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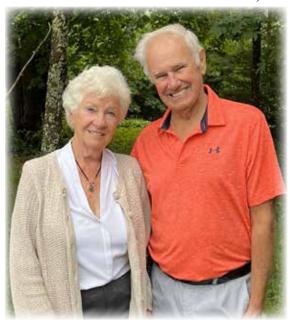
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#### **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

By Heather Flavin

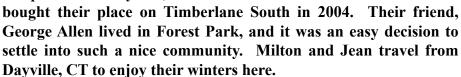
KUDOS TO MILTON HERRICK, SR.



If you've used our sauna recently, you will have noticed how CLEAN

it is. Milton gave the sauna a very thorough and much needed cleaning recently. A new rubber mat was donated by a member of our park. It looks great. THANK YOU!!

Milton (84) and his long-time companion of 32 years, Jean Keech



Milton started enjoying his retirement at 58. He had been a Teamster truck driver for 32 years and drove for his father for 8 years prior to that. Over the Road and Local Transport. Milton

served as a shop steward for part of this time.

I met Milton in October of 2022 working on the trailer with the Hurricane Ian clean up crew. Our instant connection was that Milton knew my folks, who had lived in the park for many years. He has been doing Night Patrol Security duty since 2006. Crushing cans for the last 4 years. He is an active member of the Tool Club. He has videotaped many events here in the park, including 50th Anniversary celebrations. Milt enjoys golfing weekly with other park members, Bingo and other card games.

Milton can be seen riding his bike each morning and touring the park in his Corvette style golf cart. THANK YOU for being a positive member of our Forest Park community. Heather Flavin





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#### FEATURED AMENITY

By Monte Johnson



In 2001, the Forest Park Board of Directors decided it was time to replace the old bath house with a new building that would house an office, library, billiards room, mini kitchen, mens and womens shower rooms, and a sauna. The Association voted overwhelmingly to approve an expenditure, not to exceed \$300,000 for this building. Construction began in February

and was completed in October of 2002. We know this building today as the Activities Building.

One feature that we are highlighting in the Activities Building this month is the sauna. It is located in the southwest corner of the Activities building and is accessible from the outside 24/7/365.

Our sauna is a "dry air" sauna. It features an adjustable temperature and timer for your pleasure, to enjoy removing toxins from your body.







#### HEROES AMONG US! JACK THANKS YOU!!



I want to take this opportunity to thank all the people with the S. W. Florida Honor Flight organization for taking Southwest Florida veterans on the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. They must raise over \$118,000 to make each flight possible.

I especially want to thank **DEB JOHNSON**, who traveled with me as my guardian, and her husband, Monte. Deb ensured my comfort, safety, and well being every step of the way, by never leaving my side. We laughed and she mothered me constantly. Other times she acted as my ears when I could not hear the speakers very well. I don't want to forget Deb and Jeff Forsyth for their assistance as well.

For any veteran who has not had or taken the opportunity for this **all expense paid trip,** I strongly encourage you to do so! It is a once in a lifetime experience that you won't want to miss. Each and every one of you are made to feel like a king and you will be pampered for the entire trip. You will see many of the military monuments, and very impressive sites in Washington, D.C.

If you are handicapped in any way, your guardian will push you in a wheelchair. I would urge you to take advantage of this service. Don't think that you are too old

or too tired for this, because you are not. Several on my flight were old guys in their nineties.

The Welcome Home group, upon returning to the Punta Gorda airport, were awesome. There were hundreds of people waiting, with flags, signs, and banners; handshakes, hugs, and kisses.

These trips are normally held twice a year, in April and October. You snowbirds can even fit that into your busy retirement schedule. All the fund raising, planning, coordination, and execution is accomplished 100% by volunteers. Many who have full time jobs. And they can use more volunteers.

Since I was the only one from Forest Park on this flight, I was delegated to talk and encourage each veteran who has **not** been on an honor flight to sign up. You will be hearing from me.

