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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

By Heather Flavin



Forest Park is very fortunate to have Marcos
Passos. He is our resident beautification artist. He has done a fabulous
job restoring and painting many of the park's statues. They can be found
around the beautiful pool, Peace Lake dog park, mini golf course, and in
front of the entry at the Activity Building.

Barbara Batson Passos recently shared some information about her husband. Marcos was born in Ponta Grossa, Brazil in 1959. He came to Brooklyn, NY with his family in 1979. He started a career as a Glazier (commercial installation of glass) which spanned over 40 years as a Union member. Marcos met his wife Barbara, in the 80's and they married in 1988. Barbara's grandfather lived in the park starting in 1975, and after he passed, his daughter Linda and her husband Paul, (Barb's parents) started to snowbird from New Jersey's harsh winters. Marcos and Barbara were frequent visitors and grew to love Forest Park. In 2023, they both retired and bought a home here.

Marcos started to paint some things at home, and realized not only did he love it, but he also discovered he had a

hidden talent! Taking the bull by the horns, he volunteered to start making over some of the plain cement statues in and around the park. Marcos has even been hired by some residents to paint their statues and all have been thrilled. Your newsletter editor has had Marcos repair and repaint two statues and the results are beautiful.

As for the future, he hopes to have a long, happy retirement in Forest Park and keep doing what he loves as long as possible.

I for one, and so many others are grateful for his labor of love that is enhancing the beauty of our park. THANK YOU, MARCOS!!











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PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

By Forest Park Compliance Committee

November Winners

Al and Patty Corzine Knotty Pine Circle Al and Ann Bressan Shrub Lane South



In the spirit of recognizing how far we have come and encouraging each other, we will highlight Forest Park homes displaying "Pride of Ownership."



of Ownership."
Don't forget to compliment the homeowners on their beautiful home or home improvements.
The rest of



us benefit not only by having our

neighborhood improved, but we can also get ideas for our own homes from what others have done to enhance their property. Look for a photo in the newsletter and a sign in the owner's yard.

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We are happy to report that we are down to about 15 homes that have not responded or corrected issues for which have been contacted. It's so great to see everyone really putting an effort into getting their homes and properties back up to the standard that Forest Park is known for. We do have an abundance of palm trees in the park with dead limbs hanging from them. Please have your trees trimmed! This should be done at least once a year and is required by our governing documents. Not only is it unsightly- but limbs can be blown in high winds and possibly cause damage or injury. As winter residents and guests will be returning to the park soon, we urge you to please make sure you are aware of the rules of the Park. Here are SOME important ones.... All guests staying overnight or longer, must be registered in the office. Green wristbands must be worn by guests to access all common areas. Green wristbands are required at the pool for guests. No one without a driver's permit or license should be driving a golf cart. (Florida Law) All dogs need to be registered with the office and ALWAYS

on a leash. (8 ft max) Don't allow dogs on other residents' properties. (Florida Law) Children under 18 riding bikes need to be wearing helmets. (Florida Law) Quiet hours are between 10pm and 7 am. (Florida Law) Speed limit is 15 miles per hour and all Stop Signs must be obeyed. There are also new pool rules -so PLEASE read the sign. We are looking forward to everyone returning and having a fun filled winter season. As always, forms are available in the office for suggestions or complaints.

Compliance Committee

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

IN HONOR OF THE VETERANS IN FOREST PARK

November 11th is Veterans Day. At 11:00 am there will be an Honor Guard parade to the Veterans Memorial in the front of the Clubhouse. A short program will follow with music and speakers honoring the veterans who reside in our park. After the program, all veterans, their spouses, and surviving spouses of veterans

veterans that reside here in Forest Park.

Freedom Isn't Free — Thank a Veteran If you woke up this morning in the land of the free, Thank a veteran.

are invited into the Clubhouse for a dinner to honor our

If you slept peacefully through the night, Without fear of bombs or tyranny,

Thank a veteran.

If you are able to speak your mind,

To write, to vote, to challenge,

Thank a veteran.

If you can attend the church of your choice,

Or choose not to attend at all,

Thank a veteran.

If you can peacefully protest,

March, rally, or stand for what you believe,

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If you can dream, build, and raise your family

Without fear of oppression,

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If you see the flag flying high,

And know it stands for liberty,

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Because freedom isn't free—

It was earned, defended, and preserved

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THANKSGIVING DINNER

By Paula Chapin



Sign up with Lucinda King (texting only) 405-431-9647.

Residents will again have a free meal. However, because we have so many new residents, proof of residency will be needed. If you have family members staying with you the price for attendance at the dinner is \$15 per person (no children under 16.) Payment for guest dinners will have to be paid by the cutoff date of November 10th. It will be served on Thanksgiving day at 1:00 PM in the clubhouse. Bring your own place setting and drink of choice. Hope we have a good turnout again this year.

