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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

By Heather Flavin



KUDOS TO RON MOON

When you enter Forest Park and see the solid cement curved Forest Park sign, this was rebuilt in 2009 by Kenny Brockert, Ron Moon, and Joe Malago. Damaged by a tornado, Ron tells me Betty Campbell, the park president and the board gave them the go ahead to make the plans and complete the job.



Ron Moon has been in Forest Park since 2001. He and his wife Natalie settled into their home on Hollyberry Court to escape the cold winters of Barberton, Ohio. Ron started working as a brick layer/mason and in 1957 he joined the U.S. Navy, discharged in 1961. Ron returned to this work as a commercial union brick layer. Retiring in 2000, at 64.

He and Natalie had been married 65 years when she passed in 2022. His daughter Loriann visits every year, and his son Brian comes regularly to visit and to go fishing. They enjoy fishing the canals of Cape Coral and the Gulf of Mexico.

Over the years, Ron has kept busy in the park helping residents with painting, screen rooms, carports and tie downs. As Ron turns 90 soon, he has stepped away from those projects.

Joe Malago and Ron were best friends growing up in Ohio, living in the same neighborhood. Sometime after Natalie's passing, Ron and Joe's younger sister Irene Bartholomai, reconnected after 78 years. This past spring, Ron, with Irene's help, worked hard to power wash and repaint the cement work of the Forest Park entry and it looks great.

Thank you Ron, for your service to our country and all the good work you have done for our park.. Forest Park appreciates you.







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PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP AWARD WINNERS COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

By Forest Park Compliance Committee

October Winners

Donn and Robin Rudy Hollyberry Court Tony and Karen Nash Hollyberry Court





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



Hi Everyone! Last month we saw the completion of several carports! We are down to just a few that have not completed the project yet. Please be aware that carports are a required part of the home, as per our governing docs, and if you're selling it must be disclosed as such.

We also received several written complaints. Please remember, those forms are available in the office. We take every complaint seriously and try our best to resolve them.

We are happy that most people are taking better care of their lawns, and not waiting until they look like hay fields to mow. Keeping up with your lawns really helps the total look of the park, and your neighbors really appreciate it too. Weeding is still a problem. Homes with garden / flower areas overgrown with weeds need to be addressed. If your home is empty during the summer months, talk to your lawn maintenance person about weeding, or call the office for numbers of people that do this in the Park. Again - this is required in our Governing documents. If you have palm trees, they also need to be taken care of by cutting the dead limbs. Not only are they unsightly - they could cause flying debris in storms.

There have been some trespassers in our pool over the summer. Remember if you don't want to be questioned by residents, please have all guests wear the green wrist bands. They can be obtained in the Office if you need them.

Overall The Compliance Committee is pleased with the progress in Forest Park - and we truly appreciate the compliments our residents have been giving. Our monthly "Pride of Ownership Awards "are a big hit!! We hope to continue on our journey back to Southwest Florida's #1 55 and over manufactured home community.

Compliance Committee

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





HALLOWEEN

GOLF CART PARADE Line-up @ 5:45 Tool Club \$5

Hotdog Dinner & SPOOKTACULAR

SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 6PM

(RAIN DATE SATURDAY, NOV. 1)

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KITTY KORNER

By Paula Batson

Boots Loved by Judy Wolf, Jacaramba Ct





Forest Loved by Nikki Fairman Shrub Lane S





Why Volunteering Matters in Your Home Owners Association

Volunteers are the backbone of a thriving community. In an HOA, their efforts go far beyond good intentions—they shape the neighborhood's future. Here are ten compelling reasons to step up and get involved:

1. Preserves Property Values

Active volunteers help maintain common areas, enforce standards, and support improvements that protect everyone's investment.

2. Improves Neighborhood Safety

Watch programs, maintenance crews, and event organizers all contribute to a safer, more connected environment.

3. Reduces Costs for Everyone

Volunteer labor cuts down on contractor fees and administrative expenses—keeping dues lower and budgets healthier.

4. Strengthens Community Spirit

Shared projects and events build trust, friendships, and a sense of pride in the neighborhood.

5. Ensures Fair Representation

Volunteers bring diverse voices to the table, helping shape rules and decisions that reflect the whole community.

