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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

By *Heather Flavin*

GETTING THE WORD OUT



Ann and Dick Teal of Knotty Pine Circle, certainly know their alphabet. They stepped up for the park and volunteered to keep our signboards current. Sometimes, there is so much happening, they do their best to abbreviate and get it all on there. Ann and Dick are from Horicon, Wisconsin.

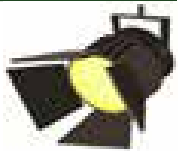
They have been wintering in Forest Park for many years. Ann's uncle was Joe Symons, she inherited his house in 2003. Joe was instrumental in the Forest Park Property Owners Association formation.

Dick and Ann will be married 65 years on July 30, 2025. They have 6 children in 6 different states, 16 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren with another on the way. Dick started working for John Deere as an engineer in 1974. They moved to the small community of Horicon in 1975. Most homes back then, weren't big enough to accommodate 8, so Dick designed theirs and had it built. Dick retired in 2000 from the position of Manager of product development, Lawns and Grounds division. They remain in the same home.

I asked Ann what the secret to 65 years of marriage was. Dick and Ann believe that Love, Faith and Family are the key ingredients, along with some "Patience and Yes Dears." I asked Ann if she had worked, she quickly said, "I had 6 kids". Ann regularly volunteered for the boys and girl scouts. When their youngest went off to college, Ann told Dick she had retired.

Ann had been an active Craft Club member in the past. She enjoys sewing and being in the Quilt Club. Dick and Ann are members of the Northeast Club.

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COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

The committee completed a series of reminder letters that were emailed / mailed out in MAY. We are happy to report that some of the concerns are already addressed / and or corrected. We also answered several resident complaints which were resolved. Please understand we are willing to work together with any resident that has conditions/ non compliance issues of their homes. This will help all residents with home values and community pride. Don't forget -complaint forms are located in the office and Lee County has a non-emergency number for more serious problems. On another note, it has been reported that non residents from the area have been using the pool. If you see something -say something! Thanks to all and have a great summer!

Compliance Committee

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

BOARD OF DIRECTOR & GENERAL MEETING DATES

From the Office



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. Our By-Laws require 75 association members to attend to have a quorum. Our next regular meetings are scheduled for

OCTOBER 16, 2025 Board Meeting 9 AM

OCTOBER 23, 2025 Membership Meeting 7 PM

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Chris Tybor



Hello Forest Park,

By this time most of our snowbirds are back to their summer homes. I wish them an enjoyable summer with family and friends and we will see

you when you come back in the fall.

I want to wish our maintenance crew a speedy and a full recovery from their surgeries, you can't rush these recoveries, I had one about 12 years ago and it was not fun, especially as I was a right handed person, and it was my right shoulder that was operated on.

I also want to let folks know that we, as Board members, do not reply to Facebook pages material, I do see them but do not respond to them. So the things you may put on Facebook are observed and do get attention if needed, but are not replied to.

I'm going to Michigan for nearly 3 weeks, coming up at the end of May through the middle of June, to visit my family and friends. So Karaoke may not be happening in June, unless I get a replacement before I leave.

Not much else to say, but enjoy the Summer and let's continue to be nice and cordial to each other.

Thank you for your time. Chris

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

By Paula Batson



Name and Street - Robert Rackers
(Rocky), Knotty Pine Cir

Home State - Missouri

Full Time or Snowbird - Full time

How did you find Forest Park -
Significant Other

Number of years in FP - 10 years

Children/Grandchildren/Greats - 3/9/3

Career - Supervisor, Fire Brick Factory, 34 years;
Plumber, 20 years

Dream career - Over the road truck driver to see
America

Favorite color - Red

Dogs or Cats - Dogs, of course

Sunrise or Sunset - Sunset

Have you played a musical instrument - No

Favorite band/artist - Willie Nelson

Best decade of your life - 60's, Met the love of my life

Biggest thing you ever won - Pool Tournament
Championship

Favorite Florida restaurant - Laishley's Crab House,
Punta Gorda

Last thing you ate - Chicken Saltimbocca

If you could choose an anthem song for yourself what
would it be - Getting You Home,

Chris Young

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SEVEN DECADES TOGETHER...

