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Co-Treasurer – Monte Johnson

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, FROM 8 AM - 1 PM Individual Carport Sales Sponsored by The Social Club

### Social Club News

By Nancy Cooper



The Social Club Lives!!! Perhaps our plee's for volunteers are working. Thanks to Ellen Heigham, Barb Batson Passos, Nancy Cooper, and Monte Johnson for stepping up to fill out the Executive Officer positions for all of the members of FOREST PARK. Yes, everyone is a member of the Social Club. They are joining Dottie Frender, Debbie Rooney, and Mary Kurucz as Executive Officers.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

**CAHAL DUNNE.....ever heard of him? He is known as "Ireland's Happy Man".**

**He will be performing at the Forest Park Club House on Friday, March 7th at 7 PM. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:30. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Box Office on Sundays from 2-4 pm. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS HIM!!**

Cahal Dunne is a composer, classically trained concert pianist, story teller, comedian, and television personality. Cahal started a band in Ireland in 1977, and against all odds they made it. They won the equivalent of American Idol in 1979 with his own song, "Happy Man". Cahal emigrated to the U.S. shortly after and began playing and singing all over the United States. His style is rich and deep, reflecting the many strands in his distinguished career. He has performed on **David Letterman**, with **Bob Hope**, **Al Martino**, **Tony Orlando**, and has also performed for several **American Presidents**. So with his Irish to Broadway to Country repertoire, with several hits in Europe a great show is guaranteed!

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## CHRISTMAS ELVES TAKE'EM DOWN!

By Joyce Hines

### UNDONE AND DONE!

We are officially **UNDONE** and **DONE** for another year! The outdoor decorations have been taken down, packed, bagged, boxed, and placed in our storage area for another year! Whew! Many thanks to those who showed up to get that fun task completed: Karen and Danny Angell, Bob Bagge, Charlie Baker, Harry DeMeester, Heather Flavin, Phyllis Freese, Renee Huck, Mike Hartz, Dave Helphinstine, Ann Lacey, Sally Miller, Phil Power, Warren Starks, and Carol Tolbert. These amazing volunteers had all the decorations removed and placed outside the shed in record time!

December, 2024 had only three or four days of heavy winds and rains which always caused lighting issues and overturned displays. A huge thanks to Mother Nature for actually cooperating by giving our park the best December weather ever!



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

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Chris Tybor

Hello Forest Park residents, my name is Chris Tybor, I'm your newly elected Association President. I wrote this before the election had even happened. Seeing as I was the only one who **volunteered** to run, I was asked to write this report.

I really don't know what to say, but I'm here to do what I can to keep our park a great place to live. I've mentioned to some of the folks I've talked to, if you have a problem with something here in the park, try to have a solution to resolve it and I will help you with whatever I can do. But if it's a complaint about a neighbor, I'm not a miracle worker and I'm sure we all have better things to do with our lives.

I'm a pretty straight shooter. I won't lie to you or anyone in this park. I may not have the answer, but I will do my best to try and find out what it would be. I'm going to have a lot to learn about this position as President, and I will do my best to learn and make this park the best park to live in.

There's many projects in the park that still need attention, with the help of the other board members and our always great **volunteers** here in Forest Park I'm sure we will accomplish as much as we can. We live in paradise, let's keep it a paradise.

There are Rules and Regulations we all need to follow, from the Pool, to the Storage and Waste Yard, to driving around here in the park. Let's try to pay attention to them please, not only will it make this a great park, but keep our residents happy and safe.

Again, I hope I can fill the shoes Kenny left behind for the next year, and with the help of our Board Members, and you, our residents, I know we will have a fantastic year here at Forest Park. So let's all do what we can and get involved as **volunteers** with as much as you can. Some of these events are not just work, but they are also a lot of fun. We have many clubs and events that make living here enjoyable!!