On the flight back there was a mail call. Something that all veterans lived for when we were on active duty. I received over 70 messages, cards, and letters. Thank you all!

Last, but certainly not least. Upon arriving back into Forest Park. Both sides of Forest Park Drive were lined with an American flag in each yard. There were 10 flags in my yard alone! It certainly made this old guy mighty proud. The two ladies who were responsible for all this work were Paula Batson and Donna Sisto. Thanks Ladies!!

**Jack Glover** 

#### WHERE TO EAT?

**BLOSSOM AND BRIE** 

By Heather Flavin

Looking for a new place for lunch or dinner. BLOSSOM AND BRIE is worth a try. Just a short drive from Forest Park, located at 8250 Nalle Grade Road, (off of Slater Rd) you'll



find this lovely farmside restaurant. (239) 385-0415

Follow the white board fencing up the drive, past cattle, chickens and other farm animals to this charming, rustic restaurant. Blossom and Brie is open for lunch, dinner and brunch on weekends. They have expanded to handle weddings; it is such a lovely setting. Please check out their website. blossomandbrie.com

I have been there 4 times and have never been disappointed. Always, excellent food and service. Reservations are required with a credit card to hold your table. I would suggest going for lunch first. Bon Appetit.

#### COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We received six complaints in the month of March. Four are resolved and two are still being addressed. We are working diligently to try and get our beautiful park back to its former glory. THANK YOU to those that have been working to restore their homes to pre Ian(and other storms) conditions, and those that are making improvements to their property. To those of you that are in non-compliance with Forest Park Rules, you will be receiving either a visit, email, or letter which will give you a grace period to start on, or complete whatever issue(s) you may have. Some issues can result in a violation if not rectified in a timely manner. In this volatile real-estate market, having our homes and property in better shape will help all of us with not only pride of ownership - but better value. If you are going home for the summer months? Please ensure that your lawns and landscaping are trimmed up before you go, and have someone on retainer for upkeep during those months that you're gone. Remember that complaint forms are located in the office and written complaints take precedence. Wishing everyone a safe journey home!

Barbara Batson Passos, Bob Charles, Warren Starks, Heather Flavin, Kevin Mann

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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Chris Tybor



Hello Forest Park,

I'm hoping all is well with the families still here. To those who have left or are still going to leave to head back to their summer homes, enjoy your family and friends, we will see you when you come back.

Now to this part of the letter I don't want to write, again we are having people speed through the park, not observing stop signs, and posted speeds. I know it's not all of us, it could be some of the delivery services we use. I don't want to have to put speed humps on the roads and put up more stop signs. We have other issues we could use the parks money for, but there are a select few that don't think that these rules apply to them. Speed humps might be the only answer. Lets try a little harder to pay attention to these posted speeds and stop signs.

I'm also getting some complaints from residents about how some of our own neighbors are treating each other. This is not an HOA issue that we should be addressing, but can't we just all get along with each other, then go out of our way to upset our neighbors. I'm suggesting if you can't work it out with each other to call the police and see if they can help you.

There are others that don't think that all rules and regulations pertain to them. We have new hours for the storage and trash areas. Please observe them, let's not take it on our own to open the gate for others that don't have a key, and if you are not to be in there, please don't. This is so we can keep others that don't live here from using our dumpsters and having us pay more for pick ups.

I love living here at Forest Park, I hope you all do too. If we can all get along better it makes everything better.

I want to thank Ellen Heigham and all the volunteers that helped out for the Spring Fling. It was a great success and it looked as if everyone there had a good time. I want to thank all the volunteers that put their efforts into this park throughout the year. Your work has been greatly appreciated.

That's all for now. Have a great Spring, Summer and Fall. See you through the park, or when you come back from up North.

Chris Tybor





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#### **BOARD OF DIRECTOR & GENERAL MEETING DATES**

From the Office

General Membership Meetings -We are a membership community. General Membership Monthly



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.