WENDELL AND HELEN COX

By Paula Batson and Kathy Revels



June has traditionally been the most popular month for weddings. Wendell and Helen Cox didn't choose to be married in June, but we celebrate the long time Forest Park residents this month because they have been married over 70 years!

From Bracken County, Kentucky, the Cox's wed on November 26, 1954. They raised their four children while Wendell was a preacher involved in planting new churches. He then worked as 1st Chaplin for the Jefferson County Police Department, counseling police officers and delivering death notices as part of his duties. He returned to preaching full time in 1977.

Wendell's family recently surprised him with a surprise party to celebrate his 90th birthday with most of the couple's 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren attending.

While Wendell was the wage earner for the family, Helen was the heart of it. She loves to cook, sew and take care of her family. Like so many homemakers, Helen has never retired from doing the things she's always loved to do. She loves to keep busy, share her zucchini bread, and visit with family and friends.

Wendell and Helen always loved to travel. They also love to watch game shows. For their Golden (50th) Anniversary they celebrated with a trip to California to see *The Price Is Right* in person. Sadly, they didn't make it onto the stage to get a chance at a prize, but it is one of their favorite memories.



This special couple have always had a love for their church. Because Wendell sings and plays the guitar, he used his talents to record a Gospel album to raise funds for a South Korean mission. The Cox's attend Sunday school and church together every week with many family members and friends from Forest Park. They have passed their faith and values on to their family to carry on the tradition of decades together after promising "Till death do us part."

WOOF, WAG, & WIGGLE

By Kathy Revels and Paula Batson



Looking into Shay Shay's eyes, you can see that she has a story to tell. The Jack Russell/Pitbull mix who is dearly loved by Frank Trombetta was abandoned by a family in Illinois when they moved away. Shay Shay watched, tied up outside, as her family drove away forever. Fortunately, a neighbor saw her and rescued her. That neighbor was Frank's brother, who agreed to drive the 36 lb pup from Illinois to her new home in Florida. Shay Shay is forever grateful!



These days Frank and Shay Shay, who live on Peace Lake Ct, are often spotted walking at Peace Lake Park. Shay Shay's best canine friend is Mr. Bill, but she is wary of other dogs. She earns her favorite Milk Bone treat by sitting up and shaking her paw, but most enjoys playtime with her squeaky football and tug of war with her Dad.

A VERY HAPPY ENDING FOR ELTON

By Heather Flavin

April 16th was a very happy day for Elton. This good looking, lanky, gray and white cat had been hanging around Forest Park for several months. Often seen near the canal scouting out something or in between our yards. He is obviously a very smart cat; he found his way to Robyn Johnson's house. It wasn't too long before a dish of food had been put out for him and Teena, the Queen of the Johnson Castle, had given her approval for him to visit and have meals at her residence.



Elton's sweet personality allowed Robyn to bring him to Bayshore Animal Hospital to check for a microchip. Yes, he had one, but the owner's phone number was not available. Well, the persistent cat lover kept searching and was able to locate the new number that connected Elton to his owner.

Robyn contacted Brittini and gave her the good news. Elton had been missing from his Cape Coral home, about 6 miles away SINCE Halloween... Brittini arrived as soon

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SCAM ALERT



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.



Example of a Family Emergency Scam Call

Hi Grandpa, it's me.



Sebastian? Is that you?



Yes, it's me, Sebastian. Grandpa, I'm in trouble, and I need money for bail.

What happened?

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as she could from work and Elton jumped off Robyn's lap and headed right to that familiar voice. After a great conversation and a few photos, Elton headed home.

Brittini's children were in complete surprise for the happy return of their cat. These two had selected him from a shelter as a kitten 4 years ago. A very happy ending!

SOLOMON'S CASTLE

By Heather Flavin

A nice day's outing is a road trip to Solomon's Castle. Located in Ona, about 62 miles northwest of Forest Park. Several folks in the park recommended this trip, so off we went. It's a nice ride through the country and off the beaten path.