6. Accelerates Problem-Solving

Local knowledge and hands-on help often resolve issues faster than waiting on outside services.

7. Supports Legacy and Tradition

Long-time residents can pass down wisdom and practices that preserve the character of the community.

8. Builds Leadership and Skills

Committee work and project management offer real-world experience in governance, planning, and communication.

9. Fosters Transparency and Trust

When neighbors volunteer, meetings are more open, records are better kept, and decisions are easier to understand.

10. Creates a Lasting Impact

Every hour volunteered leaves a mark—whether it's a cleaner park, a clearer bylaw, or a stronger sense of belonging.



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



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

Board & Committee members save Forest Park an enormous amount of money by volunteering their time and expertise. We need your input and encourage you to get involved.

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 3 rd, 2025

Meet the Candidates Night Wednesday December 4 th, 2025

General Election – January 8 th, 2026

Spiritual Vacation By Monte Johnson

A stop that some of our snowbirds from the midwestern states may want to add on their return trip to Forest Park is at 1 Ark Encounter Drive, Williamstown, KY 41097.

Located between Cincinnati and Louisville just west of the intersection of KY-36 and I-75 (at exit 154). This is the address for the "Arc Encounter". The Arc was built to the



specifications described in the book of Genesis. A cubit is an ancient measurement of length based on the distance from the elbow to the tip of the longest finger. The length of the ark is 300 cubits,(510') its breadth 50 cubits,(85') and its height 30 cubits,(51'). There are short movies depicting what life on the Arc may have been like. Noah's family is depicted residing in small, one room living quarters on the third level of the Arc. Modern technology is used to bring the life size characters to life as they move their arms, turn their heads, and speak, answering questions about the flood and Arc. The Arc consists of three levels that are handicap accessible, scooters and wheelchairs are available to rent. There is also a Zoo, Camel Rides, Zip Line, souvenir store, and a restaurant on the grounds. There is a large parking lot which costs \$15 for the day. There are single and three day admission packages. A Senior (60+) is \$54.99 and for 3 days is \$124.99. Adult admission (18 - 59) is ten dollars more for a single or three day pass. Service animals are allowed but pets are not allowed. They have a list of pet boarding houses where you may board your pet.

I have to admit this was not a bucket list item after being gone for 26 days and covering almost seven thousand miles over 16 states on our vacation in July. But the experience of seeing the imagined re-creation of all the cages of prehistoric birds, animals, the family of Noah, his relatives as described in the Bible, how the food and water was stored, distributed, and the waste handled. This stop was well worth the time and admission. www. arcencounter.com Visit the website for more information,

to purchase tickets, or make motel reservations. There is also a sister attraction, the Creation Museum just a short 45 minute drive from the Arc that depicts history according to the Bible. This family-friendly attraction near Cincinnati explores creation science with stunning exhibits, dinosaur bones, fossils, botanical gardens, a planetarium, zoo, zip line course, and more.



RECIPE'S OF THE MONTH

By Kathy Revels

Cheesy Herb Bread Loaf

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbsp baking powder
- ½ tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp garlic powder
- ½ tsp dried oregano
- ½ tsp dried thyme
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ½ cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 cup buttermilk
- ½ cup melted butter
- 2 large eggs

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and grease a loaf pan. In a bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, garlic powder, oregano and thyme. Stir in cheese. In another bowl, whisk buttermilk, melted butter, and eggs, then gradually combine with the dry ingredients. Pour batter into the loaf pan, smooth the top, and bake for 45-50 minutes until a toothpick comes out clean. Let cool in the pan for 10 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

By Paula Batson

- 1. Name and Street -Shelley Hillman, Shrub Lane S.
- 2. Home State -Ohio
- 3. Part time or Full Time
 -Tweeners lol Back n Forth
- 4. How did you find Forest Park
 Local Realtor
- 5. Number of years in FP 4 years
- 6. Children 2 girls. Rebecca 31, Lauren 26
- 7. Career Hospital 32 years
- 8. Dream career Scientist
- Favorite color Red
- 10. Dogs or Cats Dogs
- 11. Sunrise or Sunset Sunset
- 12. Have you played a musical instrument Violin
- 13. Favorite band/artist Old Dominion
- 14. Best decade of your life 40's
- 15. Biggest thing you ever won Cleveland Browns gift basket with signed Jersey and Football
- 16. Favorite Florida restaurant IL Primo Pizza
- 17. If you could choose an anthem song for yourself what would it be- Walking on Sunshine by Katrina and the Waves
- 18. Love Gnomes- Huge Fan
- 19. Favorite Car Convertible Mustang

