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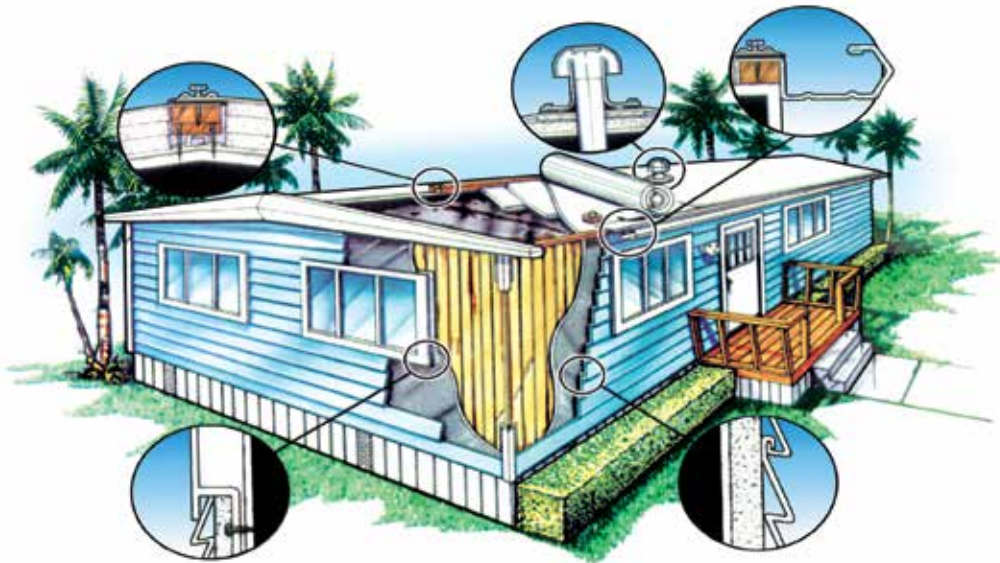


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Celebrating America’s 250th Birthday; A Legacy of Freedom and the Heroes Who Defended It *By Monte Johnson*

Two hundred and fifty years ago, in 1776, a bold idea took root — that people could govern themselves, speak freely, worship freely, and live without fear of tyranny. That idea became the United States of America. As we celebrate the Semiquincentennial in 2026, we honor not only the birth of our nation but the extraordinary journey of courage, sacrifice, and resilience that has carried us through two and a half centuries.

America’s story has never been simple, and freedom has never been free. From the earliest days of our independence, our nation has been tested. In the War of 1812, a young America stood firm against foreign invasion, proving that our independence was not a temporary experiment but a permanent declaration. When the world was engulfed in conflict during World War I, American soldiers crossed oceans to defend democracy and protect the rights of free people everywhere.

Just a generation later, in World War II, Americans once again answered the call. They fought on distant shores, liberated nations, and defeated tyranny on a scale the world had never seen. Their courage ensured that the flame of freedom would not be extinguished.

The Korean and the Vietnam Wars brought new challenges, new sacrifices, and new generations of Americans who carried the same belief in liberty that inspired the founders. These conflicts were difficult and often controversial, but the men and women who served did so with honor, standing for the principles that define us.

In more recent decades, American troops have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, confronting terrorism and defending innocent lives in a world where threats are often hidden and unpredictable. And even today, our service members remain vigilant in the Middle East, including ongoing tensions involving Iran and its proxy forces. Though not a declared war, these modern missions remind us that the defense of freedom is not confined to the past — it is a responsibility that continues into the present.

Across 250 years, through every conflict and every generation, one truth has remained constant: America endures because Americans are willing to stand up for freedom. The rights we cherish — to speak, to worship, to vote, to dream — have been safeguarded by those who put on the uniform and said, “Send me.”

Here in Forest Park, we are proud to be home — even

if only part of the year — to more than 60 veterans who have worn that uniform. They represent every branch of service and many of the conflicts that shaped our nation’s history. Their quiet strength, their stories, and their continued commitment to community remind us that patriotism is not just found in parades or fireworks; it lives in the people who have served and sacrificed so that the rest of us may live in peace.