Howard Solomon, (1927 to 2016) purchased 40 acres in March of 1972. He was creative, resourceful, a bit odd and ahead of his time. He recycled and repurposed all sorts of items. The shiny exterior of his castle is discarded offset aluminum printing plates purchased from the Wauchula Herald Advocate for 25 cents a piece in the early 80's.

Howard left high school in Rochester, N.Y., academia and class clown antics did not seem to jive. He headed to Florida and into the Bahamas to pursue carpentry, cabinet making and the construction trade. His talent as an artist was noticed, and he set off to pursue his calling, taking him to Ona. He purchased his initial property in the spring, located alongside Horse Creek in Hardee County. He had been hoodwinked, as the summer rains turned most of his acreage into swamp land. He made the best of it and started building on the highest spot. His labor of love began. He was always known to keep his hands busy.

Initially considered a bit quirky by the townspeople, uncertain of what was going on at his property, he eventually became recognized for his talents and creative, resourceful craftsmanship. Locals often left oil drums, bicycle chains, car parts and various metal and wood scrap pieces at his gate. Folks started coming by and the personal tours of his artistic endeavors began. Current tours are informative and humorous, as the narrative and the jokes were written by Howard himself.

The Encore tour up the hill and past the Alamo replica, is a collection of Howard's classic and rare motor vehicles and impressive artworks.

The Boat in the Moat restaurant serves many homemade dishes that are family recipes. It is a peaceful



setting nestled in amongst the trees and live music compliments the atmosphere. Their lovely gift shop has a lot to offer.

This is a great place to tour, especially with visiting family and friends. Check it out.

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BLUE DOG BAR AND GRILL

By Kathy Revels

Summer might be the perfect time to wander down Pine Island Road while the traffic isn't quite as bad as other times of the year and make your way to the Blue Dog Bar and Grill in Matlacha. The goal of the owners of the Blue Dog was to be a small, friendly neighborhood gathering place with high quality locally sourced food. Most diners agree they have been successful.

Local crabbers, fishermen, shrimpers, and oystermen not only bring their bounty to the tables, they enjoy the finished product. The restaurant, located at 4597 Pine Island Road in Matlacha, phone(239) 558-4970, is a convenient spot to enjoy a meal or refreshment from local brewers when they finish for the day. Catching up with friends around the bar, in the open dining area or on the outside patio is encouraged and expected. Closed on Sunday and Monday, there's plenty of time to relax and enjoy a snack between 11am and 9pm. Blue Dog Bar & Grill

The menu features the freshest of fresh Florida shrimp; fish so fresh it's called the fish of the "moment," salads, burgers, sandwiches and a wide variety of entrees. While seafood might be the reason many folks find the Blue Dog, it is by no means the only choice for a wonderful meal. Also, the Key Lime pie is made in house to top off your meal.

You will most likely park behind the Blue Dog in the parking lot for the Matlacha Community Park if you are not lucky enough to get one of the spots right out front. Either way, take the opportunity to drive through the park on your way out. We drove around closer to the water and walked out onto the Lee County Pier to enjoy the breeze off the water for a few minutes. If you have family visiting, the park has playground equipment and restrooms.

The heart of Matlacha is about 14 miles from Forest



Park. On a good day that's about a half hour drive. Take advantage of the lazy days of summer to enjoy a good meal with a little less traffic.

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

You may reach **Lenann at 207-705-2256**



Forest Park Craft Club

By Carole Beconder

I wish everyone a safe and healthy Summer. We will resume meeting in the fall.

Carole Beconder 330-726-9776



FOREST PARK HISTORY LESSON

By John Wright

Paying Off The Mortgage, 1997-1999,

In 1996, a stranger knocked at my door. He introduced himself as Jerry, a neighbour from around the corner, and inquired "I understand you have a computer"? I responded that I had one of the three that were in the Park at that time. Jerry went on to explain that he was the son-in-law of our park's VP, who had reviewed the Park's financial position and had some concerns.

Jerry recounted that the Park had a large mortgage on which we paid over 9% interest, and the bank that held the mortgage made us keep \$50,000 in a non-interest earning account with them. Jerry had an idea to pay off the mortgage by offering to members a prepayment scheme that would generate the necessary capital. His idea was to offer that if members paid two year's maintenance fees in advance, they would get the third year free. He needed computer help to process the impact on Park finances.