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WOOF, WAG, & WIGGLE

By Paula Batson



"Stormy"

If you ever woke up early and traveled out of the Park, chances are you have seen a group of ladies with their beloved little dogs walking on Forest Park Drive. In this friend group you will see a little Bichon/ Poodle cross named Stormy. This friendly 6 year old, 22 pound handsome guy is lovingly owned by

Nancy Ayers of Hollyberry Court.

Stormy was named after a freak hail storm in Phoenix, Arizona that happened while Nancy was taking him to his first appointment. She couldn't believe it was storming so badly. After losing both of her beloved Westies, Nancy wasn't quite ready to get another puppy, but her very close friend had other ideas. A local breeder was selling the last of a litter. Nancy's friend fell in love with Stormy and ended up trading a pick up truck, (yes I said pick up truck lol) for the little fluff ball. Under the pretense she was going to keep him, Nancy's friend had a plan to have Nancy come watch him overnight in hopes she would fall in love with her new best friend. And obviously it worked lol.

While interviewing Stormy I found that he is so, so smart. He showed off all his talents for me, which included, sit, down, rollover, high five and double high five. His "sit up" is just amazing as he can hold it for as long as you want. He is a total treat lover and does not discriminate haha!!

Unlike most of Forest Park's other dogs, Stormy is not a fan of riding in the golf cart. But he is an excellent co-pilot for Nancy in the car while traveling out of state numerous times. Stormy can also be found hitching a ride in the UPS truck on occasion, as he has made so many friends in Forest Park.

Nancy said that Stormy is just a great companion, loves to hog the bed at night and (from what I see) they are both so lucky to have each other. Look for Stormy and his two Yorkie pals around our park. Don't forget treats are welcome and, who knows, maybe he will perform a trick for you too!



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 spring off of Ellen Heighams, Helping Hands group. 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 see you in November

FOREST PARK CRAFT CLUB

By Arline Norman Bennett, Vice President Sambear2@ vahoo.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 yearround. 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!

PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB

By Cindy Trepanier

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

o. Stove Quilting by, ye

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 had a very successful first year and look forward to getting back together with everyone this month. We will be getting together to freshen up the plants and flowers in the Park after the summer months of drought they endured.

See everyone at the end of the month.

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



We will be having a **SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN**

DINNER ON OCTOBER 29TH at 6:00 PM on the ACTIVITY BUILDING PATIO. (In front of the sliding doors.)

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. This



year 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.

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

cut on line							
Neighborhood Watch/ Night Patrol Volunteer Information Form							
Name/s of team members							
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- makes 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. SEPT. 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 A FLASHING 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

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS!!

By Monte Johnson A little social club history: the Social Club was formed before the



Park was incorporated as a 55 + retirement community. It is the oldest club in the park. The first records I found showed in 1984 the Social Club obtained a Federal EIN number. The plaques in the Clubhouse list Betty Kismiss was the President in 1986 - 1987. Those plaques had not been updated in ten years. The Social Club officers decided that needed to be corrected. So I would ask everyone to take a stroll along the East wall of the Clubhouse and notice the different plaques. The Association Presidents plaque has also been brought up to date.

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All residents of Forest Park are members of the Social Club. We depend on volunteers to run every event for all to enjoy. **VOLUNTEERING IS GOOD FOR THE MIND AND BODY!** There are opportunities currently available. Get together with some of your friends or neighbors and volunteer to be a host. The Social Club pays all expenses for the parties/dinners/entertainment they host.



Social Club Officers

Co-Presidents –	Ellen Heigham	eheigham@gmail.com	617-448-1748
	Barbara Batson-Passos	carouselfarms@yahoo.com	973-219-1044
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Co-Treasurers —	Mary Kurucz	kuruczmary@gmail.com	740-310-3002
	Monte Johnson	fpsocialclubtreas@gmail.com	319-415-2816

RED HAT SOCIETY

Contact Pam Salk 260-385-6407

You must be 50 years old to join this club. The only requirement is that you wear a red hat and purple outfit when we go out to events. The only guideline is that we have fun!! Meet at 11:30 in the clubhouse for events.