THOUGHTS ON THANKSGIVING SPECIAL MEMORIES AND WORDS OF GRATI-

By Heather Flavin, Thank you to the park members that made this an easy article to write.

Chris Tybor

I recall many years ago, a friend at work came to me and said, "let's go get a flu shot", they were giving them out at work, and I was hesitant about getting one. Thinking that if I got a flu shot, I might get sick, that was the mindset that I had and was refusing to go get one. Then, I remembered the 2 previous years I had the flu at Thanksgiving time and could not go to Thanksgiving dinner at my grandmother's, and she always had a great meal set up for Thanksgiving. Her stuffing was my favorite dish. So, after remembering how I felt for the last couple of years at Thanksgiving, I changed my mind about getting the flu shot and went with my friend and got one. I have been getting a flu shot ever since and I've not had the flu at Thanksgiving time, and I did thank my friend at work for bugging me enough to go get that shot.

Paula Batson

My fondest memories all come from our Thanksgiving Day dinner at my Nana Dot's house. She would cook for days, everything was homemade and so delicious. Typically, it was all my dad's side of the family for the holiday. The grown-ups would be at one table and children at another. She always had Paint by Numbers for us, and I treasured those so much. Today I am thankful to have both of my parents still here and all of us living in Forest Park. I watch my son Landon grow into a great young man and succeed in his program at FGCU. Florida has been a blessing for all my family.

Wendy Henderson Hafer

One Thanksgiving, my dad was saying grace and just as he was finishing, my little sister Lydia jumped in with her own prayer: "God, can you make it snow?" The whole table burst out laughing, and we teased her that it was too early in the season. But, sure enough, by the time we cleared the dishes, snowflakes were falling outside. It felt a little like magic. Lydia, who absolutely loved snow, was over the moon. That moment has stayed with me – not only because it made her so happy, but it was also her last Thanksgiving before she met God in heaven.

Moe Hesketh

In Massachusetts, we owned a log home and hosted many great Thanksgiving get-togethers. Every family member shared a favorite dish, and it was great to see how much the kids had grown. After dinner, the men went out for a walk to just shake off some of the extra pounds continued on page 6

and the women stocked the dishwasher and prepared the "leftovers" in Tupperware for their ride home. Pumpkin pie was served later, and everyone found just a bit more room for dessert. Miss the smell of all the majestic pine trees on our property. That just can't be duplicated!!!

Heather Flavin

When I was little, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, my dad and I would make the trip in the white Pontiac station wagon across the city of Worcester to pick up all the cooking my Nana prepared for our delicious Thanksgiving meal. The stuffed turkey, the extra dish of stuffing, (proper meat stuffing that is) minced meat, pumpkin and pecan pies. (Nana always made her pie crusts with lard). There would be extra crust left over, and she would make pinwheels for me. So, I headed right to the bread box where she kept them. The next day, Nana, "Gampy" and other family members came to our house. I can still hear my dad say, "company's here" and that signaled the beginning of another special holiday together.

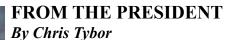
Al Corzine

Fondest memories would be eating Thanksgiving dinner with my mom and dad when they were still living. All the family together. Everyone helped prepare and clean up. My mom was an awesome cook; I think of her and miss her every day. I am thankful for every day I have and the great memories I have from the past.

Ken Parsels

I would like to thank all the gracious people in the park who helped get Forest Park cleaned up after Hurricane Ian. Thanks to everyone who helped during Covid. Joyce and I appreciate everyone who has helped us along the way. We have some very nice people in the park and that is what sets Forest Park apart from the others.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Happy November Forest Park, where has this year gone? They say time flies when you

are having fun. So I'm either having a blast, or I'm too old to know better.

It's getting towards the end of the year and I'm hoping a couple of you will consider running for the President's position, or one of the Board positions. I took this position to let Kenny Parsells take care of his wife, and I think she's been getting better, with Kenny's help. It's a position, as are all the others that need to be filled, so our HOAs stay in check. It's a volunteer job, there is no pay, but there is some satisfaction that you get by volunteering, so please start giving it some thought.

We will soon start to see some old friends returning from up North in the next few months. Let's welcome them back and all enjoy each other's company. I hope everyone is doing well, and staying happy.

Until next month, I'll see you around the park. Chris Tybor

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

NOVEMBER 13, 2025 Board Meeting 9 AM NOVEMBER 20, 2025 Membership Meeting 7 PM

2026 Board of Directors Election

Our volunteer Board manages day-to-day operations, finances, governing documents, insurance, preventative maintenance of our buildings and vehicles, grounds & amenities, maintenance staff, office personnel, property standards and the RV Parking area.

There are several committees which assist the Board, including the:

Budget & Finance Committee

Audit Committee

Election and Inspection/Clerks Committee

Document Review Committee,

Facilities Planning Committee,

McDaniel Property Committee,

Property Standards/Compliance Committee

Beautification Committee

Streets & Drains Committee

Waste Stream Management Committee

Wi-Fi & Surveillance Camera Committee

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2nd and Last ELF ALERT!