As we celebrate America’s 250th birthday, let us honor these men and women who have defended our freedoms across the generations. Let us remember that the flag we raise and the anthem we sing are symbols made sacred by their service.

So this year, as we proudly say “Happy Birthday, America,” we also say thank you — to the heroes who protected our nation, to the families who supported them, and to every American who keeps the spirit of liberty alive.

Here’s to 250 years of freedom — and to the people who made it possible.

PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP AWARD WINNERS *By Forest Park Compliance Committee*

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.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT*By Barbara Batson Passos***The Strength of Our Community Depends on All of Us**

A successful homeowners association does not happen by chance. It is built through the dedication of volunteers who are willing to serve their neighbors and protect the community they all call home.



The Volunteer Board of Directors and Compliance Committee spend countless hours overseeing finances, maintaining common areas, enforcing governing documents, responding to resident concerns, and making decisions that protect the safety, appearance, and property values of our community. They do so without compensation, simply because they care about Forest Park and its future.

The Compliance Committee exists for one purpose: to ensure that the governing documents are applied fairly and consistently. Those rules were created to preserve the quality of life and property values that attracted homeowners to Forest Park in the first place.

Over the past several years, the Board and Compliance Committee have addressed numerous issues affecting our community, including unregistered occupants, unregistered long-term guests, underage occupants, unregistered dogs lacking licenses or proof of rabies vaccinations, unauthorized use of community amenities by individuals from outside the park, suspected illegal drug activity associated with rental homes, suspicious persons in the park, stolen property reports, home and property maintenance violations, vehicle driving and parking violations, and neighbor-to-neighbor disputes. These issues are reviewed and addressed not to inconvenience residents, but to help maintain a safe, orderly, and enjoyable community for everyone.

Some residents believe in a "live and let live" philosophy and question why rules need to be enforced at all. While that sentiment may sound appealing, every homeowner should ask themselves: What happens when no one enforces the rules? What happens to our home values if properties become neglected? What happens to our sense of security if occupancy restrictions are ignored or community amenities are used by unauthorized individuals? What happens when violations go unchecked simply because no one wants to address them?

The answer is simple. Communities that fail to enforce reasonable standards often experience declining appearance, increasing disputes between neighbors, misuse of common facilities, reduced property values,

and a diminished sense of safety and pride. Rules that are ignored eventually become meaningless.

It is also important to remember that every homeowner voluntarily agreed to these standards. When purchasing a home in Forest Park, each owner signed documents agreeing to abide by the Association's governing documents, including its Declaration, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations. Those obligations are binding and are part of the responsibility of community ownership.

Responsible community living requires more than simply paying dues. It requires respect for neighbors, respect for the governing documents, and an understanding that individual actions affect the entire community. Choosing to ignore the rules or expecting others to follow them while refusing to do so oneself places an unnecessary burden on everyone else and undermines the standards that protect our neighborhood.

Residents always have the right to ask questions and seek clarification. However, many disputes arise from misunderstandings or from not reading the governing documents before challenging established policies. When the Association must obtain legal opinions or defend actions that are already authorized by those governing documents, the cost is paid by every homeowner through Association funds. Those dollars could otherwise be used for maintenance, improvements, reserves, or amenities that benefit the entire community.

The alternative to active volunteer leadership is often greater reliance on paid management. While management companies provide valuable administrative support, they cannot replace the local knowledge, commitment, and investment that resident volunteers bring to the community. Increased dependence on paid management can also lead to higher operating costs and less homeowner involvement in the decisions that shape the future of the neighborhood.

Forest Park is more than a collection of homes—it is a community. Its continued success depends on residents who are willing to participate, volunteer, respect the governing documents, and understand that preserving our standards protects everyone. Working together with fairness, responsibility, and mutual respect ensures that Forest Park remains a safe, attractive, and desirable place to live for current residents and future generations alike.

