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**“VOLUNTEER’S ARE NOT PAID - NOT BECAUSE THEY’RE WORTHLESS,
BUT BECAUSE THEY’RE PRICELESS“**

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

By *Heather Flavin*



Forest Park has many devoted volunteers and your commitment to our park is greatly appreciated. This will be a recurring feature for our newsletter.

The spotlight this month is on Bob Bagge and Mike Fanning.

Bob and his wife Sandy started enjoying their winters here in sunny Forest Park in 2014, renting on N. Shrub and purchasing on Forest Park Drive in 2015.

Bob consistently does Night Patrol. He helped with the camera committee and has always volunteered when needed. He has worked with others to install new energy-saving lighting in the clubhouse and the activity building. He has recently been working on updating the bocce and shuffleboard equipment sheds. He likes to keep busy and give time to the park.

(Bob & Mike installing new bulbs)



Mike Fanning and his wife Kathy have been in Forest Park since 2008.

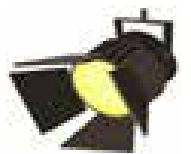
Mike took over the role of Santa Claus from Tom Boniface in 2008, Kathy stepped in as Mrs. Claus the following year. Many visiting children were thrilled to get a visit from Santa. Anton and Patti Kothe stepped into their shoes in 2023.

Mike has given a lot of his time to the park, serving on many boards. He oversaw the buildings for a period. Night Patrol coordinator, Honor guard coordinator for our veterans and our Bingo coordinator. Mike donated his cooking skills for many dinners held at the clubhouse. 50th Anniversaries, St Pat’s Day Dinner, recently helping Paula Chapin with the Thanksgiving dinners. Previously, he was the President of the Northeast Club.

Both Bob and Mike are Vietnam Veterans, and we thank them for their service to our country.

I’m sure I haven’t recorded all the thoughtful tasks these men have given to Forest Park.

Thank You,
Heather Flavin



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Top Left: Bob siding the shuffle shed.

Bottom Left: Mike raising the flag at the Veterans Day Ceremony

Bottom Right: Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus
Mike and Kathy Fanning with an unknown elf.



Social Club News

By Nancy Cooper

March 1st. Forest Park residents have a wonderful opportunity to receive first hand knowledge and training on AI. No, it's not artificial insemination. It is **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE!** On Saturday March 1st. From 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Clubhouse, Scott Grimm will be teaching us all about the world of AI. Scott is an expert in artificial intelligence and he will pass along his knowledge and expertise in a simplified and easy to understand way that we all can understand and enjoy.

You saw that right. This is a four hour class, broken down into two segments, with a one hour lunch break at 12:00 noon. If you are not familiar with how to operate a computer, or you want to learn how artificial intelligence may benefit you. Here is your chance, and it is **FREE OF CHARGE.** You have to sign up for this class in the Activities Building. So hurry on over there before the class is filled up.

SAVE THE DATE

By Joyce Parsels



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!

"May your troubles be less and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door."



On March 17th is the Social Club's Annual Freewill Donation Dinner. This year our Italian chef is fixing a traditional Irish Corned Beef Dinner or a Pork Dinner, your choice. All money will go to supplying meals for our residents in the park, who are ill or shut in their home. Our annual dinner features our own **Great Chef Andy and his beautiful wife Julie Fuschino.** This year's event will be **carry-out only**, from the Clubhouse beginning at **1:00 pm to 3:00 pm** or until all the meals are gone. So everyone, come out early to help Andy and Julie **"lessen the troubles, increase the blessings, and bring happiness through the doors"** of our residents in Forest Park who are ill or not able to get out.

Thanks,
Monte



CAHAL DUNNE, will be performing at the Forest Park ClubHouse on Friday, March 7th at 7 PM. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:30. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the Box Office on Sunday, March 2nd. from 2-4 pm. YOU

WON'T WANT TO MISS HIM!

SOCIAL CLUB OFFICERS

- Co-President – Ellen Higham
- Co-President - Barb Batson Passos
- Vice President – Dotti Frender
- Co Secretary – Debbie Rooney
- Co-Secretary - Nancy Cooper
- Co-Treasurer – Mary Kurucz
- Co-Treasurer – Monte Johnson

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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.