MAY 15, 2025 Board Meeting 9 AM MAY 22, 2025 Membership Meeting 7 PM

#### MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR By Paula Batson

Name and Street - Connie Noble, Hollyberry Ct

Home State - Wisconsin Full Time or Snowbird - Snowbird How did you find Forest Park -Realtor



Number of years in FP - 3 years Children/Grandchildren/Greats - 2/4/0

Career - Owner of Concrete Construction business (37 years)

Dream career - FBI or Secret Service Agent

Favorite color - Black

Dogs or Cats - Dogs, of course

Sunrise or Sunset - Sunrise

Have you played a musical instrument - Clarinet,

6 years

Favorite band/artist - Johnson Family

Best decade of your life - 20's, married and children

Biggest thing you ever won - Nothing

Favorite Florida restaurant - Habaneros Mexican

*Last thing you ate* - Hot n sour soup

If you could choose an anthem song for yourself what

would it be - Sing Me Back Home

(Merle Haggard)

Opinion of garden gnomes - Not into them Did you enjoy your interview - Loved it!

#### WOOF, WAG, & WIGGLE By Kathy Revels

Willow, also known as Willow the Wonder Dog, lives happily with Paula and Landon on Forest Park Drive. She turned 8 on January 17th and wished only for golf cart rides, car rides, and a chance to get into some toilet paper.



As well as being a beloved member of the family, Willow is a highly trained service dog.

As a puppy she spent 5 months in training at Moss Creek Golden Doodles in Lithia, Florida. Afterwards she trained with a Disability Specialist in New Jersey for a year and a half, graduating with honors.

Because she is a Golden Doodle, Willow enjoys regular "spa days" and grooming at home to maintain her soft white hair. Beautiful Willow's most treasured toy is a stuffed alligator given to her by her cousin Mavis.

#### SHUFFLEBOARD

By Bill Madill

Well, we have completed another successful year of our in park shuffleboard league with many thanks Ellsworth Heating to their and Cooling for



sponsorship! Our year ended up with the most games won by a woman, Sue Nickolas with 40, and myself with the most man wins 40, the singles went to Cindy Schmidt with first place, Jeff Dieck second place, and Carol Tolbert third place. Bill Gailbraith and Robin Mann won the doubles, Tim Walz and Bill Madill finished second. Special thanks to Warren and George for their effort in keeping our discs polished. Only time will tell what will happen next year. "We are not even a threat to Shuffleboard"

Bill Madill 519-634-5619

### LINE DANCE CLASSES

By Ellen Heigham

Thanks to everyone who came out to dance with me this year! See you next fall!

For more info call Ellen 617 448 1748



#### **HELPING HANDS**

By Lenan Crisci



By the time you read this I will be back in my little house in Maine, driving my red Kia. Last month I volunteered to lead the Helping Hands Club. Now I've learned there is no club, not even a committee. What now? This is a Big Park! I can't do this alone. I'd need dozens of Caring Hearts to help. What do I do best when I'm overwhelmed? Call on God. I will have six months to pray for those Caring Hearts to come together in the Fall, when I return to form the first meeting of the Caring Hearts Club. Looking forward to seeing you all in the Fall. God bless us all.

You may reach Lenann at 207-705-2256

#### Forest Park Craft Club By Carole Beconder



Craft Club will end our meetings at the end of April. I wish everyone a safe and healthy Summer. We will resume meeting in the fall.

**Carole Beconder 330-726-9776** 

#### MEMORIAL DAY CRAFT

By Kathy Revels

Materials Needed:
10 Wooden Paint Stirring Sticks
3 or more Stars
Red, White, Blue Paint
Paint brush
Glue
Twine or Ribbon



Seven of the paint sticks will be used for the flag. Three will be trimmed to 7 inches to hold these seven together. Paint the front and sides of your sticks: 4 sticks red, 3 sticks white. Beginning with red, alternate the red and white to create the stripes. Turn the sticks face down on a flat surface. Glue the three 7" sticks vertically to hold the red and white sticks together. Allow to dry. Turn right side up. Paint the left 6 inches of the top 4 sticks blue. Paint the stars white and apply to the field of blue. You can also use buttons as stars. Attach ribbon or twine to back and hang.