Hope to see you all soon,

Chris Tybor

## 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!!!

**Notice the RED BUTTON on the controller. This is for emergencies only. DO NOT TOUCH THE RED BUTTON!!**

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR & GENERAL MEETING DATES

**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.

Feb 20, 2025 Board Meeting 9 AM  
Feb. 27, 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



Well, we are off and running, about 20 signed up for shuffling. We are looking forward to our King and Queen tournament, and our fun day. We have excellent courts. This is a fun league, we are always looking for new participants, if you choose not to play, you are missing out on meeting new people and good exercise. We play Monday and Thursday at 9:45, just come to the courts and we will make room for you to play!

**Bill Madill 519-634-5619**

## LINE DANCE CLASSES

By Ellen Heigham



Thanks to all who have been dancing with me on Tuesdays.

I will continue with a “pre K lesson from 12:30 -1:00”. Easy, peasy...work on steps and one or two social dances i.e. Cupid Shuffle and Electric Slide.

At 1:00 we will do a review and hopefully learn 1 or two new dances.

Line dancing is a fun way to get a little low impact exercise, challenge our brains and meet new friends. No experience necessary.

Questions call **Ellen 617 448 1748**

## HELPING HANDS

By Ellen Heigham



Helping Hands

Thanks to everyone in Forest park who finds time to check on neighbors without being asked. I have a new list of helpers who are willing to cook, bake, clean or shop for someone in need. Now I'm in need of your help. Due to too many plates in the air, I'm asking for someone to step up, **volunteer**, and take on the responsibility of our Helping Hands Group

Please call me for more information.

**Ellen. 617-448-1748**



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## Forest Park Craft Club

By Carole Beconder



### February 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.

Thanks to all the ladies and gentlemen who **volunteered** to take down and store the Christmas decorations for another year. It is much appreciated.

Carole Beconder 330-726-9776

## CRAFT CLUB SPRING TRASH TO TREASURE SALE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, FROM 8 AM - 1 PM  
ON THE PAVILION ONLY!

Be sure you come and join the Craft Club for the 2025 Season. Meetings are every Wednesday from 9 - 11 am in the Clubhouse. Everyone is Welcome.

Dues are only \$10.00

Happy Valentine's Day!!

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!)

🧡🎁 Valentine's Dinner February 12

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.

## PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB

By Cindy Trepanier



The Pine Tree Knots Quilt Club meets every Thursday at 9:00. We make quilts for residents in the park who are sick or undergoing treatment, and Linus quilts for children. If you have wanted to see what quilting is all about, then now is a great time. We have the machines and fabric for you to try out.

We have a quilt show in March where we display quilts from our parents, grandmothers, friends, or our own handmade quilts. Stop in and see what we are about. You might find a new hobby and friends.

## NORTHEASTERN STATES CLUB

By Nancy Cooper

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th- 5PM

Join members for an '80s Night Under the Lights". Big hair, neon colors, cowboy boots, shoulder pads, and jeans with ripped knees; these were some of the fashions of the 80s. Madonna, Whitney Houston, John Bon Jovi, Prince,



and Bruce Springsteen were singing on the airwaves. The Rubik's Cube was a hot commodity with folks of all ages challenging themselves to slide and rotate the blocks while maintaining the cubes shape.

Dinner to include pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, macaroni and cheese and coleslaw with cake for dessert. Iced tea will be available but, as always, you are welcome to bring a drink of your choice. Please remember to bring your own place setting.

Tickets, costing \$12, may be purchased at the Box Office in the Activity Building on Sundays from 2-4. The deadline to purchase tickets is February 16th.





## LETTER TO THE EDITOR: THANKS

A huge thank you to those people, past and present, who, without pay, have taken on the task of leading our Park as members of our Board of Directors. I have observed, since moving to Forest Park in 2003, that Board members spend hours upon hours giving of their time, skills, and often muscle to better Forest Park. They get phone calls at all hours of the day and nights whether on or “off duty”. Too often their reward for taking on this job is criticism and even ridicule. Who would want this job?

But, thankfully, we have people, volunteers, who have always “stepped up to the plate” and served on our Board of Directors. You are appreciated!