The three computer owners looked at the possible outcomes. At one point, George MacNamara, who owned a Macintosh computer, had printed the entire 25 year payments on his dot-matrix printer. He held the fan-fold paper at shoulder height, let it cascade to the floor and exclaimed, "here's the mortgage". A very convincing demonstration of how long it would go on.

Jerry requested a special member meeting to present his idea. Board members were skeptical but, to their surprise, a very large number of attendees signed to support the idea.

The idea was reviewed and discussed at the next member meeting. Tom McLain, the president pointed out that we had two membership categories and this would create a third. He proposed as an alternative that the Park put every dollar not needed in the short term against the mortgage to pay it off. The motion was made and easily passed by the members.

The mortgage went from over \$200,000 in 1997 to zero at the end of 1999. As Paul Harvey would say, "And now you know the rest of the story."



PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB

By Cindy Trepanier



As our season has ended 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.

"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,

We are new residents in the park and are thoroughly enjoying living here. I especially enjoy reading your newsletter.



However, I have heard this mentioned by other residents that “road rules” are not being followed. Perhaps adding a reminder (see below) to the Residents Need To Remember section...

A concerned citizen and thank you, Pam Hall

“Under Florida law, pedestrians should walk facing traffic when there are no sidewalks available. This is to help them be more aware of approaching vehicles.

Also, trike bikes, like all bicycles, should ride in the same direction as the flow of traffic. This means riding on the right side of the road and following all applicable traffic laws”

Pamela Hall

TOOL CLUB

BY Monte Johnson



The Tool Club has had the most trying, difficult, stressful year since our inception in 2014. Our membership continues to grow as does our inventory of tools. The Tool Club took on the responsibility of resuming the Hotdog dinners that precedes Karaoke on the first and third Mondays of every month. This was done with the intention of raising funds to move out of the termite infested, undersized, former cable shed in the S.W. Corner of the R/V Park. Thank You to those of you that supported the Tool Club by attending our dinners. We will be back in October.

After making several attempts to gain the support of the Board of Directors, the Tool Club has been told that they must now wait for a committee to determine the fate of developing the McDaniel property. As the First Vice President in December of 2020, I along with John Wright, Ken Parsels, and Jon Armstrong were instrumental in the purchase of this property with the intention of expanding the storage capacity of the R/V Park and creating a buffer between the Park and Sun Coast Estates. This was the only property still available to the Park that prevented us from being landlocked. Mike Fanning and I attended a pre-application meeting for applying for a Limited Development Order.

I would like to point out that in order to develop the property, a Type D Limited Development Order is required for a property of that size. An engineering study is required,

along with engineered drawings, an opaque, 8 foot fence is required with a buffer of shrubs on the North side, permits for removing native species trees that exceed 20” in diameter must be obtained. All LDO’s are good for six years. The Budget and Finance Committee has never added the McDaniel Property to the Reserve Budget for funding since the purchase, and there are **ZERO DOLLARS** set aside to begin developing this property.

The Tool Club intended to purchase a twelve to fourteen foot wide by fifty to sixty foot long office/classroom, single wide trailer to be located on the McDaniel Property across the fence next to the aluminum recycling station. This would allow for adequate storage of all the tools and equipment for now and in the future. As well as a large work area allowing members to socialize and work on hobby, craft, or rehabilitation projects. The Tool Club has obtained an EIN number, inquired and was approved to obtain adequate liability insurance, which the BOD required.

A Type B LDO, also a six year plan that allows for a development of any area upto 2500 square feet is required. The Tool Club agreed to pay all expenses for the permit, purchase, location, delivery, set up, outside lighting, and observation cameras, for the trailer. Any insurance premium, fencing, ADA ramp, steps, repair of the current fence by the horticulture dumpster, and maintenance of the grounds around the trailer inside the 2500 square foot area, at no cost to the membership of Forest Park. Because Forest Park is a corporation, the park has to apply for the LDO by having an officer of the corporation sign an “Affidavit of Application”. As secretary of the tool club, I completed all the necessary documents required for Forest Park to obtain a Type B LDO. The BOD were asked at their regular April meeting to approve a motion for an officer of the corporation to sign the “Affidavit of Application” so the Park could apply for a Type B LDO and the Tool Club proceed with the search for a trailer to our liking. No one on the BOD made that motion. Instead the Tool Club item on the agenda for unfinished business was informed that there was the item under new business for a committee to be formed to investigate the development of the property.