Barbara Batson Passos



COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

By Bob Charles

Now that most everyone has gone back up north for the summer. We hope you put your shutters down and have them securely fastened. Hurricane season has started. Do you have someone hired to maintain your lawn, trim your bushes and trees, ensure your house does not get mold or mildew on the siding? We realize that your Florida home is out of sight, out of mind while you are away, but for the full time residents of Forest Park, we look at your home and yard everyday. The appearance of your property affects the property values of everyone. Keeping your home and yard up reflects on everyone in our park. We all signed the C.C.R's. agreeing to maintain our properties to the standards that they set forth.

The nice thing is the park is looking clean and beautiful and thanks goes out to all the residents who made this happen. As I talk to the new residents who have recently purchased a home here, they are extremely happy they chose FOREST PARK as their new home.

Just a friendly note, be sure you are prepared for the upcoming STORM SEASON. If you need information on what to do or need, you can find this info at the office or online at www.cdc.gov/hurricanes/safety/index.html.

P.S. Since we've put in the speed humps, it seems like some residents feel the stop signs no longer matter, this is concerning. The stop signs are for everyone's safety. Please obey our stop signs.

Have a safe and pleasant summer. **COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE: Bob Charles, Warren Starks, Lucinda King, Kevin Mann, and Bill Russell.**

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:

OCT. 15, 2026 Board Meeting 9 AM

OCT. 22, 2026 Membership Meeting 7 PM

Just a Friendly reminder regarding HOA payment methods.



Payment methods include: ACH (automatic deduction) - Check - Money Order - Cash in the EXACT amount due. The office no longer has any petty cash so if you elect to pay your dues with cash it must be the exact amount. Any overage will be kept in your account as a credit toward future payment as no change will be available.



EDITORS THOUGHTS

By Monte Johnson

Here we are going into the last half of 2026. Where has this year gone? **July is always a different season here in Forest Park.** With most of our winter residents away, the park gets quieter, the streets stay empty longer, and only about 120 homes are occupied. That makes this the time of year when we rely on each other a little more — to notice things, to speak up, and to help keep our community safe.

Even with fewer people around, Forest Park is still a neighborhood. We still watch out for each other. And a few simple habits make a big difference:

- **Keep an eye on your neighbor's home** if you know they're away. A package, a fallen branch, or an open door is worth mentioning.
- **Report anything unusual** — unfamiliar vehicles, late-night activity, or people who don't seem to belong.
- **Lock your car and your home**, even during the day. Summer months bring more local traffic through North Fort Myers. Think homeless, criminals, druggies.
- **Be mindful of golf cart and bike safety.** Fewer cars doesn't mean no cars.
- **Watch for signs of heat stress** in yourself and your neighbors. A quick check-in can prevent a serious problem.
- **Keep outdoor lights working** — a well-lit home is a safer home.
- **If you're walking your dog early or late**, carry a flashlight and stay visible.
- **Stay alert for wildlife**, especially snakes and raccoons that wander more when the park is quiet.

Forest Park is at its best when we look out for one another. Whether you're here year-round or just for the winter, thank you for helping keep our community safe, aware, and connected.

HAPPENINGS ON HOLLYBERRY

Donn and Robin Rudy were surprised by this sign in their front yard on Wednesday, June 10th honoring them on their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Congratulations from the staff at the Forest Park Newsletter.



BENEFITS OF SWIMMING

By Kathy Revels

The extra warm and less crowded days of summer make our beautiful refurbished pool even more attractive. Swimming is a fun and healthy activity at any age, and offers many benefits.