THANK YOU!

Joyce Hines



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

The other day as I was walking around my neighborhood passing out the January Newsletter, I came upon a woman sitting in her carport. As I approached she asked what I wanted. I told her I had volunteered to deliver the monthly newsletters and had one for her. “Oh, I don’t need one,” she replied. “I never read it.” I just couldn’t let that go so I asked, “WHY?”

She said she never went to any Park activities and wasn’t interested in what was going on. She preferred to stay in her own home, didn’t know her neighbors and definitely did not want to join a club or volunteer for anything.

I have to admit I was a bit shocked. I was also saddened because I know how much the lady is missing by not staying informed and by not becoming involved. I wanted to ask why she chose to buy in our community but decided not to go there. I bid farewell and walked away.

So now I ponder ... .how many of you feel this same way and, if you do, what can we do to change your mind? Forest Park has always been a great place to live. The folks who live here are good neighbors who look out for one another. People work hard to keep the Park safe and up to date. A lot of people work hard to run clubs, host dances and musical shows and cook delicious meals so you and your neighbors can come together and enjoy. This is achieved because we work together as a community.

So the next time you find a Newsletter on your doorstep, please take a few minutes and read it. You might find something that sounds interesting and you might change your mind and get involved.

## 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, February 12th 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 trailer 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 library is chock full!! Lots of books were donated this past month and I thank our neighbors from “up north” that have stopped in and donated.



More suspense and adventure !! Come in and browse awhile!

Maureen 508-962-5979



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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 🙏**

**Gloria Restko 813-841-9920**

## MARQUEE



Happy Valentines! 🌹

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 VALENTINES DAY!!!**

**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 roadworthiness, 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](mailto:tokentrespasser@gmail.com) or myself at [drjohns85@gmail.com](mailto: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 THANKS!!

By Nancy Cooper



### A NIGHT TO CELEBRATE

As Bob Hope would say, "Thanks for the Memory"!! The folks who walked into the Clubhouse on New Year's Eve were so surprised by the decorated sight before them. Glam and glitter and hundreds of twinkling lights made the one feel they had stepped out of Forest Park and into a room in a grand hotel. The place was beyond gorgeous. It was breathtaking!

And that was just the start of the evening....the food, the music, the gifts...it was truly a night to remember.

Special thanks go to the Batson sisters, Barbara Batson Passos and Paula Evans for their vision and all the helpers who made their dream come true. Hours and hours of planning, shopping, decorating, cooking, and cleaning up made this one of the finest events our Park has ever seen.

PS...Barbara and Paula say next year will be even better!!

## 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. **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



**Congratulations and Thank You** for **volunteering** to our new President, Chris Tybor, and newly elected Board Members, Warren Starks, Barb Batson Passos, and Charles Baker. Also a huge Thank You to Bob Charles, First Vice President, Bob Carson, 1st. V. P. candidate, Brian Hafer, Second Vice President, Carol Candido, Secretary, and Lenann Crisci, Board candidate, for **volunteering** to run for the open positions on the board. Also I can not forget our hold over officials, Cindy Trepanier, Treasurer, Barry Simes, and Wayne Meyer, Board members. These men and women all volunteered their time to learn about the issues that face our Park and what it will take to move Forest Park forward.

The past six years have seen many improvements to Forest Park that were long overdue. The majority of the storm sewer drains were replaced at an expense of \$360,000. With approximately another \$70,000 needed. The swimming pool was totally refurbished to a "like new" condition for less than \$180,000. The trash compactor was replaced for \$34,000. The West portion of fence behind Shrub Lane was replaced for \$27,000 and parts of the North portion of fence behind Shrub and Timberlane North were replaced as well. Peace Lake Way and the walking trail at Peace Lake were completely milled and rebuilt for less than \$20,000. The Bocce Ball and Shuffleboard courts were refurbished and their drains replaced.