At this time, because the BOD would not authorize the signature, the Tool Club can not purchase a trailer when they find one to their liking. The Tool Club is the second largest voluntary club in the park, next to the Northern States Club. The Tool Club has offered to supply the labor to build an observation shed to be placed at the front entrance to the Park. An item the BOD approved over a year ago by motion and then never completed. If the BOD would have approved the signature, the Tool Club would have up to six years to raise more funds, find a trailer, give

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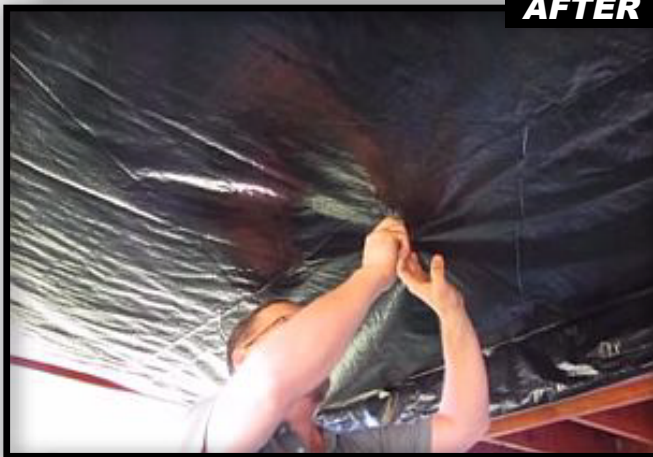
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Any questions, please reach out to Bob Carson 607-857-0320, Jerry Waters 217-361-7736, Mark Snyder 716-939-0237, or Monte Johnson 319-415-2816.

Library News

By Maureen Hesketh

Our library is very well stocked with donated books from our friendly snowbirds. Thanks to our northern readers, we've been given a variety of great mysteries and bios!!!



Come in and browse through and enjoy a summer read.

.Your librarian, Maureen Hesketh 508-962-5979

FOREST PARK SAYS 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. Thank you to the people who have volunteered. If we have two more people we will have enough to fill out the schedule for every week of the month. 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 volunteers to keep Forest Park safe from intruders.*



**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS
FOR VOLUNTEERING**

Gloria Restko 813-841-9920



SOCIAL CLUB NEWS!!

By Monte Johnson



The **Social Club** was formed when the Park was originally incorporated. Every member of the Forest Park Property Owners Association, Inc, is a member. The Club is run 100% by volunteers who are giving of their time to make Forest Park the best park in S.W. Florida. There are no dues to pay, just a willingness to help make Forest Park a better place to live. The Social Club sponsors many entertaining events throughout the year, which requires funds to pay for these events. One of the ways you may contribute is by saving your aluminum bottles and cans for the Social Club to recycle, instead of putting them out on Friday morning for the Waste Pro truck. You only need to rinse out your cans or bottles, allow them to dry, and put them out by your mailbox on Monday after 5:00 pm.

Did you know that your donations of aluminum bottles, cans, and other scrap aluminum helps to contribute over \$1,500 to the Social Club's coffers to be used to pay for the entertaining events we have throughout the season?

The Social Club recently purchased a second electric can crusher to make life a little easier for our volunteer can crushers. We really appreciate your donation of aluminum bottles and cans. The can crushers have a polite request: If you are going to help us out by crushing the can for us, **DO NOT partially crush the can!** This makes it so the cans will not go into the electric crusher properly. They jam up the crusher, requiring us to stop to disassemble the crusher to remove the jammed can, then reassemble. When we try to hold it in the manual crusher it sometimes shoots back out. We don't want someone to be injured trying to finish crushing a partially crushed can. Or worse yet, receive a deep cut from the jagged portion of a can. Also **please**

remove the aluminum cap from the aluminum beer bottles. They will not crush with the cap on. They cause the electric crusher circuit breaker to pop and need to be reset. Also **DO NOT** use the can or bottle as an ashtray. Thank you for your contributions! Every little bit helps!

