their dog, or are letting their cats roam free in the Park, are affecting the health of us and other pets. Who wants to step in dog or cat feces?

EXERCISE CLASS

By Jane Cullin

Exercise class is every Monday, 8:00 am to 9:00 am is cardio weights and core. Bring a matt or towel.



YOGA BALL w/?????

DUE TO NO VOLUNTEER TO TEACH, THIS CLASS HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

If anyone would like to VOLUNTEER. Please contact Jane Cullen at 330-242-2772



COFFEE KLATCH

The **Men's** Coffee Klatch is on Friday, January 10th at 8:00 am to 9:00 am. In the clubhouse. (the 2nd Friday each month)

The **Women's** Coffee Klatch will be on Friday, January 17th at 9:00 am to 10:00 am 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

Happy New Year Red Hats.

This month we have a buffet luncheon at Sabal Springs "Lake House " set for Tuesday, January 14th at 11:30. Please meet at the clubhouse around 11am, so we can carpool.

A fun afternoon is planned on Tuesday, January 28th at 2:30 pm in the clubhouse. Pam Salk will work with us to find our most flattering colors. Please bring 2 of your favorite blouses/tops.

Light appetizers will be served and BYOB.

Hope to see you there....

Any questions, please contact me.

Heather Flavin 508-612-6386



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CHILI COOKOFF NEEDS A VOLUNTEER!!!



We have had an annual chili and soup cookoff the last few years, hosted by Jane Cullin. She is going to be retiring from hosting the Chilli Cookoff for this season. If anyone would like to **volunteer** to host the cookoff this season, please contact

Jane Cullin 330-242-2772



Life through him. This is real love. Let us share His love through us, with one another.

You may join us at 457 Jacaramba Ct. every Sunday night at 6 pm. Also want to mention that our Ladies Bible Study has started up again. We are back to Thursday mornings at 10 am -12pm. at this same address. All are invited, looking forward to seeing all you wonderful ladies again. See you soon.

FOREST PARKS HOME CHURCH “THE LIGHT”

By Roberta Rizas



The Home Church in our Park is called, “The Light”, and we say to one and all, HAPPY NEW YEAR. May we all have a blessed 2025!! The joy of the Lord is our strength. May the closeness of friends and the comfort of home renew your spirit & strength in this new year. May the simple joys of life warm your hearts, fill your home, and that it will last a lifetime. God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only son into the world so that we might have Eternal

MONDAY NIGHT BILLIARDS, PINOCHLE, RUMMIKUB

Anyone interested in playing 8 Ball, Pinochle, or Rummikub plan on meeting in the Activities Building on the 2nd or 4th Monday of the month at 6:30pm



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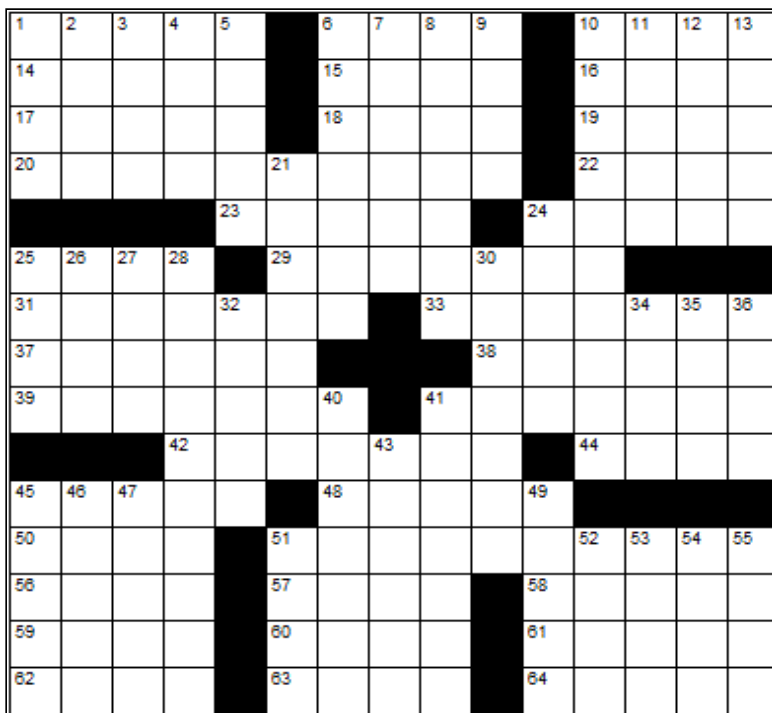
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January Crossword