Last Call for Elves! Christmas bells are ringing to announce the time for mistletoe, holly, wreaths, and lights, On Saturday, November 29th, at 9:00 a.m., 2 days after Thanksgiving, the Christmas Elves will be gathering at the Clubhouse grounds to decorate for the

holidays! Please mark this date on your calendar!

Many hands make light and fast work! REMEMBER:

Saturday, November 29th, 9:00 a.m. Any questions? Contact Joyce Hines Call: 724-689-5175

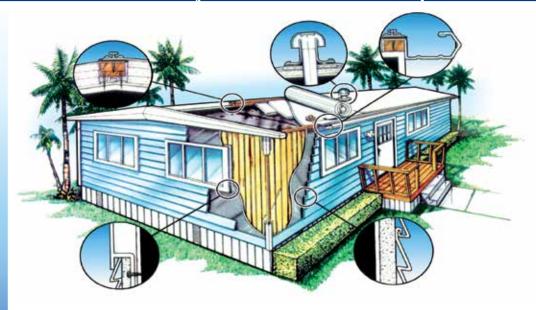




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If you are interested in running for the Board, applications are available in the office. Please feel free to talk with any of our Board members to find out what their responsibilities are.

2026 BOD Open Positions - Applications are available in the office

- 1. President 2 year term (2026-2028)
- 2. 2 nd Vice President 2 year term (2026-2028)
- 3. Treasurer 2 year Term (2026-2028)
- 4. Director #4 3 year Term (2026-2029)
- 5. Director #5 3 year Term (2026-2029)

Cut off date for Nominees to be printed on the ballot December 3rd, 2025

Meet the Candidates Night Wednesday December 4th, 2025

General Election – January 8th, 2026

EDITOR THOUGHTS

By Monte Johnson

To all the residents of Forest Park. Look up above this article to the open positions on our Board of Directors and committees that



will need to be filled for 2026. This month a nominating committee will be formed to solicit association members to fill these positions. I've written in the past about the importance of **volunteering** for these board and committee positions. Forest Park could not operate without **volunteers** serving on the board or committees that support the BOD. Our governing documents restrict the association in the amount of money that may be charged to maintain our amenities. The mini golf, bocce, shuffle board, swimming pool, buildings, parks, ponds, streets, drains, and common areas, all require maintenance whose costs continue to increase at a higher rate than the monthly maintenance fees provided to our Operating and Reserves Budget.

Our Reserve Budget is established to provide the necessary funds needed to replace or complete a major upgrade to an amenity when the time comes. An example is the 2024 refurbishment of our swimming pool. This major upgrade was completed for \$180K. The estimate, in 2024 to replace the pool, with current code requirements for lighting, water volume, and capacity was over \$800K. Your BOD in the past has continued to maintain and improve our park on this shoe string budget. Now is the time for you, our residents, to step up and **volunteer** to run for a position on the board. There are financial decisions that need to be made which will affect all of us in the near and far term.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF CHEER

By Nancy Cooper

Nearly 20 years ago, Joan King, the President of the Northeast Club, wanted to do something to bring a bit of Holiday cheer to a few folks in Forest Park. That year 6 boxes of homemade goodies were passed out thus starting one of our Park's nicest Christmas traditions.

Over these two decades thousands of gifts of cookies, fruit and candy have been delivered by Santa's elves as well as bags of groceries and sympathy boxes given to folks who lost a child or spouse. During the Pandemic, knowing everyone needed some cheer, boxes of cookies were delivered to everyone at home in the Park. Following the devastation of Ian, it was important to bring folks together for a fun evening so the committee hosted a free pizza party.

All of this has been accomplished thanks to the countless volunteers and the generosity of many clubs and individuals. What was once just a sweet idea by a nice lady has been a wonderful gift for the folks in our community.

If you know of someone who might need a bit of cheer this holiday season please let me know. Call or text me, Nancy Cooper at (207) 632-7544.

RECIPE'S OF THE MONTH

By Kathy Revels

Classic Stuffing

1 lb (12 cups) bread cut into 1" cubes

³/₄ cup butter

2 cups chopped onion

1 ½ cups chopped celery

1/4 cup chopped Italian parsley

1 Tbsp minced fresh sage

1 Tbsp minced fresh rosemary

1 Tbsp minced fresh thyme

1 ½ tsp salt

1 tsp pepper

2 lg eggs

2 cups chicken broth

Lay bread cubes in single layer on baking sheet, toast in 250 degree oven 45-60 minutes stirring occasionally. Transfer to large bowl. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a skillet, melt butter and add onion and celery. Sautee until soft. Pour mixture over toasted bread cubes. Add spices and stir to coat bread cubes. Whisk the eggs in a medium bowl. Add the chicken broth and whisk again. Pour mixture over bread and mix well. Pour into greased 9x13 baking dish. Cover with foil and bake for 35 minutes. Remove foil and bake for 10-15 minutes more until top is golden brown and middle is set.