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

Here we are beginning the sixth month, of the twenty-fifth year, of the first century, of the third millennium. Whew, time sure does fly!! Does everyone remember all the hoopla over the date change from 1999 to 2000. The computers were all going to crash because they weren't programmed to recognize a new millennium. While that didn't happen, there were some things that we take for granted today that hadn't appeared yet.

There was no Facebook, so therefore no Facetime with the grandkids until 2004. How about trying to fix anything back in 2000. We couldn't look at a YouTube video before 2005. They weren't invented yet. How did we DIYer's ever survive? Flash Drives replaced C/D's and Floppy Disks. Noone had an iPhone yet since they weren't invented until 2007. How did anyone live 25 years ago without an iPhone? Cars had A/C and Cruise Control, but what about this new fangled laser guided cruise control and self driving cars? Lane Departure Alert, Blind Spot Monitoring, and Automatic Braking? Not in 2000.

In 2000 the prices for food were **Eggs:** \$0.93 per dozen, **Lean ground beef:** \$2.22 per pound, **Bacon:** \$2.93 per pound, **Steak:** \$3.15 per pound, **Whole milk:** \$2.75 per



gallon, **Ice cream:** \$3.75 per half gallon, **Orange juice:** \$1.81 per can of frozen concentrate, **Cheese:** \$3.85 per pound, **White bread:** \$1.44 per pound, **Potatoes:** \$0.39 per pound, **Chicken:** \$1.64 per pound, **Bananas:** \$0.52 per pound

Prices have risen significantly since then due to inflation, supply chain changes, and economic shifts. Consumable prices today are: Eggs: \$7.25 per dozen, Ground beef: \$5.89 per pound, Bacon: \$7.15 per pound, Steak: \$10.50 per pound, Whole milk: \$4.29 per gallon, Ice cream: \$6.99 per half gallon, Orange juice: \$3.99 per can of frozen concentrate, Cheese: \$6.75 per pound, White bread: \$2.99 per pound, Potatoes: \$1.25 per pound, Chicken: \$3.99 per pound, Bananas: \$0.79 per pound. In most cases food prices have doubled or more.

The median home price in 2000 was \$119,600 and in Florida today it is \$402,000. While the median household income in 2000 was \$42,148 and in 2023 it was \$83,610 The home price has increased 336% while income has only increased 198%. **FOOD FOR THOUGHT!**

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.



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.



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IN MEMORIAM

Jim Bowman

December 18, 1927 – April 25, 2025

Jim Bowman – Passed away April 25th, 2025 age 97 years.

Nancy (Jim's wife) asked that we share some memories of their time here in the Park and a little about Jim's life. They lived in Forest Park for the last 10 years, enjoying life here during the winter months & during this time making many friends.



Jim served as a Marine, then moved to spending 20 years working in a factory. He was a builder and also farmed for part of his life. His main hobbies were playing golf and fishing. Jim continued to golf each week until around 2 or 3 years ago.

Berea, Kentucky was Jim's hometown where he lived all his life; taking part in the planning of the town for the betterment of his city.

Jim will be missed by friends here in Forest Park & friends will offer a hand of friendship to Nancy as she plans to return to Forest Park in the not-too-distant future.

There is an obituary online if anyone wishes to further remember Jim.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/james-bowman-obituary?id=58251380>

Carol S. Warner

December 23, 1937 — May 10, 2025

Delmar – Carol S. Warner, age 87, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 10, 2025, surrounded by her loving family at Daughters of Sarah nursing facility in Albany, NY. She was born and raised in Buffalo in 1937 to the late Norman C. and Phyllis E. Schultz.



Carol graduated from Erie Community College as a Dental Hygienist and later earned her Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) degree after raising her family. She dedicated many years of service to the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities in Gowanda.