Swimming offers a full-body, low-impact workout that improves cardiovascular health, builds strength, supports joint health, and enhances mental well-being. Almost every major muscle group is engaged, including arms, legs, torso, and core, providing a comprehensive total-body workout. Different strokes target various muscles, and the water's natural resistance helps strengthen muscles while improving flexibility and endurance without stressing joints. Cardio exercise supports heart and lung function. Controlled breathing during swimming enhances lung capacity and efficiency, while regular swimming can improve cardiovascular endurance and reduce the risk of heart disease. Studies show swimmers have lower all-cause mortality rates compared to sedentary individuals, walkers, or runners.

The buoyancy of water reduces stress on joints, making swimming ideal for people with arthritis or back pain. Water-based exercise can improve mobility, reduce stiffness, and allow safe movement for those with limited mobility or chronic conditions.

Swimming is an effective way to burn calories and manage weight. Depending on stroke and intensity, swimming can burn as many or more calories than running, while being gentler on bones and joints. A 30-minute intense session can match the calorie expenditure of a 5k run.

Spending time in the pool can reduce stress, anxiety, and depression while boosting mood and cognitive function. Floating and relaxing in the water also calms stress. The rhythmic nature of swimming, combined with the soothing effects of water, contributes to relaxation and mental well-being.

Regular swimming improves muscle tone, flexibility, and overall strength, enhancing functional fitness and reducing the risk of injury in daily activities.

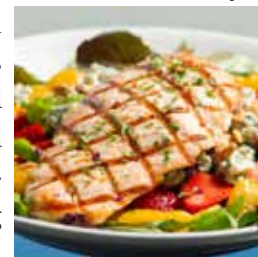
During the season, water aerobic exercise is offered every morning at 10:30 am. Our pool water is heated year round for those that wish to brave the cooler temperatures throughout the year.. Pool time is a perfect opportunity to visit with neighbors and make new friends. We hope to see you there!

Sharky's On The Pier!

By Toni Foote



Just one visit to Sharky's and you'll understand why after 35 years and counting, it has become a Venice-area landmark. Voted Florida's Best Beach Bar in 2013, 2018, and 2019, soak in the sunshine and dine in relaxed style while sipping a refreshingly cool beverage. Located in the Shark's Tooth Capital of the world and nestled at the base of the famed Venice Fishing Pier, their beach-front restaurant offers a stunning view of the Gulf of Mexico.



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WOOF, WAG, & WIGGLE

By Paula Batson

Meet Nola, (if you haven't already) in true Beagle fashion this little lady is a people lover. Her parents, Ken and Stephanie Calvert, have rescued dogs for a very long time. Nola is their 3rd Beagle and they have absolutely grown to love this very vocal athletic breed.



A little history on this fun loving loyal breed. The Beagle is one of the oldest scent hound breeds, originally developed in England for tracking small game like rabbits

- Beagles were brought to the United States in the late 1800s. They quickly became popular both as rabbit-hunting dogs and as family pets.
- Excellent noses (among the best scent-tracking dogs)
- Friendly family personalities
- Their loud "bay" howl
- Strong curiosity and tendency to follow scents wherever they lead

They are still used in hunting and detection work today, including airport agriculture inspections because of their incredible sense of smell.

These days Nola, who is now 12, can be found sleeping a lot. She was very relaxed the day I interviewed and took her picture lol. She is not much for playing with toys, but she does enjoy leaving the park riding in the car with her family and also loves her golf cart rides around Forest Park (a common denominator with all our dogs).

Sadly her brother and best friend, Gentle Ben, passed away last year. Nola has been a bit more laid back since and prefers to hang out with her parents more than other dogs. When she is outside, she still enjoys an occasional dig!! Beagles are very well known for digging. It comes from their history as scent hounds bred to follow rabbits

and other small animals.

Beagle owners often mention that they bring a lot of joy and activity into a home. They're curious and enthusiastic about almost everything, which can make everyday routines more fun. If you are thinking about adopting a dog please consider your local shelters. It might be the best thing you have done .

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL



Good News For Forest Park Residents!

Last month we started a 3 month pilot program for hazardous waste disposal. If this proves to be a success, the goal would be to continue it into the future. Keeping in mind that this will be run by volunteers.