- **Unightly 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!*

LAWN MOWING HOURS



8:00 AM to 10 PM

September 1st. - May 31st.

June 1st. - August 31st.

7:00 AM to 11:00 PM

- **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.



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.

- **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!!



PETS

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?

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.

March 20, 2025 Board Meeting 9 AM

March 27, 2025 Membership Meeting 7 PM

Volunteer – We need your help, please consider **volunteering** for a Board 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

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Shuffleboard is well under way with 24 players enjoying the beautiful Florida weather and sunshine. We had a great time on our fun day grilling hotdogs and playing shuffleboard. Time is running so fast this year. I think the older you get the faster it goes, and we have no control over it! Not much to add as yet, other than we are close to the maximum players we can handle, which is a good thing, we are voting this Monday on a rule change to see who will be allowed to play in future tournaments!

Thanks,

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.

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HELPING HANDS

By Ellen Heigham



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 still 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

Forest Park Craft Club

By Carole Beconder



I would like to thank Diana Power for the beautiful memorial service for Suzann Malone.

A Great Big Thank You to all the craft members who worked so hard for our "Trash to Treasure" sale. Thank you to all the men who helped in so many ways. We couldn't have done it without you. We appreciate all who donated items. They will enable us to donate to more worthy organizations. If I forgot anyone, I'm sorry!

Our last dinner is March 12.

We are having a Luau theme dinner. So wear your best Hawiann shirt, shorts or grass skirt and get your tickets at the box office on March 1st or the 8th.

Carole Beconder 330-726-9776

2025 Craft Club Last Dinner

Dinner tickets (\$12 each) will be available at Box Office on Sunday, March 1 & 8.

Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. **Bring your own place settings, silverware, and byob drink.** Tea, water, coffee will be available. Take out can be preordered and picked up at 5:30 p.m.

Centerpiece raffle for a ***Hand Painted***, one of a kind, ***Olive Oil Decanter!***

🌸 Luau March 12 🌸

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.

"THE PETAL PUSHERS" GARDEN CLUB

By Teri Snyder

We are in the process of forming a new Garden Club, to be known as "The Petal Pushers". All are welcome to join. That means men and women. We welcome your input and ideas, as well as your ability to help in any way possible.



This new club will also work on beautifying our park. We will meet on the 2nd. Monday of each month to set our monthly plans and goals.

Any questions or comments may be directed to **Terri Snyder at 716-939-0627 or stop by 459 Jacaramba Ct.**

Hope to hear from you soon!

NORTHEASTERN STATES CLUB

By Nancy Cooper

MONDAY, MARCH 24th-5 P.M.

Time to dust off those sneakers, grab your basketball and head on over to the Clubhouse for MARCH MADNESS, a fun evening of college rivals, three pointers and winning teams. Be sure to wear your favorite college jersey to support your team.

Tickets for a hearty meatloaf dinner are \$12 and may be purchased at the Box Office in the Activity Building, Sundays 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM through March 16th.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: **THANKS**

On behalf of the Malone family, we would like to thank everyone who came out to celebrate the life of Suzann Malone. The outpouring of love for her was overwhelming and such a blessing to see!! A special thank you to Diane and Phil Powers, Heather Flavin, the Craft Club and Red Hatters for their donation of time and goodies! The arrangement for the



celebration was amazing! The speakers shared some great stories that were so enjoyable!!

We all had a wonderful time!

Harold (Jack) Malone



LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

The other day, while out for my daily walk around the Park, I really took a look at my neighborhood. I saw so many houses, that just two years ago, were tattered and torn by Hurricane Ian. Now these same houses were repaired and repainted with yards planted with new flowers and shrubs. They looked so welcoming.

Sadly I also passed a few houses that still were in need of repair. Torn screens were flapping in windows, carport roofs were missing, yards were littered with broken flower pots and downed rain spouts. I wondered why the owner didn't fix his or her home. Was it because there was no money to pay for the repairs? Were the owners too old or too sick to do the work? There must be a reason or perhaps several reasons to let one's home remain in a state of disrepair!