Forest Park

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

By Paula Batson

- Name and Street Annette Riveron, Palm Frond
- 2. Home State Florida
- 3. Part time or Full Time Fulltime
- 4. How did you find Forest Park Recommendation from present resident
- 5. Number of years in FP 2 months
- 6. Children 1 daughter and two grandchildren (boys.)
- 7. Career Certified Medical Assistant
- 8. Dream career Park Ranger
- 9. Favorite color Blue
- 10. Dogs or Cats No pets currently
- 11. Sunrise or Sunset Both of course! Sunrise New Beginnings Sunset time to reflect and be grateful.
- 12. Have you played a musical instrument Flute
- 13. Favorite band/artist Too many to list. All music is good
- 14. Best decade of your life To be determined
- 15. Biggest thing you ever won Tickets to a comedy show
- 16. Favorite Florida restaurant All restaurants that are Waterfront and offer music
- 17. If you could choose an anthem song for yourself what would it be Brown Eyed Girl
- 18. Love Gnomes I can appreciate a well done Gnome Garden
- 19. Favorite Car Motorcycle

WOOF, WAG, & WIGGLE By Paula Batson

Milo, or as he is affectionately known 'Meathead,' is a 12 year old Brindle Old English Bulldog. Elaine Moller has been his mom since he was 6 weeks old. He was



purchased from a breeder back in Elaine's home state of Iowa. This breed is very stubborn (lol) and very strong. They typically weigh between 50 to 80 lbs. This guy definitely tips the scales around the 80 plus and is a bit taller than the breed standard. These days Milo can be found lounging around his house and he loves to sleep on his back most of the time which, by the way, is a dog's way of showing his complete trust with his space.

Now, let's talk about treats haha. This heavyweight loves snacks and he loves his neighbor Connie. So if he is missing Elaine knows exactly where to find him: sitting at Connie's door high five-ing for Connie's special treats.

Milo shares his space with his feline brother. Although not the biggest fan he somehow makes it work. If you see Milo out and about in the park, he will be happy to meet you. He loves being petted, but mostly he hopes you will have a sweet treat for this sweet gentle boy.

KITTY KORNER

By Paula Batson



Left: Tango
3 years old
Loved by Suzanne
Larochelle DelRossi

Right: Stallone Loved by Many FP Residents



HIDDEN LITTLE GEM - MONTE ALBAN

MEXICAN BAR & GRILL

By Rick and Toni Foote

We discovered this incredible hidden gem in North Fort Myers at 4085 Hancock Bridge Pkwy, North Fort Myers, at Hancock

Parkway and Orange Grove, near the Publix. They offer an impressive menu of lunch and dinner options, plus the bar is exceptionally well-stocked with a wide variety of liquors, beer, and wine. Service is remarkably attentive, and prices are very reasonable. So, if you're searching for authentic Mexican cuisine with a vibrant atmosphere, look no further.

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS!!

By Monte Johnson



PARK WIDE CARPORT SALES WHEN: Saturday, November 8th

WHAT TIME: 8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

WHERE: Forest Park
WHO: Everyone Is Invited

THE TOOL CLUB IS HOSTING BREAKFAST AND A 50/50 RAFFLE

Pickup Maps & Breakfast At The Clubhouse

GET TO KNOW YOUR PARK

WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND.

WHAT TIME: 9 AM to 11AM WHERE: CLUBHOUSE

WHO: EVERYONE IS INVITED



Please attend this informative gathering to learn more about Forest Park's activities. We have clubs, events, pickleball, shuffleboard, card games, volunteering, night patrol, chili cook offs, golf cart parades, gardening and so many other things that make Forest Park great.

All residents are invited to stop by the Clubhouse that morning. Enjoy Free coffee and pastries.

Any questions, please contact **Heather Flavin 508-612-6386**

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NORTHEAST CLUB

By Lucinda King

The Northeast Club was formerly known as the Northeastern States Club, back when Forest Park had the Three I Club (Iowa, Illinois, & Indiana), The Ohio Club, The Michigan Club, and The Canadian Club. These were all social clubs made up of members from their respective states or country. Times changed and as our residents changed, these clubs started to dwindle. Now the park has the Social Club, which everyone that resides in the park is a member, and The Northeast Club.

Everyone in Forest Park is welcome to become a member. You do not have to be from the Northeast. We would like to invite you to join us on November 22nd at the Get To Know Your Park event from 9:00 to 11:00 at the Clubhouse.

Mark your calendar: Our first meeting is Monday, December 8th– 5 PM in the Clubhouse

Come join us for a fun filled entertaining night (menu to be announced later). Bring your own place setting and drink of choice. The price for dinner is \$12.

All are welcome but you must become a member. Dues are \$5 per person.

Dues may be paid and tickets purchased in the box office in the Activities Building beginning Sunday November 2nd from 2-4.