As our new President and Board of Directors move ahead in this new year, they are going to face the challenges of trying to maintain our needed infrastructure repairs with the wants of our residents. Our streets have not had any type of maintenance or repairs in over 20 years. In most areas here, the streets are higher than the residential driveways, causing drainage issues, flooded linai's and carports during the heavy rains of summer. The streets are also starting to delaminate, have edge, spider web, and surface cracking. This is allowing the water to get under the asphalt to further deteriorate the street. The reason

our streets are higher than our driveways is because our streets have never been milled down and resurfaced. An engineering study is required by the county to determine the proper procedure moving forward to repair or rebuild our streets for proper drainage of stormwater. The most recent estimate to mill and replace an average of three inches of asphalt from May of 2024, was \$830,000.

Our Reserve Fund opening balance for this year is **\$575,441** and the amount of dollars required to open 2025 is **\$1,270,458**. This is according to the Reserve Fund Budget Sheet that you, our residents passed in November 2024. Our projected expenditures over the next ten years are **\$1,298,050**. Of that amount the street expenditure is only \$735,000 **NOT** \$830,000 as the most recent estimate, nor the \$800,000 shown on the Reserve Fund Budget sheet Account 2125. None of the street budgeted amounts account for a required engineering study of thirty to fifty thousand dollars. As far as the drains go, the amount spent in the last six years was just under \$360k, but yet on the reserve budget sheet for 2025, Account 2113, under Current Average Cost it shows \$250,000, not \$360,000 nor \$430,000 including the additional \$70,000 for the necessary repairs required this year. In my nine years as a Mayor in Iowa, overseeing an annual budget of over one million dollars, I always had a balanced budget as required by the State. The City Council and I always used the higher amounts provided to us by our city engineer, never a lower amount, especially when we knew the higher amount was accurate. You are lying to yourself when using a lower amount! The **current deficit for Forest Park is -\$789,559** when using the higher estimated amount for the streets. Our budget deficit is **57.84%** which means we only have **42.16%** of the funds required to replace our amenities in the Park when the time comes.

Also, that \$1.298M does not have any inflation dollars factored into the budget. Our maintenance truck is a 2004 Ford, John Deere Tractor with bucket/backhoe is a 2007, J.D. Gator that is due to be replaced this year, all 5 of our A/C units are due to be replaced in the next ten years. as well. What do you suppose the chances are that the \$1.298M will cover all the assets that need replacing over the next ten years at pre-inflation prices??

All the budget figures come from the approved 2025 Reserve Budget, with the exception of the street rebuilding estimate of \$830k instead of \$800k. The President will be asking for **volunteers** to fill out committee's for Budget & Finance, Facilities Planning, Public Safety, Drains & Streets, Buildings & Grounds, Security, and Property Compliance. Please contact the President or the office if you have the experience and wish to **volunteer** your

experience and time to make Forest Park a great place to live.

If anyone would like to discuss these or any other budget items on the Operating or the Reserve Budget, please give me a call at 319-415-2816 or email [montej722@gmail.com](mailto:montej722@gmail.com).

*Monte*

## FOREST PARK WEBSITE

[www.forestparkonline.com](http://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. ([fpfoainc@gmail.com](mailto:fpfoainc@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, 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 February 3rd & 20th, 5:30 pm for the return of the hotdog dinner and 50/50 raffle. Just before Karaoke!! Sponsored by the Forest Park Tool Club**



## 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.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Lee Fisher 2  
Linda Steffen 3  
Charles Galbraith 16  
John Mickelsen 16  
Karen Landis 4  
Jeffrey Collar 5  
Sharon Pike 5  
Mike Maugans 8  
Linda Boyan 11  
Dean Hillman 11  
Sue Caudill 12  
Brian Corrigan 12  
Andre Fiset 12  
Lee Hayek 13  
Jerry Day 14  
Linda Goosic 14  
Cynthia Loper 15