These thoughts reminded me of the first people I met when I moved into Forest Park. He was an elderly gentleman who had lived here for a long time. On the day we met he was washing his mailbox. I went over, introduced myself and we chatted for a while. I asked him why he was washing the mailbox. He told me that because it was the thing to do. He took great pride in his home and that included his yard and mailbox.

Pride....I guess that's the word. The one that describes how one acts, dresses, or especially takes pride in the care of the home where he or she resides. It makes a statement for all to see. Do you take **PRIDE IN FOREST PARK?** When you turn into Forest Park, do you take pride in the appearance of our entrance? Do you take **PRIDE IN YOUR HOME?** Do you take **PRIDE IN YOUR YARD?** Do you take **PRIDE IN YOUR MAILBOX?** Your mailbox may seem like a small or trivial thing, but to a stranger, your mailbox may be the first impression they make of you!! You never have a second chance to make a first impression.

From: Anonymous

TOOL CLUB

BY Monte Johnson

The Tool Club will have a meeting for all current and any new men or women interested in becoming members. The meeting will be



held on **Wednesday, March 12th at 9:00 am** in the meeting room of the Activities Building. Dues are \$10.00 per year. Once dues are paid you will be provided a 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, Jerry Waters 217-361-7736, 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!

Anyone interested in starting a book club, please stop in to see me.

Maureen 508-962-5979

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/NIGHT PATROL

By Gloria Restko



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

ATTENTION: NEW RESIDENTS.

Please consider **VOLUNTEERING** for **Neighborhood Watch/Night Patrol**. It's only one night per month. If you are new to the park, feel free to pick up information and a volunteer form at the office. Keeping a watchful eye on our park residents and residences 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. No one 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.

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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 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.

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING 🚗
Gloria Restko 813-841-9920

MARQUEE

If you need a notice placed on the marquee, please get in touch with **Cathy Holle: 317-403-0137**. Check out the marquee regularly to know “what’s happening” around here!

Cathy Holle: 317-403-0137.



RV STORAGE PARK

BY John Hill

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 may be 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

SOCIAL CLUB THANKS!!

By Nancy Cooper

ST. PATRICK’S GOLF CART PARADE

They say on Saint Patrick’s Day everyone has a bit of Irish in them. This is so true in Forest Park when folks decorate their golf carts in bright green shamrocks and drive around the Park tossing out candy. This year’s event will take place on March 16th at 6:30 P. M. Carts are asked to line up at the Clubhouse.



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



The season is starting to wind down here in Forest Park and the snow birds will soon be heading back up north. It has been a very successful season for the Forest Park Social Club. The season ended last year with a burned out executive board of directors in May that was composed of two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Now it is made up of seven, yes count'em, seven officers. An energetic group of ladies stepped up to relieve Ellen Heigham of organizing and decorating for the most successful New Years Eve Party that Forest Park has seen in years. Led by the spirit of the Batson sisters, Barb Batson Passos, Paula Batson Evans and their volunteer helpers, they had a vision of turning the Clubhouse into a NightClub venue like you might see in New York or Vegas. This has continued throughout the season with dances and entertainment every month. With an enlarged dancing area, a beautifully lighted, decorated Clubhouse, excellent hors d'oeuvres, and a variety of old favorites and new entertainers, Forest Park is beginning to be the talk of North Fort Myers with sellout after sellout.

The Forest Park Tool Club brought back the Hotdog Dinners on Monday nights when Chris has Karaoke. You will receive a juicy hotdog on a bakery fresh roll with all the fixins, choice of a bag of chips, and a soft drink or water for only Five Bucks. If you are really hungry, two bucks more gets you another dog. With inflation pushing a dozen eggs towards ten bucks a dozen, and a twelve pack of soda the same, where can you go and get a meal for five or seven bucks? Stick around afterwards and tune-up your vocal cords and sing a couple of tunes or listen to the talented musicians we have right here in Forest P

The Northeastern States Club continues to provide a monthly meal and entertainment for an annual dues of only five bucks. The meals are always scrumptious. The entertainment is usually supplied by our own residents of Forest Park, which makes for some hilarious evenings of fun and laughter. They donate some of the money they raise back to Forest Park and other charitable organizations in Lee County. Who likes to call hogs or whistle the Andy Griffith theme song?