LINE DANCE CLASSES By Ellen Heigham

If you want to get a head start on learning line dancing, or just keep in practice for our Forest Park



events, there are many videos on YouTube that you can watch! Go to YouTube.com, type "line dancing" in the search bar. There are countless videos to choose from. See you in a few months!

For more info call **Ellen 617-448-1748**

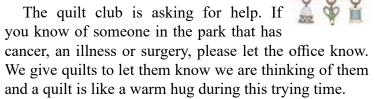
CARING HEARTS & HELPING HANDS CLUB By Lenann Crisci



CARING HEARTS & HELPING HANDS is a new volunteer organization being formed this fall. It is the off spring of the Helping Hands group that was formed by Ellen Heigham. Park residents help or assist our residents who are shut-in by just stopping by to visit, run an errand, take them to get groceries, or pick up a prescription. We are an arm of the Forest Park Social Club and we are in dire need of volunteers to join the Caring Hearts & Helping Hands. We have residents who are no longer able to drive, who are lonely and just want to visit or play cards, or just need a caring heart to give them a helping hand with their garbage or recycling. If you are willing to help out a neighbor, please contact me. If you need a helping hand with what I described, or just need someone to talk to, please contact me, Lenann at 207-705-2256 Looking forward to seeing you this month. We would like to invite you to join us on November 22nd at the Get To Know

PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB

By Cindy Trepanier



Your Park event from 9:00 to 11:00 at the Clubhouse.

We will start back this month 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. We would like to invite you to join us on **November 22nd at the Get To Know Your Park event from 9:00 to 11:00 at the Clubhouse.**

Social Club Officers

Co-Presidents – Ellen Heigham
Barbara Batson-Passos
1st Vice President- Dottie Frender
Co-Secretaries – **OPEN POSITION**Nancy Cooper

Nancy Cooper
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FOREST PARK CRAFT CLUB

By Arline Norman Bennett, Vice President Sambear2@yahoo.com, 860-227-0563

The Craft Club is looking forward to seeing everyone and doing some fun, interesting crafts.



The Craft Club meets on Wednesday mornings in the Clubhouse at 9 AM.

Enjoy the fellowship while working on a variety of projects. This is an active group year-round. The club hosts homestyle dinners monthly in season. Profits from these dinners support park projects and many local charities. Our Craft Fairs draw many talented vendors held twice per year and our Trash to Treasure Sale is a great way for you to support our fund raising efforts while cleaning out some closets.

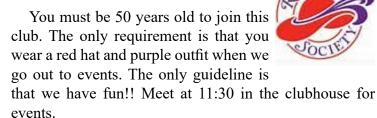
We welcome you to come by and see what projects we are working on! We really have a lot of fun! Dues are \$10 for the year. Come meet some new friends, have a snack and create some fun art! We would like to invite you to join us on November 22nd at the Get To Know Your Park event from 9:00 to 11:00 at the Clubhouse.

Library News By Maureen Hesketh

Our library has an abundance of good reads for everyone. Also, some back dated Newsletter publications will be available. Come in and make your favorite selections.

Enjoy!! Your librarian, Maureen Hesketh 508-962-5979

RED HAT SOCIETY Contact Pam Salk 260-385-6407



The only guideline is that we have fun!! We would like to invite you to join us on November 22nd at the Get To Know Your Park event from 9:00 to 11:00 at the Clubhouse. Our first meeting will be December 9th at 1 pm. More info in the December newsletter.

"THE PETAL PUSHERS" GARDEN CLUB By Teri Snyder

Hello gardeners, the Petal Pushers Garden Club in Forest



Park is organizing for the 2025/2026 year and we would like to invite you to join us on November 22nd at the Get To Know Your Park event from 9:00 to 11:00 at the Clubhouse.

We have many planned activities including a local Garden tour, learning about propagation of plants and container gardening as well as Landscaping with Native plants. Our hope is that the knowledge and skills you learn will assist you in enhancing your own garden. Guys, don't be shy, we know many of you are quite the gardeners and we welcome your contribution. Please join us.

Meetings on the second Monday of each month beginning in December. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This year we will meet on the following dates:

December 10th, January 12th, February 9, March 9th and April 13th.

See you soon.

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

FOREST PARK TOOL CLUB

By Monte Johnson

The Forest Park Tool Club is planning a busy season of breakfasts, dinners, baked goodies, 50/50 raffles, accepting tool donations, and we will have some



surprises this year. We are accepting new members and will be purchasing new tools for our members to borrow at no cost. We would like to invite you to join us on **November 22nd at the Get To Know Your Park event from 9:00 to 11:00 at the Clubhouse.** This season we hope to resolve the dilemma with our current, termite infested tool storage shed with a newer, more spacious, improved tool storage facility.

If you have any questions, wish to join, donate cash, or no longer used tools, 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.