Dolores Paskowski 15  
John Prasko 15  
William Russell 16  
Rebecca White 18  
Mike Goosic 20  
Lynne Baker 21  
Marilyn Jackson 22  
Kathy Revels 22  
Jean Christenson 23  
Keith Burgett 23  
Wayne Meyer 25  
Robert Koenders 25  
Sonya Marchbanks 26  
Roberta Rizas 26  
Myra Rodriguez 26  
John Schlectic 26  
Bob Charles 28



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Ken & Joyce Parsels February 3, 1973  
Bob & Kathy Carson February 7, 1970  
Mike & Betsy Maugans February 7, 1970  
Ed & Nancy Criswell – February ,1974  
Duke & Robyn Johnson - February 28, 1985



## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS TOGETHER



Connie and Jim Mooney  
April 13,1975



Concetta Di Sclafani and Jim Mooney first met in high school. Jim, in the college prep program, had signed up for a class to fulfill his credits. Connie, a business major, was a student in the computer class. They ended up sitting across from each other at a table. The assignment for the day was to color sheet computer designs. The section Jim was working on was to be colored red, a pencil he did not have. When he noticed Connie wasn't using her red pencil he asked if he could borrow hers. "Get your own!" was her reply as she felt he had come to class unprepared. That night Jim said, "I just met the girl I'm going to marry."

The first year they were married, they lived in Germany where Jim was assigned by the Air Force. When they returned they lived in Allenwood Park, New Jersey. Connie worked in home health care and Jim worked in the Security Department for Bergen County. Together they raised two children, Natalie and Vincent.

Five years ago they said goodbye to the cold North and moved full time to Forest Park. They now enjoy Park activities and meeting new friends.

## TAI CHI CLASS

by Lenann Crisci



My Tai Chi class continues on **Saturday's, at 2:00 pm for beginners** and on **Tuesday's, at 2:00 pm for everyone**. I am happy to answer any questions you may have. My cell phone is #207-705-7475. Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese martial art. The gentle, graceful movements of tai chi are low impact and don't put too much strain on aging bones and joints. It is known to help with physical and mental health issues from bone strength, joint stability, cardiovascular health, immunity, and emotional 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 and FRIDAY THROUGH APRIL**. 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.

## 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.



Reduce Reuse Recycle

## 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.

## 4th Annual Poker Run - SAVE THE DATE!!

*By Sally Miller*

**WHEN: Saturday, March 15th 2:30 pm**

**WHERE: Forest Park Clubhouse**

The **Social Club** 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, and your own drink . Plates, napkins, and plastic ware will be provided. 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, just bring a dish to pass, your own drink, and a non-perishable food item to donate.

**Sally Miller 517-282-2800**

## COFFEE KLATCH

The **Men’s** Coffee Klatch is on Friday, February 14th 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, February 21st 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 !!

**New People Always Welcome!!!**

**COME AND JOIN THE FUN!**



## RED HAT LADIES

*By Heather Flavin*



RED HAT’S FEBRUARY LUNCHEON  
TUESDAY, FEB. 11TH AT 11:30 AM  
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FLAVIN



## FOURTH ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

*By Sally Miller and Pam Salk*

**Announcing the 4 th annual chili cookoff.  
2pm on Sunday February 2, 2025**

Sally Miller and Pam Salk have volunteered to host the event. This will be a true chili cook-off this year, chili entries only. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5. YOU get to be the judge! Your ticket will be your vote.



After everyone has had time to sample the competitors' chili, you will be asked to vote for your favorite at the various chili stations. The chili chefs will not be serving their own chili so you won’t know whose chili you are voting for. While the votes are being counted, you will be invited to the topping bar stocked with bowls, spoons, and napkins to enjoy a full bowl of your favorite chili along with a slice of cornbread and all your favorite toppings. BYOB.

CASH prize awarded to the top contestant along with a gold medal. Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the 2 nd & 3 rd place runners-up.

Jane Cullin has already entered, who will challenge her? Entries are limited to 10 contestants, so enter early. Your entry does not have to be a traditional chili... white\chicken chili, vegetarian chili, taco chili...are all acceptable entries...make your favorite!