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.

Shuffle Board Contact Bill Madill 519-634-5619



<u>Shuffleboard Fun Night</u> – Everyone is invited to 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!

EDITOR THOUGHTS

By Monte Johnson

It was seven years ago this month that Deb and I came down for our first visit in Forest Park. We had been in the area for a week, visiting my brother, when we purchased our home in March. With the exception



of a one day stay in May and an emergency flight back home the next day, we were going to finally get to meet neighbors, and see what life in Forest Park was all about. We arrived on the fourth Thursday of the month, Association meeting night. The Clubhouse was almost full, a budget sheet was being discussed, and President Mary Kurucz was asking for people to volunteer for open board positions. I had just resigned after nine years as a mayor of a small town in Iowa. (about as many homes as Forest Park). So I raised my hand and became involved. That fateful first night led to my being elected to serve on the BOD for four years, two terms as first vice president, and many committees.

Due to some health issues I did not seek reelection to the board, then six months later I was asked to fill out the remainder of another member's term who had resigned. Since then I have become involved in the Tool Club as secretary, the Social Club as co-treasurer, and for the last year and a half as your newsletter editor. Maybe I should have stuck to the board!?

This coming year will be pivotal in the future of Forest Park. Previously, in this edition, you read about ten reasons to become involved in your HOA., the number of positions that are coming open on the board, and the many committee's, clubs, and organizations in Forest Park that need volunteers. I would ask if you have any previous elected or government experience, business, banking, accounting, farming, engineering, sales, legal, horticulture, electrical, plumbing, construction, contracting, or domestic engineering, to please help out where you are able. Please contact the office, any current or former board member, or myself. Volunteering is very rewarding and satisfying. I have over thirty years as a volunteer or elected official in one capacity or the other. The rewards far outweigh the commitment. Whether you are new in the Park, or you feel it is time to step up, give back, or have your thoughts and feelings heard, Forest Park needs you now, more than ever. Every club, committee, or organization in the park is in need of volunteers. Everyone likes to have a good time, go out, have fun, admire all the flags that are put out on Memorial Day, attend the dances, dinners, ice cream socials, craft sales,

Bocce, Shuffleboard, Bingo, Cards, swim, exercise, walk on the trails, etc. But who is behind all these activities? Why it is the Social Club, the Northern States Club, the Tool Club, the Craft Club, the "Pine Tree Knots Quilt" Club, the "Petal Pushers" Garden Club, the Red Hats, the Helping Hands, and every other club or organization in the Park that I'm forgetting to mention. They all operate with the permission of, and **without** funds authorized by the Board of Directors.

These clubs and organizations keep Forest Park alive, thriving, and vibrant. They hold dinners, dances, raffles, sales, and drives to give back to the Park and surrounding community. They bake cookies, provide meals, provide rides, and Christmas goodies to the shut-in's in the Park. They gather donations for the less fortunate in Sun Coast, provide comfort bears for the fire and police departments to distribute, patrol our streets at night, watch our neighborhoods, and gather articles, proofread, or deliver this newsletter. Forest Park is run and managed by **volunteers**.

Are you one of our residents who are serving on a board, committee, or an officer or member of one of the previously mentioned organizations? Are you a resident that volunteers when the call goes out? Are you a resident that stays after a function to help clean up, put away tables and chairs, sweep and mop the floors? Are you who I'm referring to? If you answered YES, then may God bless you, and Thank you for making Forest Park the BEST park in S. W. Florida. If you answered NO, then look around you. The opportunities are here, and now is the time to volunteer, to join a club or organization, run for the Board of Directors, to become involved in our community. Forest Park needs you.