The Craft Club Ladies make beautiful centerpieces to decorate the tables for their monthly meals and then they raffle them off to some lucky winners. These ladies meet every Wednesday morning, all year round at 9:00 am, cutting, sewing, gluing, painting, and crafting. They also donate back to Forest Park, local charities, and they

make stuffed bears for local police and firefighters to give to traumatized children and children in women's shelters.

The Pine Tree Knots Quilt Club is one of the oldest clubs in the park, next to the Social Club. These ladies make lap quilts for the residents of Forest Park who are ill or hospitalized, as well for women's shelters and other charitable organizations. They meet every Thursday, in season at 9:00 am in the Clubhouse. Come and join them. No experience is needed.

We have a new club that just started in the park. "The Petal Pushers" will be helping to beautify Forest Park by purchasing flowers and plants for our common areas to bring more beauty to our Paradise right here in Southwest Florida. If you like to get your hands in the dirt, while keeping Forest Park beautiful, contact Teri Snyder 716-939-0627

Until next month,
Monte

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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. (fpoainc@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 March 3rd at 5:30 pm for the return of the \$5.00 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 and non-alcoholic drinks.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Sue Q Llang 1
Nikki Spina 2
David Loper 5
Shannon Shelton 8
Richard Barnes 9
Carrol Provence 11
Diana Power 12
Donald Hesketh 13
Sandy Bagge 14
Jack Malone 16
Mary Kurucz 17
Douglas Schenk 18
Karen Moor, 18
Brent Crisci 19
Betsy Maugans 20
Nancy Wilder-Pierce 20
Linda Chapman 21
Pamela Hall 22
Kerry (Coach) Cullin 24
Hugo Chow 24
Shawn Glover 25
Lorrie Blanchard 25
Wendell Cox 26
Gerard Guiney 26
Mary Ann Crisman 29
Danny Angell 30
Kathy Martin 30
Mindy Reed 30

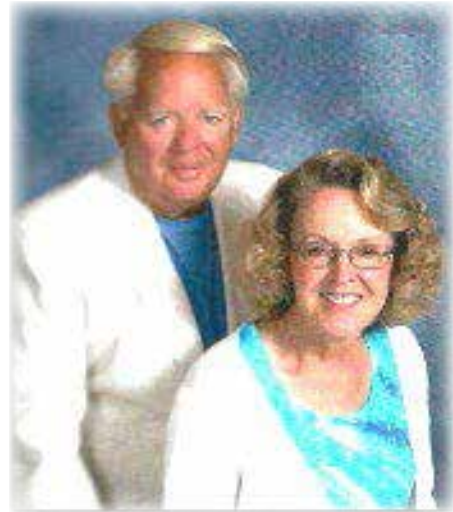


HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Carlo & Lee Luberti March 1, 1957
Mike & Gloria Hartz March 20, 1965
Mark & Jeannie Olson March 20, 1983
Mike & Kathy Martin March 27, 1971



CELEBRATING 60 YEARS TOGETHER



Mike Kline Hartz - Gloria Jean Nichols
March 20, 1965

Both Mike and Gloria met at Aubbeenaubee High School, named after an Indian Chief from the banks of the Tippecanoe River, in Letters Ford, Indiana. Mike graduated with a class of 17 students, while Gloria only had 15 in her graduating class.

They were married on March 20, 1965. Mike was drafted into the Army the very next year and was stationed in Fort Hood, Texas, before being sent overseas to VietNam. While Mike was serving our country, Gloria went to Vogue Beauty College in South Bend, Indiana.

After Mike returned from VietNam, they relocated to Valparaiso, Indiana. Mike was hired by the Ford Motor Company in Chicago Heights, Illinois where he worked for the next 35 years. Gloria worked at the Harvey Beauty Salon for 7 years, before opening a beauty salon in their home for 23 more years. Gloria also **volunteered** for 30 years at Porter Memorial Hospital, delivering medications from the pharmacy to all floors. When she wasn't busy with her beauty salon and **volunteering** at the hospital, she found time to **volunteer** as an Awana leader for 30 years, and as a 4-H leader for 17 years.

They are blessed with two children, a daughter, Penny, and a son, Scott. Their children have blessed them with Four Grandsons and a Great- Grandson.