How It Works - Hazardous waste will be picked up on the last Wednesday of July, August, and September.

- Call anytime in the month prior to the **WEDNESDAY** pickup date to put your name on the schedule.
- **July 29th** - Call between July 1st and July 28th.
- **August 26th** - Call between August 1st and August 25th.
- **September 30th** - Call between September 1st and September 29th
- You'll receive a reminder phone call the day prior to pickup.
- Have your hazardous waste at the end of your driveway no later than 9 AM on the date of pickup.
- Your hazardous waste will be picked up at your residence between 9AM - 11AM.
- To schedule your hazardous waste pickup you would call **Jay Finch at (607) 742-3259**.
- **DO NOT take any hazardous waste to the RV storage/trash dumpsters.**
- Only those residents who call and schedule will be picked up - NO EXCEPTIONS

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If you have questions about what is or isn't allowed, call Jay!

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FOREST PARK CRAFT CLUB

By Carole Beconder, President

July Craft Club News

We will be back in December for our Holiday Breakfast. See you in the Fall, have a wonderful Summer.



Koffee Klatch

The **Joynt** Koffee Klatch is over for the season. See you next fall at 9:00 am to 10:00 am in the Clubhouse. Coffee and Donuts are provided. As always, bring your own coffee cup or mug. (1st Friday each month)



The **Men's** Koffee Klatch is over for the season. See you next fall 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 **Women's** Koffee Klatch is over for the season. See you next fall at 9:00 am to 10:00 am in the Clubhouse. Coffee and Donuts are provided. As always, bring your own coffee cup or mug. (3rd Friday each month)

NORTHEAST CLUB

By Deb Johnson

Happy 4th of July everyone. Not much happening here in Forest Park. We are all just trying to stay cool. Everyone who was going home for the summer has left, while many year rounders are going on a short vacation to see friends and family. We at the Northeast Club are looking forward to this next season. Our host has some great meals and entertainment planned so be sure to join us in the fall. It's only \$5 per person to join in on the fun. In the meantime have a nice, safe summer.

FOREST PARKS HOME CHURCH

"THE LIGHT"

By Roberta Rizas

Welcome everyone to July. Happy Fourth of July to all of you, make it a wonderful day.

Please remember FOREST PARK'S HOME CHURCH, "THE LIGHT" has SERVICES every Sunday at 6 PM at 457 Jacaranda Court. We'd love to meet any of you that have never attended our SERVICES. Pray we will see you soon.

Enjoy your summer and be sure to visit our pool. See you next month.



SOCIAL CLUB NEWS!!

By Monte Johnson

The Social Club is active throughout the year planning fun activities for Forest Park residents. All of us are automatically members of the Social Club and are welcome to attend meetings and activities hosted by the Club. A debt of gratitude is owed to the many members who have helped to bring entertainment and fellowship to our community, set up and tear down for events, and given their time and talents for the benefit of others.

We need someone to step up to handle the Keep & Share Calendar schedule for our Main, Clubhouse, and Billiards Room calendar schedules. Those calendars have already been loaded into the Keep & Share Calendar for the next twelve months. The only responsibility for next year will be to make any changes to the calendar when notified.



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Keep & Share

How many of you know about our Forest Park Calendar. It is called the **Keep & Share Calendar (K&S)**. If you are reading the print version of this newsletter, go online to the Forest Park website and click on **News**. From there you can read this newsletter. Scroll down to this article and click on the **Forest Park Calendar**. You will see **Keep & Share** and under that is **FOREST PARK MAIN CALENDAR**.

The board determined during its February 19th meeting that the Social Club would be in charge of scheduling the Keep & Share Calendar. **The Social Club needs someone to volunteer** to manage the Main, Clubhouse, and Billiards room K&S calendars. The schedule for the next twelve months is already on the calendar. To schedule or change a previously scheduled event, contact the office. You also may choose the calendar for the **Clubhouse** or the **Billiards room**. If you are reading this online, just click the underlined link at the top of this article.