#### WIFI/COMPUTER CLUB

By John Wright



Recent Improvement to Forest Park's WiFi:

Communications come into our Clubhouse via underground fiber optic cable. This is fed through equipment in the Clubhouse via cable to 8 radios/antennas on the Clubhouse tower. Each radio/antenna broadcasts to a circular segment of the Park.

Your home radio/antenna is tuned to communicate with a specific tower antenna. Because the fiber optic cable is underground, it has proven to be resistant to storms. During Hurricane Ian, it was only out for a few hours. But the distribution equipment and tower antennas need 120-volt AC power. Our WiFi equipment includes a small battery, but, if the power grid went out for more than a hour or so, we would lose our WiFi.

To improve this situation, we have installed a large battery that will keep the WiFi going for hours if the grid goes down. Also, it is supported by solar panels, so that we can provide 120-volt power to our system through prolonged grid failures. If a storm does not destroy our tower antennas, we will be able to provide WiFi indefinitely.

Our office and Activities Building have a generator for power outages. They will now have the internet, (including telephones), provided the underground fiber and tower antennas are functional. Homeowners with generators will also have internet.

Thank You, WiFi Group

#### PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB

By Cindy Trepanier



As the season winds down and more people leave for the summer, the quilt club is asking for help. If you know of someone in the park that has cancer, an illness or surgery, please let the office know. We give quilts to let them know we are thinking of

them and a quilt is like a warm hug during this trying time.

We will start back in November on Thursdays at 9:00. No matter the level, beginner to skilled, everyone is welcome. I always learn something new each week from the group. We discuss issues and techniques. We have fabric and machines to make park quilts, so please join us.

**Cindy Trepanier** 

#### "THE PETAL PUSHERS" GARDEN CLUB

By Teri Snyder

We are officially finished for this season. We had a very successful first year and look forward to getting back together with everyone in October. For those members who are here year round, we will be getting together from time to time to maintain the plants and flowers in the Park during the summer months to ensure they stay looking nice.

Thanks for a great first season and see everyone next October.

Terri Snyder at 716-939-0627 or stop by 459 Jacaramba Ct.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Mr Editor,

I want you to know how much I appreciated this issue. It contained news I was hoping to read for some time. I liked the features, Volunteer Spotlight, by Heather Flavin and all the others. I have long awaited such articles.

Thanks to all for the contributions. I hope there will be more features of this kind.

Donna Stiner

### Mr. Editor, I DON'T GET IT!

It seems as though every week we are receiving news blasts from the office about another infraction in the Park: food being taken from the kitchen, speeders making our roads unsafe, garbage being left outside the rv area, stop signs being ignored.....the list goes on and on. Why, I ask? Can't people see this is costing clubs and the FPPOA money, to replace the stolen items, clean up the garbage, and put up more and more signs, while hoping motorists will slow down?

We moved into this Park to enjoy the winter sunshine, make new friends, participate in fun activities, and be part of a community we could say was a slice of heaven. Well folks, it's not heaven when people think rules are to be broken, things are there for the taking, and others don't matter.

One thing is for certain, though. If we can't stop bad things in Forest Park, how can we expect to stop them in the world around us? It is way past time for people to start being better people right here in Forest Park, North Fort Myers.

**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**, **May 14th 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 Forest Park Library has books for all ages. Whether you are an avid reader or just looking for an inexpensive - mind-expanding - pastime for yourself or for children,



look no further than our stocked library. Come and visit!!!.