Carol's greatest joy came from the people she loved. She and her devoted husband, Kenneth G. Warner, shared a beautiful life filled with adventure, laughter, and unwavering support. They together raised their family in Sardinia, NY. Carol delighted in life's simple pleasures: raising sheep, tending to her flower gardens, square dancing, word puzzles, card games, bonfires under the stars, and enjoying her chardonnay and chocolate. Upon retirement they enjoyed traveling before they moved to North Fort Myers, Florida.

Above all, Carol cherished her family. She was a deeply devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her love knew no bounds, and her home was always open — not just to family, but to the many foster children she and Ken welcomed with open arms and generous hearts.

Carol is survived by her children, Robert (Deborah) Warner and Nancy (Gregory) Knox; her grandchildren, Matthew (Susie) Warner, Kate Ercolina, John Sprague, Jeffrey (Jane) Knox Lu, and Jennifer (Michael) Bodine; and nine treasured great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind many cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Carol was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Kenneth, her parents, and her sister, Audrey Jacobs.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the staff of Peregrine Senior Living in Delmar and Daughters of Sarah for their loving care and support.

Family and friends were invited to gather on Friday, May 16, 2025, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the W.J. Lyons, Jr. Funeral Home, 1700 Washington Avenue, Rensselaer. A funeral service followed at 11:30 a.m. Carol was laid to rest privately beside her beloved Ken at Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Carol's honor were made to the Parkinson's Foundation at www.parkinson.org.



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Brenda Dry 1
Sue Neckers 1
Lenann Crisci 2
Linda Sbarboro 4
Susan Nickolas 6
Barbara Batson-Passos 8
Elaine Moller 8
Laurie Quigley 9
Melissa Parks 12
Peggy Cleary 13
Dean Steffen 13
James Mooney 15
Sandy Corrigan 16
Philip Power 16
Ismael Ortiz 17
Ron Croteau 20
Bob Morris 20
Charlie Baker 20
Nanette Gray 21
Brian Hafer 22
Scott Johnson 23
Sam Amici 24
Ronald Trepanier 26
Rick Lawton 26
Gianna Wachholz 29
Harry DeMeester 30



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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Keith & Delorus Burgett June 4, 1976
Peter & Becky Lodi June 5, 2009
George & Linda Wolff June 5, 1998
Chad & Christen Henning June 7, 1997
Timothy & Lori Waltz June 11, 1977
Sam & Karen Amici June 12, 2014
Cheryl & Ron Geik June 14, 1969
Steven & Renee Huck June 22, 1975
Mark & Theresa Snyder June 24, 1972
Don & Maureen Hesketh June 29, 1963
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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



TAI CHI CLASS

by Lenann Crisci

Tai Chi Has ended for the summer and will resume again in the fall. Watch for an announcement in the newsletter later on.

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

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 token trespasser@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

FOREST PARKS HOME CHURCH “THE LIGHT”

By Roberta Rizas



Hello Forest Park neighbors,

Though many have left to spend their summers in Northern states, we look forward to their returning in the fall. Forest Park Church, “The Light”, will still meet on Sundays at 6:00 pm at 457 Jacaramba Ct.

This month I am sharing an article that I will write half for this month and share the closing half in July’s newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading it. Thank You for taking the time and I pray you will take the time to share it with others. Great information! See you in July.

“YOU ARE NO ACCIDENT, GOD CHOSE YOU!”

From time to time, someone says, “My parents didn’t plan for me. I was an accident no one expected.” People use this as an excuse for not accepting more responsibility in life, claiming that they are accidents who came into the world by mistake and aren’t even supposed to be here!

Well, I want to tell you that even though we may have been a surprise to our parents, we were not a surprise to God! The Bible teaches that long before you or I were ever conceived in our mothers’ wombs, God already knew us and was calling us to be His children with a special purpose to fulfill in this world.

In Psalms 139:15-16, David declares that God’s eyes were fixed on us not only when we were in the earliest stages of being formed in our mother’s womb, but even before we were conceived. David said concerning himself (and us), “My substance was not hidden from Thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in Thy book all my members were written, which in Thy continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.”