For more info call the office at **239-543-1155 between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm**.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

By *Kathy Revels*

SPINACH BALLS APPETIZER

Mix together until well combined:

- 3 boxes frozen Chopped Spinach, drained
- 2 c Pepperidge Farm Stuffing Mix
- ¾ c Butter, melted
- 1 tsp dried thyme
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- 1 tsp pepper
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By *Maureen Hesketh*

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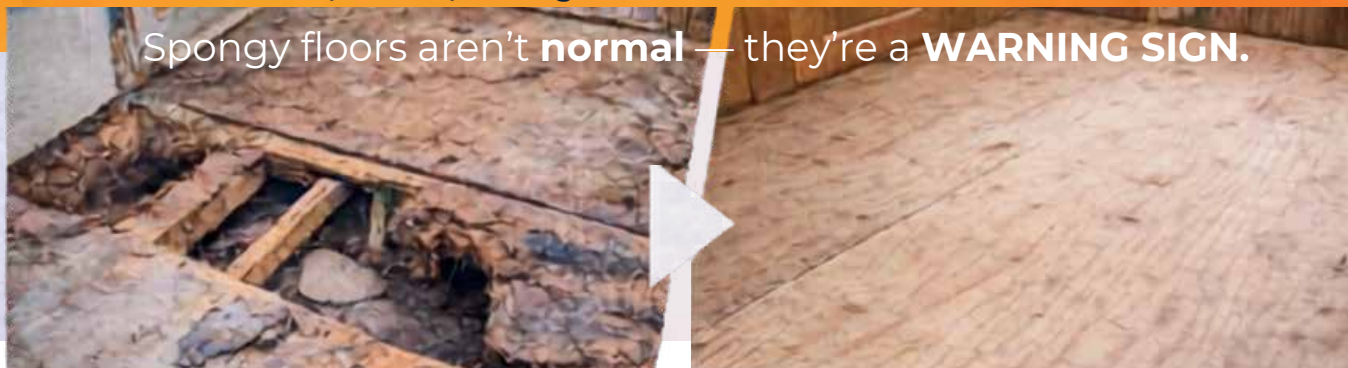
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LINE DANCE CLASSES

By Ellen Heigham

The season has flown by and all my special line dancing friends have done an amazing job! This season we have worked on Ah Si, Fireball, Cowboy Charleston, Wagon Wheel, Uptown Funk, King of the Road and most of the line dance steps. I look forward to starting up again in the fall.

See you on the dance floor!

For more info call Ellen 617-448-1748



SHUFFLE BOARD

Contact Bill Madill 519-634-5619

We have completed another year of league play in our park. Many thanks to Ellsworth Heating and Cooling, for their sponsorship of our different functions through the year. We had 24 active players with Robin Mann being the most improved player by winning the most games through the year. She along with Carol Tolbert won the draw doubles.

I will not be looking after the shuffleboard next year due to health reasons. It is time to let someone else take the helm as I am getting old and crotchety. I have only been old for a week and I don't like it already! Next year, 2027, we should have our first meeting on Monday, Jan 4th to decide who will run the league. Posters should be up in December for players to sign up for next season. I will help with the initial organizing, if needed. It has been fun, and that's what it is all about. Ex Captain Bill

CARING HEARTS & HELPING HANDS CLUB

By Lenann Crisci & Rebecca Tybor

CARING HEARTS & HELPING HANDS is a volunteer organization that formed this year. We met in the Clubhouse at 7:00 pm on the second and fourth Monday of every month between December and May.

We are an arm of the Forest Park Social Club that believes there are Angels among us. Becki Tybor is working with Lennan Crisci to make Forest Park a park where no one feels left out. Park residents help or assist our residents who are shut-in by just stopping by to visit, run an errand, or pick up a prescription. We are in **dire need of volunteers** to join the Caring Hearts & Helping Hands.