Please call or text **Sally Miller 517-282-2800 or Pam Salk 260-385-6407** to enter.

Thank you!!







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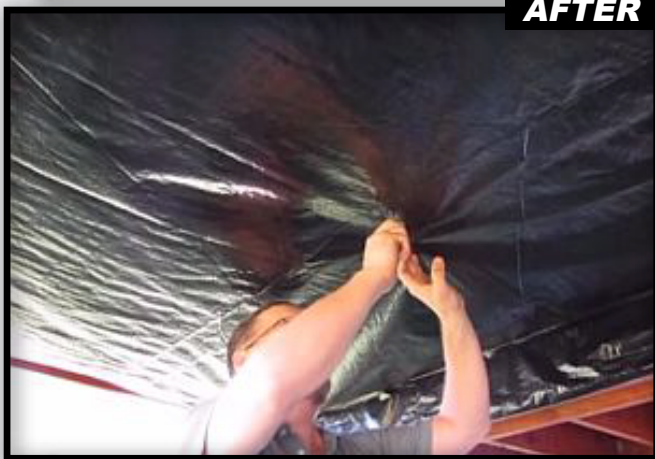
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**FOREST PARKS HOME CHURCH “THE LIGHT”**

*By Roberta Rizas*



Forest Park’s Home Church, “The Light”, welcomes one and all to our Sunday night services at 457 Jacaramba Court at 6 PM. Being a HOME CHURCH, we are a small group of 8 to 10 people. If we grow too large, we would have to start another one. We share much with everyone that comes...in prayer, testimonies, singing, communion, and being taught the word of God from our pastor, PASTOR CARL and his wife Julie. Julie leads our ladies Bible study on Thursday mornings from 10 am to 12, at the same address. All are welcome to attend, would be a pleasure for us to meet you.

Here we are in February already. 2024 went by us so fast! Christmas and New Year’s come and go, and boom! We are in February 2025. The month of February has a lot to celebrate also. National Freedom Day on February 1, Groundhog Day on the second, Lincoln’s birthday on the 12th, Valentine’s Day on the 14th, National Flag Day on the 15th, Presidents’ Day and Family Day on the 17th, President Washington’s birthday on February 22

and my birthday on the 26th (lol). Wow! That’s a lot of celebrating. Pray you enjoy each celebration and we will see you again in March 2025. Please remember each day to pray for our Country, our President and his family, the Vice President and his family, and all those you know who need prayer. They will honor your praying for them.

**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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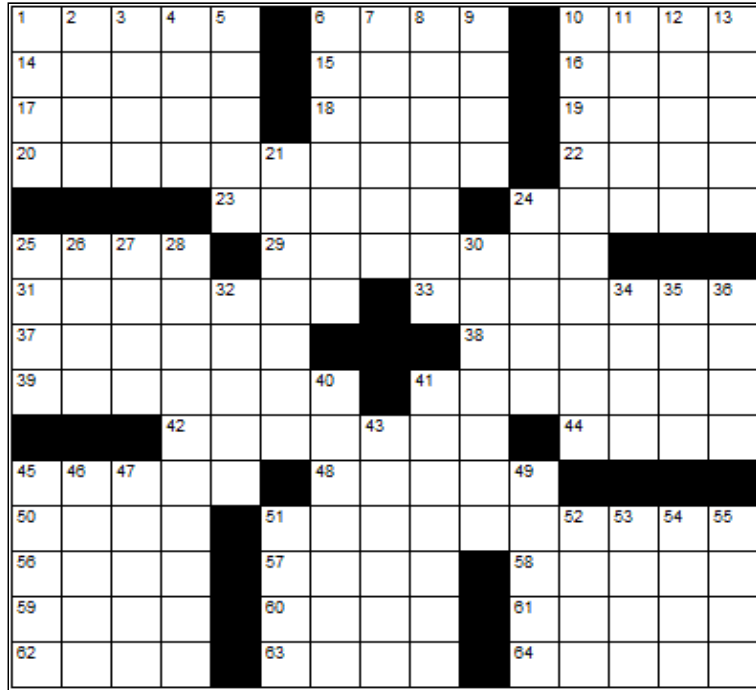
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# February Crossword