In 2014, they came to stay with Mike's sister to escape the cold, and guess what? Two years later they purchased their own place on Jacaramba Ct. and here they are. You can still find Gloria **volunteering** her time at the Men's Koffee Klatch. or making stuffed bears to be donated to local police and fire departments for traumatized children. While Mike is crushing cans, and always ready to **volunteer** helping with any projects around Forest Park.

IN MEMORIAM

Mark Carter



Mark Alan Carter, 66, Attica, In. passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 15, 2025.

He was born on Sept. 30, 1958, in Watseka, Ill., to the late Margaret (Whaley) and Richard "Dick" Carter. On Jan. 6, 2007, he married Sandra Lee Crabtree in Brook, In.

Mark was a very loving husband, brother, father and papaw. Mark was an avid hunter, golfer and fisherman. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed his fishing trips and annual trip to Spring Lake, Minn. Mark established Carter Millwright, Inc. in 1989 that became an incredibly successful business that will continue on through his son, Benjamin.

He is survived by his wife; siblings, Nancy (Kathleen) Fleming, Indianapolis, Stacey (Jim) Harris, Zionsville, Steve (Lisa) Carter and Kim Carter, both of Goodland; children, Chris (Andrea) Leuck, Fowler, Benjamin (Kylie) Carter, Attica, Eric Leuck, Attica and Hannah (Max) Madson; grandchildren, Tobias, Holt, Teagan and Theo.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents and son, Luke Carter.

Visitation was held 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. CST Monday, Jan. 20 until the funeral hour at 2 p.m. all held at First Christian Church, Brook, with Pastor Timothy Ross officiating.

Cremation Rites followed the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Riley's Children's Hospital or [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#).

Forest Park residents may remember Marks' father, Richard (Dick) Carter and his friend, JoAnn, they resided at 632 Forest Palm Ct. for many years during the winter months. Dick was on the BOD in charge of the streets and drains. After Dick and JoAnn passed, about 5 years ago, Mark and Sandy purchased the house and continued the Carter tradition of wintering in Forest Park, so Mark could go fishing at Lake Okeechobee and on the Caloosahatchee River.

DID YOU KNOW ??

GOLF CLUB COLLECTION

We have a golf club connoisseur here in the park. If you want to check out John Berg's golf club collection, just give the Golf Club Man a call 618-319-0642.



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

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.

COFFEE KLATCH

The **Men's** Coffee Klatch is on Friday, March 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, March 21st at 9:00 am to 10:00 am in the clubhouse. (3rd Friday each month)

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



FOURTH ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

By Sally Miller and Pam Salk

4th Annual Chili Cook-Off Results

1st Place Charlene Boyle (center)

2nd Place Barb Wood (right)

3rd Place Julie Fuschino (left)

Congratulations!



It was a great turn out. Thanks to everyone that turned out to support this event and a big thank you to all of the chili contestants..



Thank you from the Social Club,

Sally Miller 517-282-2800 and Pam Salk

260-385-6407

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 HATS MARCH 11TH
LUNCHEON

LOOKING FORWARD TO A PLEASANT LUNCH
ON THE VERANDA AT "CRISTOF'S ON
MCGREGOR"

PLEASE MEET AT THE CLUBHOUSE BY 11:00
AM

TO COORDINATE A CARPOOL

RED HATS END OF THE SEASON LUNCHEON
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GARDEN PLEASE MEET AT THE CLUBHOUSE BY
11:00 AM