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.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Cheryl Buening 1 Max Moor 2 Suzanne DelRossi 4 Leonard Neckers 5 Daniel Tesar 5 James Garvey 5 Lee Luberti 6 Jessop Marchbanks 8 Wayne Hampel 8 Patricia Randolph 9 Becky Conrad 12 Mary Schreiber 12 Madaline Preston 13 Luisa Hamilton 13 Susan Hough 13 Christen Henning 14 Christy Robison 15 Janice Tomas 16 Lisa Cogburn 16

Kathy Carson 17 Robert Phelan 17 Frank Campanaro 21 Patti Kothe 21 Donna Stiner 21 Ann Charles 21 Becky Lodi 21 Carol Record 21 Mike Neises 22 Mark Snyder 22 Mary Gorgan 22 Don Bargholz 23 Robert Ferrara 24 Ivan Taylor 24 Kathy Revels 24 Hoyt England 24 Marilyn Guiney 28 Joan Fotta 30 Gail Hampel 31



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Thomas & Minnie Castor October 4, 1980 Jerry & Lisa Day October 11, 2012 Bob & Sandy Bagge October 14, 1972 Gerald & Melodye Gilbert October 15, 1983 Wayne & Kimberly Dau October 17, 1986 John & Faye Shockey October 20, 1962

Congratulations to the Shockey's!! 63 YEARS!!!

Danny & Karen Angell October 22, 1971 Tony & Karen Nash October 22, 1977 Barbara & Marcos Passos October 29, 1988



WELCOME TO FOREST PARK

Grace Walker 5320 Forest Park Dr. Home state: OH Cindy Sauer 5471 Forest Park Dr. Home State TN.



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

Exercise class is every Monday, 8:00 am to 9:00 am cardio, weights, and core. In



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

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



KOFFEE KLATCH

The first **Joint** Koffee Klatch is on Friday, November 7th at 9:00 am. in the Clubhouse.. A speaker will make a presentation on a topic of interest. Coffee and Donuts are provided. 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)

John Berg's Golf Club Collection

We have a golf club connoisseur here in the park. John has over 4500 Clubs. 90 Sets. All Types. Callaway, Ping, Cleveland, Etc. 300 Wedges! 50 Hybrids, 300 Putters!I

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



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



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FOREST PARKS HOME CHURCH "THE LIGHT"

By Roberta Rizas

Forest Park's home church, "The Light", meets every Sunday night at 6 pm at 457 Jacaramba Ct. We have a scripture verse we would like to share with all of you this month from God's Holy Word, THE BIBLE, found in the Old Testament, the book of Psalms. This is a Psalm of David. This is an eye opener; some probably never thought or looked at this Psalm in this way, even though they have said it over and over again.

The Lord is my Shepherd, that's relationship!

I shall not want, that's supply!

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, that's rest!

He leadeth me beside the still Waters, *that's refreshment!* He restoreth my soul, *that's healing!*

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness, that's guidance!

For his name's sake, that's purpose!

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, *that's testing!*

I will fear no evil, that's protection!

For Thou art with me, that's faithfulness!

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me, that's discipline!

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies, *that's hope!*

Thou anointest my head with oil, *that's consecration!* My cup runneth over, *that's abundance!*

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, that's a blessing!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord, that's security!

Forever, that's ETERNITY!

I thought this was pretty special, just like all of you reading this. What is most valuable is not what we have in our lives, but WHO WE HAVE IN OUR LIVES. Share this with friends and family who would appreciate learning this. Can even share it with strangers, you might encourage them to read a bible.

I pray you all have a blessed month of October. You will hear from us again in November.

SAVE THE DATES:

ANNUAL FALL CARPORT SALE is set for **Saturday, November 8,** from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you have fall cleaning to do and things to sell, save this date. More information in the November Newsletter.

Veterans Day is Tuesday, November 11. Plan on honoring our veterans by attending our Veterans Day Program in front of the Clubhouse. All veterans, spouses, and veterans surviving spouses will be honored after the program with a free meal in the Clubhouse. More information in the November Newsletter.

Plans are under way for **THANKSGIVING**. Mark your calendar for **Thursday**, **November 27th**.

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

Residents only will again have a free meal, however, because we have so many new residents, proof of residency is needed. If you have family members staying in your home, adults 16 and older only, they will be charged \$15 per person, and this needs to be paid by the cutoff date of November 10. The meal will be served Thanksgiving day, November 27 at 1 PM. Bring your own place settings and drinks of choice.

BARSTOOL RODEO will be returning to the Park on **Saturday, November 29th**. Buy your tickets at the Forest Park Box Office next month. It will be a sell out, so buy early!