Your librarian, Maureen Hesketh 508-962-5979

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

The NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/NIGHT PATROL needs more *volunteers* to step up to patrol

and protect our Park this summer season. If enough people sign up, it may only require a one night per month commitment. Contact Gloria Restko at 813-841-9920

The SOCIAL CLUB needs 3 *volunteers* every Tuesday morning to crush cans beginning May 6. If we could get 6 *volunteers*, they could rotate every

8



other week. The money raised is used for our many winter entertainment programs, Veterans Day, Christmas, New Years, Valentines Day, Spring Fling, etc. Contact Monte Johnson at 319-415-2816

The Red Hatters will need a new leader for next season. Contact Heather Flavin at 508-612-6386











## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/NIGHT PATROL

By Gloria Restko



#### **ATTENTION: EVERYONE!!**

We would like to see more volunteers for the summer



night patrol come on board. Our faithful winter residents will soon be going back North so we are in DESPERATE need of more night patrol <u>volunteers</u> to keep Forest Park safe from intruders.

#### THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WINTER RESIDENTS FOR VOLUNTEERING Gloria Restko 813-841-9920



#### **SOCIAL CLUB THANKS!!**

By Nancy Cooper

As the winter season wraps up it is sometimes nice to look back at all that has happened in Forest Park. Some of it has been good ... we missed the major hurricanes that plummeted our region, favorite restaurants survived the summer when many go out of business, and we learned that Aldis would soon become a neighbor. Sadly, we also had some not so good news learning that old friends were selling and moving away, development in N. Ft. Myers is ramping up which adds to road traffic and some of our favorite restaurants didn't survive.

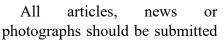
For the Social Club it was a season of new ideas. When two sisters approached the Club and said they wanted to host the New Year's Eve Party everyone was relieved. When those same two ladies said it was going to be a night to remember they knew what they were talking about. They lit up the Clubhouse, they lit up the smiles of people attending, and they lit up the future of things to happen.

Another new idea was the dream of Club President, Ellen Heigham. She wanted to host a Spring Fling, outside, under the pavilion with music, games and food. Thanks to her planning and hard work, plus the many who volunteered, the day was absolutely perfect. Nearly 150 folks came together, kicked aside life's worries and enjoyed being together.

As we head north or stay here to prepare for Florida's summer heat and hopefully less traffic, please take a moment to think about all the people who made this season one of the greatest. Without them it would not have happened. Please take a moment as well to ask yourselves what you can do next season to help. Several people mentioned that there should be a Fall Fling. Sounds like a good idea.... Are you willing to do the work? We're open to new ideas...

#### **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

by Monte Johnson





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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. <u>The editor has no control over the filler puzzles or games!</u>



#### **EDITOR THOUGHTS**

By Monte Johnson

May marks one year since I assumed the Editors position for the Forest Park Newsletter. I must admit, it has been a year of learning, as I have never been a writer, or edited anything in my life. I remember as an elementary and junior

high school student how I despised the English language classes which required the learning of the structure of a sentence, the subject of a sentence, nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs, and adjectives. All these ridiculous things that any Iowa farm boy thought could never possibly be needed in the real world. What good would they do when talking to the cows at milking time or the sows when you are in the hog house cleaning out the farrowing stalls?

Well, I grew up and left the farm after high school graduation to seek my fortune in the real world. After working on the Milwaukee Road railroad as a section hand and foreman for seven years, the railroad went bankrupt. I learned valuable lessons though on handling employees as people. Being a Foreman, overseeing twenty five laborers on a railroad extragang, reconditioning track at the age of twenty two will give a person a real perspective on life. I only had a handful of employees younger than myself. The older employees were laid off from other jobs and not happy about having to work, instead of drawing

unemployment. I had to learn how to diplomatically lead, direct, respect, discipline, and gain their respect while they completed back breaking labor in one hundred degree heat that they did not want to perform.