ACROSS

1. Dig (into)
6. Unit of land
10. Burrowing marine mollusk
14. More aloof
15. Implored
16. Anger
17. Gloss
18. Heap
19. Broadcast
20. Declutter
22. Opera star
23. Holy person
24. Kind of nut
25. Sit for a photo
29. Experienced
31. Gathers
33. Tooth doctor
37. Type of TV comedy
38. For naught
39. Robber
41. Accuser (archaic)
42. Electrician
44. Timber wolf
45. Lieu
48. Ballroom dance
50. Pitching to one side
51. She wore a glass slipper
56. Decorative case
57. African sheep
58. Grill
59. Countertenor
60. Nothing more than
61. Fatuous
62. Eager
63. P P P
64. Canvas dwellings



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| 1. Plate | 13. Nickel or steel | 40. Pensioner |
| 2. Bounce back | 21. Neanderthals | 41. Fops |
| 3. In place of | 24. Humdrum | 43. Farmer's fertilizer |
| 4. V V V | 25. Overtake | 45. Hearty entree |
| 5. Sea eagles | 26. Leave out | 46. What books are called |
| 6. Puts on | 27. Fill to excess | 47. Wash out with a solvent |
| 7. Customer | 28. Increase | 49. Path around a star |
| 8. Associated | 30. Tit for tat | 51. Tent-pitching place |
| 9. Biblical garden | 32. Firm | 52. Sea eagle |
| 10. Certification | 34. Put ____ words | 53. Amount leant |
| 11. Boundary | 35. Untidy one | 54. Fluff |
| 12. Not dead | 36. Apprentice | 55. Anagram of "Sale" |

JANUARY



JANUARY



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January Word Search



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Forest Park January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball 4:00 pm Forest Park Box Office 6:00 pm Home Church 6:00 pm Hand and Foot - Clubhouse	8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball 8:00 am Cardio, Weights, & Core with Jane - Clubhouse 9:00 am Dominos - Clubhouse 9:15 am Relaxed Co-Ed Pickleball 10:00 am Co-Ed Shuffleboard 10:30 am Pool Exercise 2:30 pm Bocce Ball	8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball 9:00 am Walking and Weights with Carol B - Clubhouse 9:15 am Relaxed Co-Ed Pickleball 10:00 am Ladies Shuffle Board 11:00 am Forest Park Box Office Open - Activities Building 1:00 pm Line Dance Class, beginners at 12:45 pm 2:00 pm Tai Chi Class beginners and everyone 6:00 pm Texas Holdem Tournament- Activities Building 6:45 pm Bingo - Clubhouse	8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball 9:00 am Craft Club - Clubhouse 9:15 am Relaxed Co-Ed Pickleball 10:30 am Pool Exercise 6:30 pm Euchre - Activities Building	8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball 9:15 am Relaxed Co-Ed Pickleball 9:30 am Pine Tree Knots Quilt Club - Clubhouse 10:00 am League Shuffle Board 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study 10:30 am Pool Exercise 2:30 pm Bocce Ball 6:00 pm Hand and Foot - Clubhouse	8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball 9:15 am Relaxed Co-Ed Pickleball 10:30 am Pool Exercise	8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball 9:00 am Walking and Weights with Carol B - Clubhouse 10:00 am Open Bocce Ball 2:00 pm Tai Chi beginners class
			New Year's Day			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 am Chef Andy's fundraiser set up 1:00 pm Chef Andy's fundraiser Sunday Dinner - Clubhouse	7:00 pm Karaoke in the Clubhouse Epiphany	11:00 am Red Hat Ladies Luncheon @ Sable Springs	5:00 pm Italian Dinner by Craft Club - Clubhouse	9:00 am - 2:00 pm ELECTION DAY VOTING - CLUBHOUSE	9:00 am B.O.D. Organizational Meeting - Activities Building	9:00 am Chef Andy's fundraiser set up
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	6:30 pm Pinochle or Rummy Cube in Activities Building		5:00 pm Italian Dinner by Craft Club - Clubhouse	9:00 am Board of Directors meeting - Activities Building		6:30 pm Bar Stool Rodeo - Clubhouse
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	6:00 pm \$5.00 Hotdog Dinner and 50/50 Raffle just before Karaoke 7:00 pm Karaoke in the Clubhouse Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday			7:00 pm Association Meeting - Clubhouse 75 members needed for a quorum		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	6:30 pm Pinochle or Rummy Cube in Activities Building					

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