The Forest Park Tool Club



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/NIGHT PATROL By Gloria Restko

Hello! Please consider VOLUNTEERING for Neighborhood Watch/Night Patrol. It's only one night a month. If you are new to the park, or an 'old timer', feel free to cut out, complete the volunteer form, and drop it at the office. Keeping a watchful eye on our park residents and residences keeps everyone safer.. Crime continues to rise. Ideally, we would have someone patrolling every night of the month. We would like to invite you to join us on November 22nd at the Get To Know Your Park event from 9:00 to 11:00 at the Clubhouse.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM, CUT ON THE LINES, AND RETURN TO THE OFFICE.

out on line

Neighborhood Watch/ Night Patrol Volunteer Information Form	
Address\s	
Email address/es	
Phone #/s\	
Preferred day to patrol: S. M. T. W. TH. F. S. Specific week of the month: 1st. 2nd. 3rd. 4th. (I am trying to assign the same day each month-make it easier for everyone to remember when it's their turn. Are you a Full Time Resident Or Part time Resident.	
Months you are available and prefer to volunteer. JAN. FEB. MAR. AP. MAY. JUNE. JULY. AUG. SEP OCT. NOV. DEC. Any other preferences you may have?	
Thank you, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator cut on line	

If you would like to **volunteer** for neighborhood Watch Patrol. All our residents greatly appreciate you and the time given to keep us safe. Here is the info you will need: **Sheriff** # **239-477-1000**

- Patrol Hours: Suggested patrol hours 11:00 pm 1:00
 am. But....to deter anyone, you may vary your hours.
 If you are a night owl, feel free to take a ride at any
 time during your assigned evening. You are asked to
 drive up and down each street, check the clubhouse and
 activity/office doors, and surrounding outdoor areas.
- Sit at the entrance for about 15 or so minutes. Your presence makes a lot of difference to those driving, walking, and riding bikes on Hart Road. Our presence with that flashing light makes all of us feel safer.
- CHECK Doors at clubhouse, activity building, and pool restrooms. They automatically lock around 11:00 pm.
- BE SURE YOU PICK UP THE BACKPACK IN THE ACTIVITY BUILDING AND RETURN IT BY NOON THE NEXT DAY. INSIDE YOU WILL FIND AFLASHING LIGHT, NOTEBOOK, FLASHLIGHT, AND MAGNETIC SIGNS FOR YOUR VEHICLE, PLUS SOME INFO AND A PARK DIRECTORY
- If you find doors unlocked, lights on, try to turn them off and lock doors. Sometimes the restroom doors are not locked. Go inside and lock the interior door. NOTIFY THE OFFICE THE NEXT MORNING OF ANY ISSUES.
- If any of the street lights are out, get the number on the pole, street, and closest house number and report this to the office.
- NEVER CONFRONT ANY INTRUDER OR TRESPASSER... CALL THE SHERIFF # 239-477-1000 IMMEDIATELY

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS FOR VOLUNTEERING

Gloria Restko 813-841-9920

BOCCE BALL

Contact Carlo or Lee Luberti – 239-851-9543

Bocce ball is played on Monday and Thursday at the Bocce courts at 2:30 PM. Arrive at 2:15. New Members Welcome.

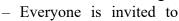


Open Bocce Ball on Saturday Mornings at 10:00am. There are no dues

Forest Park

Shuffle Board Contact Bill Madill 519-634-5619

Shuffleboard Fun Night



play shuffleboard every Wednesday night at 6:30 PM.

<u>Ladies' Shuffleboard</u> – Ladies play shuffleboard every Tuesday morning at 10 AM. Come enjoy, ladies.

<u>Mixed Shuffleboard</u> – Men and women play shuffleboard on Thursday evening at 6:30 pm.

<u>League Play</u> on Wednesday at 10 AM. Valentines' Day Breakfast is hosted by this club.

QUIET HOURS IN THE PARK HAVE CHANGED. QUIET TIME BEGINS AT 10:00 PM AND ENDS AT 7:00 AM.



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

by Monte Johnson

All articles, news or photographs should be submitted to this email fpsocialnews@ gmail.com and are 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 at forestparkonline.com. Your Forest Park Newsletter is totally run by volunteers who gather the information and photos, write the articles, request articles from others, proofread, arrange the articles, proofread, work with the publisher, proofread, distribute the newsletter and put it online. The newsletter is free because the advertising pays the expenses. Printed Newsletters usually arrive by the end of the previous 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!



KARAOKE

Karaoke with Chris Tybor is held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, from 7-9 pm 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 on **Tuesday nights** 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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ronny Lee 4 John Etoll 5 Dale Monette 6 Judy Wolf 6 Peter Lodi 7 Jill Taylor 8 Steve Forrester 9 Jane Cullin 9 John Steven Kurucz 11 Wayne Hall 14 Nell Ortiz 18 Ruth Dearman 23 John Alfano 24 Michael Linscott 24 William E Campbell 25 Deb Johnson 26 Mark Kozemko 26



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Ron & Roberta Rizas November 4, 1956 69 YEARS!