This fortuitous change in employment required me to go back to my agricultural roots and gain employment as a salesperson for a local feed store, a regional hog confinement building manufacturer, and then with a local cooperative. The agricultural economy was reeling from lending interest rates in the twenty two percent range and the hog market at twenty five dollars per hundredweight. I had to learn how to speak intelligently to a family or to a group, make a sales presentation to an individual or to a large group, write a proposal to present to an individual or a farm corporation. I was awarded the "Rookie Salesperson of the Year" in 1979 by Farmstead Industries for selling the most hog confinement buildings of any new salesperson that year.

With a gloomy agricultural employment outlook, my wife and I decided to go to college in our mid thirties with three teenage sons to feed and no income. Deb completed a short bookkeeping course and accepted a job with Orkin Exterminating as an Office Administrator where she retired after thirty years and after being awarded with a trip to Las Vegas as the top administrator in the company in 1998. I completed an Associates degree in accounting and began a thirty year career in sales and management. First by managing two waterbed stores for a couple of years. (remember waterbeds?) Then I began a twenty eight + year career in sales and management at a local car dealership, working my way up from being a service advisor, to assistant service manager, service manager, parts manager, sales person, and internet sales manager. During this time I volunteered on the Board of Directors for the University of Northern Iowa Panther Athletic Scholarship Club for twelve years, serving on their executive council for five years and President for the year when our club won the Governor's award for volunteerism in Iowa. At the same time I was elected to the City Council in Raymond, Iowa for one four year term as Mayor-Pro-Tem and then to three, four year terms as Mayor. So you see, learning those nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs, and adjectives did come in handy, along with proper punctuation.



#### **KARAOKE**

Karaoke with Chris Tybor is held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, October-May from **7-9pm Note the 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 April 21st at 5:30 pm for the last \$5.00 hotdog dinner and 50/50 raffle for the season!! Just before Karaoke!! Sponsored by the Forest Park Tool Club. Then stick around to sing, or hear some talented singers from right here in Forest Park.

#### **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.



TAI CHI CLASS by Lenann Crisci

Tai chi is one of the love's of my life, and I believe that my training in this Art may have saved My Life, but

I'll save that story till next month. This month is the close of classes for the summer. The time when many of the Snow birds will migrate back to our homes in the North. Our last class will be April 15th. Today I would like to

Honor all my students who had the discipline and perseverance it takes to master this beautiful Martial Art. A special Honor goes to my Senior students Charlene Boyle and Debbie Mieman who have completed all 24 forms and memorized their poetic names. Next year they will perfect each form and earn the Honorable Title of Tai Chi Master.

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Charlene Boyle

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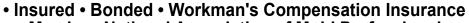
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#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Gregory Pike 25

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John & April Gelesko May 2, 1970 David & Debra Wood May 3, 2013 William & Nancy Campbell May 12, 1984 Bob & Ann Charles May 21, 2009 Ronny & Dana Lee May 22, 1977 Michael & Nanette Gray May 28, 2019 Robert & Paula Chapin May 30, 2008 Charlie & Lynne Baker May 31, 2013



#### WELCOME TO FOREST PARK

Scott & Jennifer Johnson 565 Peace Lake Ct MI

#### 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. Exercise Class will resume in the fall. Watch for announcements in the Newsletter..

#### **RED HAT LADIES**

By Heather Flavin



Red Hats has completed their Spring 2025 season.

I hope all of you have a great, safe and healthy summer season.

I am stepping down from running the Red Hats and A **NEW** LEADER is needed. Please contact me with any questions.

HEATHER FLAVIN 508-612-6386

## FOREST PARKS HOME CHURCH "THE LIGHT"

By Roberta Rizas

Hello Forest Park neighbors,

Just a reminder, all are welcomed to attend "THE LIGHT" home church at 457 Jacaranda Court every Sunday at 6 PM. We will miss all of you heading back



north. Praying for safe trips for all of you and can't wait to welcome you all back. Praying you all had a wonderful Good Friday, Palm Sunday, and Easter Sunday. Jesus will be with us forever. We praise him for his goodness and love. Share his love with one another. God bless all of you in our home PARK, and others too.