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EVENTS

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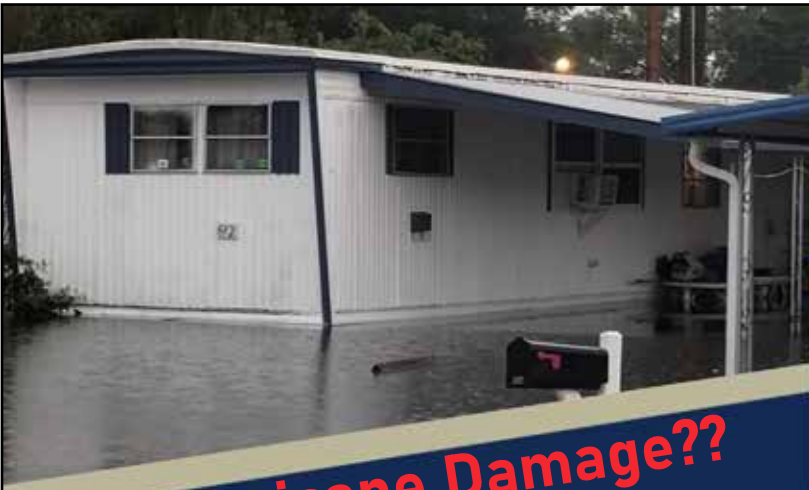


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By Roberta Rizas



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AHHH, welcoming March, 2025! My first thought is to remember that on March 9th we must all remember to turn our clocks ahead one hour for daylight savings time. My next thought is wondering if any of you remember from my writing last year about the day I introduced you to, "3/16th" day? That date reminds us of a bible verse called, John 3:16. It says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him, will not perish, but have eternal Life." Should I mention it again next year, or are all of you familiar with it now?

Time to celebrate our next date, March 17th is St. Patrick's Day, (Day of the Irish), have fun with all of our Irish friends. Our next date to remember is in March is the 20th. Been looking forward to this date...the first day of Spring. Those up North are glad Spring has arrived, they've had enough of winter!!

Forest Park's Home Church, "The Light", welcomes you to come and visit us every Sunday night services at 6 PM. We are located at 457 Jacaramba Ct. Our sisters and brothers in Christ would love you to join our church family. Hope to see you next Sunday. God bless one and all.

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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Forest Park March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball 2:00 - 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 12:30 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 Knits 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
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	5:30 pm. Tool Club HotDog Dinner - Clubhouse 7:00 pm Karaoke with Chris - Clubhouse				6:30 pm. Social Club sponsored Cahal Dunne Show - Clubhouse	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
2:00 am. Daylight Savings Time begins set your clocks ahead one hour <i>Daylight Savings Begins @ 2am</i>	6:30 pm 8 Ball, Pinochle, Rummikub - Clubhouse	11:00 am. Red Hat Ladies Luncheon at Cristof's On Mc Gregor - meet Clubhouse	5:00 pm Luau Dinner by Craft Club - Clubhouse			2:30 pm. Social Club's 4th Annual Poker Run & Pot Luck Dinner - Clubhouse
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
5:30 pm. Social Club's Annual St. Patrick's Day Golf Cart Parade - Clubhouse	1:00 pm. Social Club/Chef Andy's Annual Free Will Offering Dinner to Go - Clubhouse 7:00 pm Karaoke with Chris - Clubhouse <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>			9:00 am Board of Directors Meeting - Activities Building <i>First Day of Spring</i>		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	5:00 pm North Eastern States Meeting and Dinner - Clubhouse 6:30 pm 8 Ball, Pinochle, Rummikub - Clubhouse			7:00 pm. Association Meeting - Clubhouse 75 MEMBERS NEEDED FOR A QUORUM!!	1:00 pm Social Club Meeting - Clubhouse ALL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS INVITED!!!	
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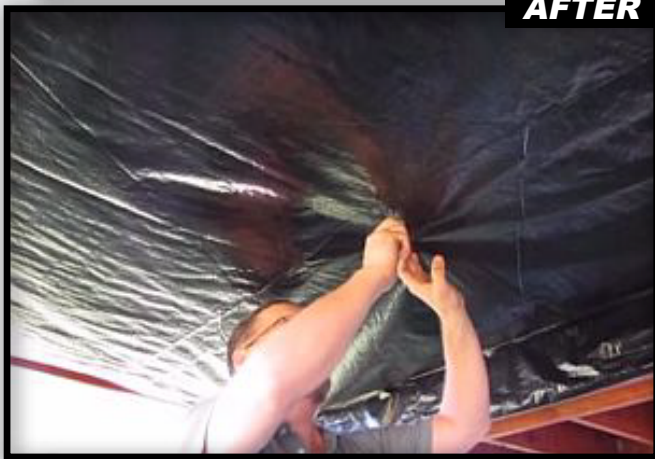
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