Wendall & Helen Cox November 26,1954 71 YEARS! Richard & Christina Stricklen November 27, 1999 Paul & Carolyn Hodson November 29, 1969 Wayne & Gail Hampel November 29, 1975



IN MEMORIAM

Charlene M. Wash August 24, 1943 — October 11, 2025



Charlene Margaret Wash (nee Oehler), 82, passed away on October 11, 2025. Charlene was born on August 24, 1943 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Karl and Irene (Hungler) Oehler. She was a graduate of Our Lady of Angels High School, class of 1961. Charlene married the love of her life, James

K. Wash, on August 10, 1963, and shared 62 years of marriage together. She was preceded in death by her parents and stepfather Arthur Riley, and her grandson, Drew. Charlene is survived by her husband, James, her children Lisa (Steve) Ambach, Jim (Mary Beth) Wash, Doug, Jeff and Don Wash, her grandchildren Erin (Ryan) Cleary, Shannon (David) Flaherty, Katie (Alex) Baker, Stephanie Ambach, Maximus and Vivian Wash, Meghan Wabnitz, and her great-grandchildren Sloane, Henry and Maeve Cleary, Colin, Brinn and Reagan Flaherty and Harrison and Otto Baker. She is also survived by her siblings Edward (Carolyn) Oehler, Mary (late Lawrence) Freedberg, Paulette (Carl) Weigand, Karen (Charles) Trotter, Joseph (Gale) Oehler and Daniel (Patricia) Oehler, sisters-in-law Joan (Sanford) Hopkins and Jackie (late Gene) Isaacs, and 17 nieces and nephews.

She often spoke fondly of her childhood along with her siblings, and told stories about growing up above the family grocery store. As a resident of Price Hill, Ohio, Charlene was a parishioner at St. Williams Catholic Church for many years, and often enjoyed walking to and from mass on Sundays. She loved music and was an accomplished clarinetist, playing with various community groups over the years. Her greatest joy in life was being the most wonderful mother to her children, a role which she perfected and carried out year after year. The fact that her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren genuinely wanted to spend their free time with her is a testament to how deep her motherly love ran.

Her family will tell you that you rarely saw Charlene without her husband by her side. Their love and marriage was an everlasting example for us to look up to. After years of hard work raising children, they made the

most of their retirement years. Together, they enjoyed the outdoors and traveled the country with their popup camper. From camping with strangers in Alaska to sleeping with the mice on Mount Le Conte, there wasn't an adventure they shied away from, as long as they did it together. They created a family gathering place at their own campsite at Mineral Springs next to their daughter's site. For 20 years, they had the good fortune to spend winters in North Fort Myers, Florida, cultivating friendships with people from all over the country. She and Jim also visited their son's lake house on Cave Run Lake in Kentucky, having countless sleepovers with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She is responsible for so many of her family's core life memories. While several stand out, insisting that 13 people all share a very small house in Ludington, Michigan will always be a unanimous favorite. For the next 13 summers, those same family members, a few friends, new spouses, and babies continued to come together there.

Charlene must have had a few faults, but we can't think of them now. She lived her life with kindness at the forefront, demonstrating the degree of strength that could only exist in her petite 5"3 frame. She loved fiercely, but often did so quietly, her love made evident in rocking a baby to sleep, waking early to prepare breakfast, and doing so, so, so many dishes. She never missed a big life event and always showed up. We'll remember her for so many things, but most of all how much she loved us, and how much we will always love her in return.

A memorial gathering will take place at St. William Church on Monday October 20, 2025 from 11am until the time of the Mass of Christian Burial at 12pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to one's charity of choice in Charlene's name.





Janet Gay Clear March 1, 1933 – September 18, 2025

Janet was born March 1, 1933 in Anderson, Indiana to Harvey and Ethel Cobb. Janet grew up in Anderson and graduated from Anderson High School. She went to work for National Tile and met her future husband, Norman Clear. It was important to them that their beliefs aligned and she began bible studies with the Seventh Day Adventist Church. She was baptized into the church on May 31, 1952.

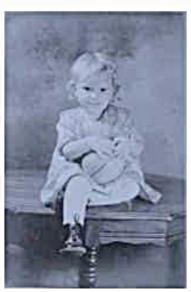
Janet and Norman married on June 8, 1952. Janet was a stay-at-home mom, while she raised her 4 children, as well as fostering a few boys for a time. Janet served the church in many ways. She gave the mission stories, was the church treasure, Pathfinder Leader and various other duties. She and their children accompanied her husband for a temporary government

position, living in Okinawa for 2 ½ years. After raising her children, she began her civil service career and eventually worked at the Defense Finance & Accounting Service in Indianapolis, as a computer specialist for the travel programs. She enjoyed traveling for her job, going to many places including Japan, Europe, Saudia Arabia, Panama, the list goes on...