Remember May 1st is our National Day of Prayer. We need lots of prayer for our United States of America. Remember all your mom's and Grandmoms on May 11th, titled Mothers Day. May 17th is Armed Forces Day and May 26th is Memorial Day. Lots of praying to be done. Enjoy all your May flowers.

Roberta

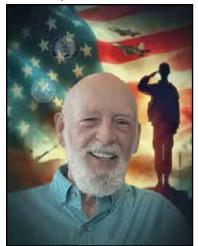


#### IN MEMORIAM

#### Sidney Warren Bloomfield

September 9, 1946 - April 8, 2025

Sidney Warren Bloomfield, 78, of Quincy passed away



peacefully surrounded by his family on April 8, 2025. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and dedicated educator. Sidney was a devoted member of the Quincy Church of Christ, where his faith and commitment to serving others were guiding forces throughout his life.

He was born on September 9, 1946 to the

late Walter "Bum" and Violet Bloomfield Brown. Sidney honorably served his country in both the Army National Guard and the United States Air Force, demonstrating his unwavering dedication to duty and patriotism. His service to the nation was a source of pride for his family and community.

Following his military career, Sidney found his calling as an educator at FMCTC, teaching carpentry, where he inspired countless students with his knowledge and kindness. His dedication to his students and colleagues left an indelible mark on the community.

Outside the classroom, Sidney found joy in the great outdoors. A fisherman and hunter, he cherished the quiet moments spent by the water or in the woods and he loved sharing those moments with his family and friends. He loved to golf and spent many hours in his shop working on projects for his family and friends. His love of traveling took him to all 50 states and many countries. He also enjoyed many mission trips where he had the opportunity to help build schools and churches.

Sidney's greatest pride and joy came from his family. As a devoted husband, loving father, and doting grandfather, he poured his heart into his loved ones, always offering guidance, love, and support. He will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew him. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

He was preceded in death by two infant brothers, one infant sister, his parents, and his brothers Gary Bloomfield and William Bloomfield. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 58 years Brenda, two daughters, Melissa (Bill) Bryant of Lexington and Kara (Tony) Johnson of Vanceburg; two brothers, Wayne (Nancy) Bloomfield of

Piketon, OH, and Dallas (Judy) Bloomfield of Milton, FL; six grandchildren, Warren (Katy) Bryant, Baesha Johnson, Madison (Josiah) Dongell, Taelyn Johnson, Hallie Bryant and Willens Alcime and many other friends and family.

Funeral Services will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Quincy Church of Christ, 12275 E. KY 8, Quincy, Kentucky, 41166, with Brother David Ray and Brother Danny Bentley officiating. Burial will follow in Morgan Cemetery.

Friends may visit from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Friday, April 11, 2025, at Dickerson Funeral Home, 110 West Second Street, Vanceburg, Kentucky and after 10 a.m., April 12, 2025, until the service hour at Quincy Church of Christ.

Military Honors will be conducted at the gravesite by Monte Lewis Stamm Post 5438.

Dickerson Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Sidney Warren Bloomfield.

#### Notes of Cheer By Robyn Johnson



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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



#### 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



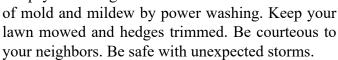
and bicycles, they will have no protection against a speeding vehicle. Throughout the Park our Posted Speed Limit is 15 MPH.

• 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.

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- 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 <u>before 7am</u> 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.

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 workbench 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, without 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.

Notice the RED BUTTON on the controller.

This is for emergencies only.

DO NOT TOUCH THE RED BUTTON!!

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?