## ACROSS

1. Radiolocation
6. Combines
10. Not yours
14. Lacquer ingredient
15. Highlands dagger
16. Computer symbol
17. Another time
18. African sheep
19. Fluff
20. Administration
22. Lascivious look
23. Kiss
24. Not clean
25. National symbol
29. Temporary
31. Beaming
33. Plane engine enclosure
37. Seek revenge
38. Keep in custody
39. Trigonometric function
41. Made broader
42. Intestinal
44. Overhaul
45. Ready for anything
48. Flower feature
50. Stinging insects
51. Highland native
56. Farm building
57. Border
58. Hesitate
59. Largest continent
60. Winglike
61. Expend
62. Exude
63. Colors
64. S S S



## DOWN

- |                             |                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Unit of paper            | 13. Door                    | 40. In a lukewarm way       |
| 2. Seaweed                  | 21. Distinguished           | 41. Shrivels                |
| 3. College bigwig           | 24. Cut into cubes          | 43. West Indies music style |
| 4. Dogfish                  | 25. Social group            | 45. Old Jewish scholars     |
| 5. Finger jewelry           | 26. Molten rock             | 46. Rent                    |
| 6. Unyielding               | 27. Gulf port               | 47. Spooky                  |
| 7. Frank                    | 28. Spicy cookie            | 49. Oversight               |
| 8. Intoxicated              | 30. Extreme                 | 51. Noggin                  |
| 9. Short theatrical episode | 32. Go-between              | 52. Short sleeps            |
| 10. 10 to the centimeter    | 34. Alley                   | 53. Member's fee            |
| 11. More aloof              | 35. Told an untruth         | 54. Slave                   |
| 12. 9 person musical group  | 36. Prefix meaning "Within" | 55. Crimsons                |