Janet enjoyed sharing the fact that her & Norm had 50 descendants, consisting of 4 children, 11 grand children, 25 great grandchildren and 10 great great grandchildren; 25 girls & 25 boys. She also enjoyed making quilts and made each of the descendants at least 1 quilt. She also made sure each descendant received a birthday card every year, as well as many friends & cousins. She had the gift of storytelling. She loved to play cards with her friends. Her and Norm would "snowbird" in North Fort Meyers, Florida every winter. Together with their friends they would gather every Sabbath for pitch-ins, fellowship and a rousing game of Hand & Foot after sunset. When in Indiana the ages of her card club was 88, 92, 95 and 101.

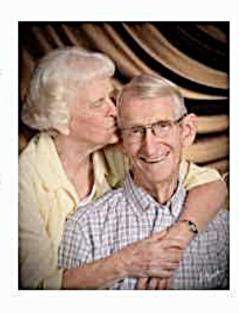
Janet passed away on September 18, 2025. She was preceded in death by her parents Harvey and Ethel; her siblings, Betty Van Horn and Floyd Curtis Cobb, her son Tony and her grandchildren Kristen and Tony Clear Jr.

Left to cherish her memories are her 3 daughters, Brenda Sales, Vicky (Larry) Russell and Penny Clear, 9 grandchildren , 25 great grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; 2 sisters Kathy (John) Sparks and Debby Trinkle.



As per their wishes, there will not be any memorial service.

We wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting calls, messages, visits, prayers, and other expressions of kindness and concern.



WELCOME TO FOREST PARK

Cythia Sauer & Wade Brower 5471 Forest Park Dr. Home State Florida



Robert Adamson & Patti Droszcz 626 Forest Palm Ct Home State Florida

William & Roberta Wittig 408 Timber Lane N Home State Ohio.

TAI CHI CLASS

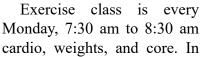
by Lenann Crisci

Wow, summer's over! Wishing us a quiet fall, storm free. Tai Chi will resume again this fall. Watch for an announcement in the newsletter.



CONTACT: LENANN CRISCI 207-705-2256

EXERCISE CLASS By Jane Cullin





the clubhouse. Bring a mat or towel. Jane's first cardio step and core class will be November 3, 7:30 am in the clubhouse





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KOFFEE KLATCH

ATTENTION: The First Joint Koffee Klatch is on Friday, November 7th at 9:00 am In the Clubhouse. Coffee and Donuts are provided. Speaker to be announced later. As always, bring your own coffee cup or mug. (1st Friday each month)



The first **Men's** Koffee Klatch is on Friday, November 14th at 8:00 am to 9:00 am. in the Clubhouse. Coffee and Donuts are provided. As always, bring your own coffee cup or mug. (2nd Friday each month)

The first **Women's** Koffee Klatch will be November 21st at 9:00 am. in the Clubhouse. Coffee and Donuts are provided. As always, bring your own coffee cup or mug. (3rd Friday each month)

Notes of Cheer By Robyn Johnson



The Social Club provides the stamps, and they rely on residents to donate sympathy and get-well cards so if you have any to donate please let Heather know. Also, if you know of any resident

needing Cheer, please reach out to Heather or myself so she can send a card. Including the person's address is appreciated.

You may email Heather at tokentrespasser@gmail.com or myself at drjohns85@gmail.com

If you're new here, Heather Flavin is the cheer person for Forest Park. Heather will send out cards to residents that have been ill, had surgery or have lost a loved one.

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



FOREST PARKS HOME CHURCH "THE LIGHT"

By Roberta Rizas

Time has truly flown by, hard to believe we are into November already! We now can welcome back our travelers, they are just in time for our fantastic Thanksgiving dinner at the clubhouse, like we had last year. HAPPY THANKSGIVING to



everyone! Also, let us remember, you are all invited to our home church called, THE LIGHT.

Services start at 6 PM. every Sunday. We meet at 457 Jacaramba Ct. Our Ladies Bible Study also starts up again on Thursday, Nov. 4th at 10 am at the same address. A lovely group of ladies meet every Thursday morning.

With much Thanksgiving, I would like to dedicate a poem honoring our beautiful Forest Park.

We dedicate our PARK to love and understanding:

May its joys and sorrows be shared;

May its doors open in hospitality,

And its windows look out with care for others.

We dedicate this PARK to work and leisure:

May its walls reflect affection and laughter;

May its duties be performed in love,

And its table reminds us that God works with us to supply our daily needs.

We dedicate this PARK to the appreciation of all things good and true:

May its books bring wisdom, the pictures beauty, its music joy and inspiration.

We dedicate this PARK to rest from the working world,

May it be a haven of relaxation and recuperation, forgiveness and happiness.

Dear God, bless our PARK, not for riches of material, nor beauty of design, but for welcome and warmth.

At our park, let steadiness replace haste and the Holy Spirit be with all. Amen







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