#### **Apologies**

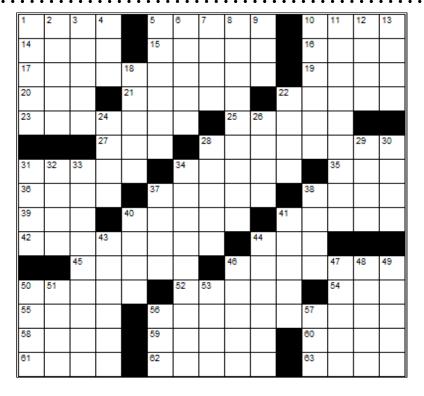
We extend our sincerest apologies to our loyal readers from afar. We were just informed that our online edition of the newsletter for March and April was not posted to the Forest Park website." Please contact the Forest Park office at fppoainc@gmail.com or webmaster@forestparkonline.com.



## **May Crossword**

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Identical
- 5. Illustrated
- 10. Goblins
- 14. Coagulate
- 15. Sound
- 16. Type of sword
- 17. Accomplishment
- 19. Culminating point
- 20. Permit
- 21. British biscuit
- 22. Off-white
- 23. Stalker
- 25. Funeral piles
- 27. "I agree"
- 28. Water removal
- 31. Adjust again
- 34. Sneaks a look
- 35. Wetland
- 36. Gorillas
- 37. Squeeze
- 38. Online journal
- 39. Zero
- 40. Requires
- 41. Sows
- 42. Icebreakers
- 44. Honey insect
- 45. Stop
- 46. Choral composition
- 50. Mend
- 52. Approaches
- 54. Consumes
- 55. Freshwater mussel
- 56. Perspicacity
- 58. Economic prosperity
- 59. Rent
- 60. Lack of difficulty
- 61. Rational
- 62. Aromatic compound
- 63. Lyric poems



#### **DOWN**

- 1. Anagram of "Clasp"
- 2. Change
- 3. Slogan
- 4. Estimated time of arrival
- 5. Social events
- 6. Hearsay
- 7. Gulf port
- 8. Juice extraction
- device
- 9. Excluding
- 10. Paradise
- 11. Like human thumbs 34. False appearances
- 12. Ale or lager
- 13. Alluring

- 18. A small island
- 22. Colored part of the eye
- 24. Y Y Y
- 26. Long-haired wild
- oxen
- 28. Accomplishments
- 29. Not bad
- 30. They come from hens 50. Taverns
- 31. Hindu princess
- 32. Majestic
- 33. Choice
- 37. A leguminous plant
- 38. Borscht vegetable

- 40. He built the ark
- 41. Perception
- 43. Develop into
- 44. Swap
- 46. Reason
- 47. Coming up
- 48. Thigh armor
- 49. Donkeys
- 51. Dwarf buffalo
- 53. French for "State"
- 56. Beer
- 57. Modern











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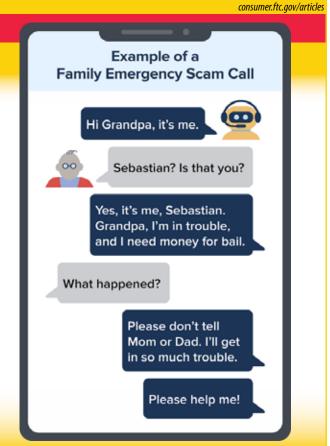


#### **Family Scams**

Scammers are good at **pretending to be someone that they're not**. They try to trick you into thinking **a loved one is in trouble.** 

Once the scammer makes you think they're your grandson and in trouble, they pressure you to quickly send them money. **But it's all a scam.**Your family member was never in trouble.

- The scammer will say it's **urgent** and that you're the only one who can help.
- The scammer might tell you it's **important to keep it secret**. They don't want you talking to other family members and friends and realizing it's a scam.
- The scammers will **play with your emotions.** They're counting on you to act quickly to help your family or friend. And they're counting on you to pay without stopping to check out whether there's really an emergency. If you get a call like this, you can be sure this is a scam.



Slow down. Verify.

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## May Word Search

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