MARK THE DATE!

First comes Halloween, next comes Thanksgiving, and then comes Christmas...time just keeps flying by! Just want to remind everyone that we will be gathering on the Clubhouse grounds the **Saturday after Thanksgiving**, **November 29th**, at 9:00 a.m. to help Santa bring Christmas to our park by putting "up and out" our **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**. Volunteers will definitely be needed. So mark the date and time on your calendars.

Clubhouse Grounds Decorating Crew Saturday, November 29th @ 9:00 a.m. Help us spread the cheer! Questions: call Joyce Hines @724-689-5175



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 **DOWN** carts and bicycles, they will have no

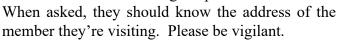


protection against a speeding vehicle. Throughout the Park our Posted Speed Limit is 15 MPH.

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.



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 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 this identifier

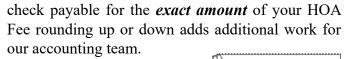
helps us know if we have strangers in the park. This is to protect all of us. Visitors are required to have a sticker. If you don't want it stuck on your back window, tape it up on the inside. I see many vehicles without these stickers.

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.



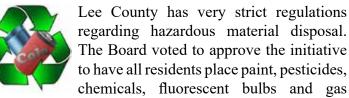
Your trash can be put out the evening before if in a secured trash can.

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



• Quiet Time/Lawn Mowing – Our rules for **Quiet Time** 🔀 are 10 PM to 7 AM. YEAR ROUND Please be respectful of your neighbors!

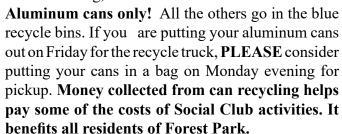
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bottles at the curb. Park employees will pick up these materials on regular trash pickup days and log them in. These articles will be stored and disposed of in the appropriate manner by staff members.

Aluminum Cans are still being collected on Monday evenings only. Please 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,



• 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. working on your home are also required to take the debris with them off site.

ATTENTION

The following rules still apply, only household trash is allowed in the compactor, all cardboard should be set out on Friday for recycle, no horticulture,



construction materials, or bulk items. Bulk items include any furniture, cushions, bulky pillows or life jackets. Any Aluminum may be placed near the workbench in front of the horticulture dumpster for recycling, (this

includes aluminum framed lawn chairs, pop-up tent frames, carport roofs, or gutters that are aluminum. Appliances go in the metal trailer parked southwest of the compactor. If it is not regular household trash, horticulture, appliances, aluminum, or construction materials, it is a BULK ITEM. The dumpsters are clearly marked. If the gate is locked, PLEASE lock the gate when you leave, to keep unauthorized people out of the R/V Park!! If you notice a vehicle in the R/V area, without a green tree sticker, PLEASE notify the office or if after hours call a board member or the sheriffs office. These people are trespassing, leaving unauthorized refuse, and costing everyone in the park more money!!!

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

Pets in The Park

Forest Park does not have a Dog Walk, Run, or Park. Florida law states that your dog must be on a leash no longer than six feet 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. No one wants to step in dog or cat feces!

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Calendar

All events are if enough residents are here to participate during the summer season.

Monday

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

1st and 3rd Mondays, 6:00 pm Karaoke with Chris, clubhouse

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball

9:15 am Relaxed Co-Ed Pickleball

9:00 am Pine Tree Knots 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

6:00 pm Dominoes - Clubhouse

8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball

9:15 am Relaxed Co-Ed Pickleball

10:30 am Pool Exercise

HALLOWEEN - Line-up for golf cart parade at 5:45 pm. Parade starts at 6:00 pm.

Shuffleboard tournament to follow.

Saturday

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

Sunday

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



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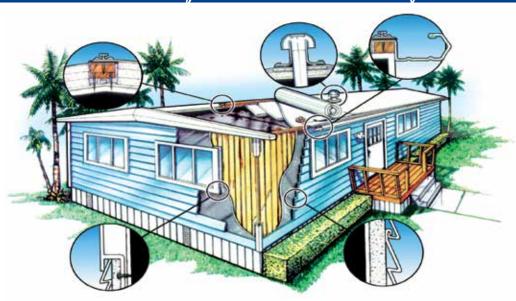
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