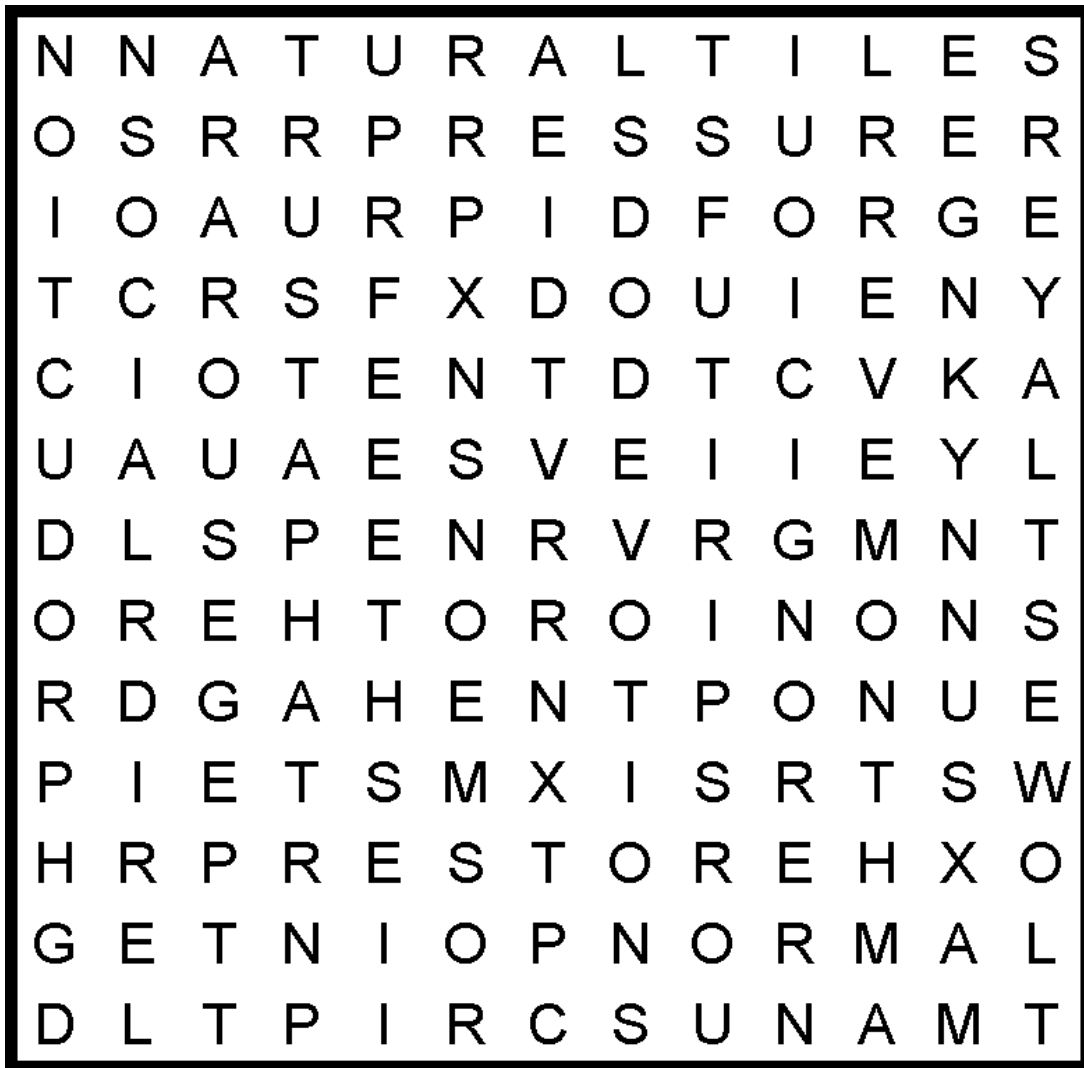
# February Sudoku

2			7		5			
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	2							
		1		7				
		2						1
			9				5	
9								8



9	7	5	3	2	1	6	4	8
1	3	8	9	6	4	7	5	2
4	6	2	8	5	7	9	3	1
8	9	1	5	7	3	2	6	4
3	2	6	4	9	8	5	1	7
7	5	4	2	1	6	3	8	9
6	8	9	1	3	2	4	7	5
5	4	7	6	8	9	1	2	3
2	1	3	7	4	5	8	9	6

# February Word Search



- |          |             |            |            |         |
|----------|-------------|------------|------------|---------|
| arouse   | environment | ignore     | other      | service |
|          | exist       |            |            | social  |
| cash     |             | layers     | point      | spirit  |
|          | forge       | lowest     | pressure   | sunny   |
| depend   |             |            | production |         |
| depth    | great       | manuscript |            | tent    |
| devotion |             | month      | reduce     | tiles   |
| dire     | highest     |            | restore    | trot    |
|          |             | natural    | retire     | trust   |
|          |             | normal     | riot       | turn    |

# Forest Park February 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 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 9:00 am Pine Tree Knobs 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
2:00 pm. Fourth Annual Chili Cook Off - Clubhouse  <span style="color: red;">Groundhog Day</span>	5:30 pm Hot Dog Dinner - Clubhouse 7:00 pm Karaoke with Chris	3	4	5	6	7
9	6:30 pm 8 Ball, Pinochle, Rummikub - Clubhouse	10	11	12	13	14
16	5:30 pm Hot Dog Dinner - Clubhouse 7:00 pm Karaoke with Chris  <span style="color: red;">President's Day</span>	17	18	19	20	21
23	5:00 pm North Eastern States Meeting and Dinner - Clubhouse 6:30 pm 8 Ball, Pinochle, Rummikub - Clubhouse	24	25	26	27	28
1	8:00 am to 1:00 pm Trash To Treasure Sale - Pavilion 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Carport Sales Park wide	1	2	3	4	5
8						
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						<span style="color: red;">Washington's Birthday</span>

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