According to David, God knew us when we were nothing more than mere “substance” in the earliest stages of being formed in our mothers’ wombs. God was so intricately aware of us that He took note as our arms, hands, fingers, legs, feet, and toes were being formed. In fact, this verse says “He even knew us “...when as yet, there was none of them in existence! Think of it! Long before we were conceived, God already knew of us - and by faith He could see us being conceived, formed, and born into this world. This means there isn’t a single human being on the earth who was a surprise to God, and that includes *you*!

Those of us who are believers were also saved by no accident. Paul writes, “According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world...” The word “chosen” in Greek is *eklego* - a compound of the words *ek* and *lego*. The word *ek* means “out”, and the word *lego* means, “*I say*”. Together these words literally mean *Out, I say!* It can also mean *to call out, to select, to elect, or to personally choose*.

In classical Greek writings, this word *eklego* referred to a person or a group of people who were selected for a specific purpose. For example, the word *eklego* was used for the selection of men for military service. It was also used to denote soldiers who were *chosen out* of the entire military to go on a special mission or to do a special task. Finally, it was used for politicians who were elected by the general public to hold a public position or to execute a special job on behalf of the community.

In every case where the word *eklego* is used to portray the election or selection of individuals, it conveys the idea of *the great privilege and honor of being chosen*. It also strongly speaks of *the responsibility placed on those who are chosen to walk, act, and live in a way that is honorable to their calling*. Because of the great privilege of being elected to a higher position or selected to perform a special task, those who are “chosen” bear a responsibility to walk and act in accordance with the calling that has been extended to them. They should look upon themselves as chosen, honored, esteemed, and respected - special representatives of the ONE who elected them!

So when Paul says that God “...hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world...” he is saying that God looked out to the horizon of human history - *and He saw us!* And when God saw us, His voice echoed forth from Heaven: “*Out, I say!*” In that flash, our destinies were divinely sealed! We were separated by God from a lost and dying world, and He called us to be His own.

Just as the word *eklego* in classical Greek times depicted the military selection of young men to leave their homes and come serve in the military, God looked out at the human race and personally selected, elected, and specially chose us to come away from the world and be permanently enlisted as His sons and daughters! Now as children of the King, we bear the awesome responsibility of walking worthily of the high calling we have received.

Hold on to this newsletter, the story will be continued in the July Newsletter.



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 **Summer Quiet Time** are **11PM to 7AM.** *Please be respectful of your neighbors!*

****LAWN MOWING HOURS****

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****LAWN MOWING HOURS****

June 1st. - August 31st.

7:00 AM to 11:00 PM

September 1st. - May 31st.

8:00 AM to 10 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.***



Forest Park

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. 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?



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5. Food thickener
9. Ancient Roman magistrate
14. Colored part of the eye
15. Magistrate of old Venice
16. Type of body fluid
17. Pub sight
19. Duplicate
20. Primitive weapon
21. Instructing
23. Petitions
25. Set apart
28. Pull
29. A spider's home
32. Work stoppage
33. On behalf of
34. Draw near
35. Droops
36. Ready for anything
38. By mouth
39. Mormon state
40. Central
41. High-protein bean
43. Evening (poetic)
44. Permit
45. To an extreme degree
46. Ruffed grouse
48. Supervises
50. Empower
54. Object
55. A collection of works
57. Daughter of a sibling
58. Nights before
59. A Great Lake
60. Castle component
61. Expunge
62. Pair



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| 4. Set up | 24. Paddle-wheelers | 45. Get rid of |
| 5. Big fuss | 25. Put out | 46. British penny |
| 6. A small chin beard | 26. Condition | 47. Pass a rope through |
| 7. Concur | 27. Musical instrument | 48. Buckeye State |
| 8. Editor | 29. Value | 49. Scene |
| 9. Shun | 30. Electronic letter | 51. Small boat |
| 10. Salami shops | 31. Stomach | 52. Murres |
| 11. Metal used in steel | 33. Provided with food | 53. Got a good look at |
| 12. Breathing organ | 34. Feeling satisfied | 54. Explosive |
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Forest Park June 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 10:30 am Pool Exercise 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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Pentecost	7:00 pm Karaoke with Chris - Clubhouse					First Day of Summer
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