If you would like to assist a neighbor, or if you need support or help, reach out to Lenann at 207-705-2256 or Becki at 630-441-6279.



We are excited about being involved with our Caring Hearts Club--Hoping to make Forest Park the park with a BIG Heart.

Some things we are working on include: The **Mobile Physician Services**, will assess your needs and will appoint you a family care physician. This physician will come to your house so there is no need to make Senior Bus appointments or find rides! They also have Specialists like Audiologists, Podiatrists, X-Rays, Bloodwork, etc. **Please call 855-232-0641 and dial 1 for intake.** They will check your insurance, as most health advantage plans are accepted for this service. Please call Lenann if you need help with this.

We are also checking with churches – Youth Groups, Service hours for Confirmation Students, etc. for volunteers helping with yard work and around the house; Fur Factor Mobile Pet care 239-233-6803 for pet grooming that comes to your home; and Mobile Hair Care Services. Becki is contacting Walmart to see if they will make a delivery to Forest Park for free to the Clubhouse at least once a month for all that would like to make online orders. We encourage you to share any further suggestions, which could be included in a Senior Brochure featuring useful details and essential phone numbers, and distributed to all households. If you offer a discounted service and wish to be included in this brochure, please contact Becki. Let us do it. Together.

FOREST PARK TOOL CLUB

By Monte Johnson



The Tool Club is planning to hold more and bigger breakfasts and dinners next season. The over 60 Tool Club members would like to **thank the Board of Directors and everyone** who came out this season to our dinners, breakfasts, and 50/50 raffles. Our residents' support is essential in the continued success of the Tool Club.

We meet the second Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am in the Billiards room of the Activities Building

from October through May. We will again be hosting a dinner prior to Karaoke **every first and third Monday of the month beginning next fall.** We are accepting new members and will be purchasing new tools for our members to borrow at no cost. **Dues for the year are only \$10.00.** We currently have the normal yard, gardening, hand and power tools used for home or construction projects. But we also have a wet tile cutter, concrete mixer, mig welder, two generators, a chain saw, buffer/polisher, and an assortment of nails, screws, bolts, washers, and nuts.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

ATTENTION: FULL TIME RESIDENTS.

Many of our snowbirds are up north. We have switched to our full time resident night patrol roster for the summer. Please consider **VOLUNTEERING for Neighborhood Watch/Night Patrol.** It's only **one night per month.** If you are **full time or new to the park,** feel free to pick up information and a **volunteer** form at the office. Keeping a watchful eye on our park residents and residences is vitally important to the safety and security of everyone in our Park. In the past we have had bicycles, golf carts, and tools stolen, as well as squatters moving into vacant homes. We have also had drug activity. No one wants that in our Park. **Info you see something suspicious or you will need to call: Sheriff # 239-477-1000 if an emergency call 911.**



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 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 8:00 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 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 IMMEDIATELY 🚓 The Night Patrol Coordinator for the Park is **Gloria Restko.** Gloria has been a full time resident of the Park for many years. You may see Gloria and Mr. Bill in her white golf cart out and about.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS WHO ARE VOLUNTEERING 🚓

Gloria Restko 813-841-9920

RED HAT LADIES

Contact Pam Salk 260-385-6407



Another season has come to an end. Such a good time we had exploring new and different locations ! Looking forward to next season; starting with the second Tuesday in December. In the plans for next year is a wonderful idea by Joy to attend a Tea Party, hosted by “Le Petit “ (A Tea Room Experience) she says that it is a total delight!! It is located in the Cape; 2301 Del Prado Blvd, South. They can host a group of up to 30 at one time . You can also make a reservation for any size. I am always open for help in choosing locations! See you in December 🍷 or the season; so come out and Enjoy The Island Vibe.

Pam Salk



**FOREST PARK WEBSITE:
www.forestparkonline.com**

By: Jan Provence, Webmaster

All residents that have a Member Share in our park may access the Member's Only Pages on our website. On these pages, you will find the latest information with the FPPOA board and member minutes, and many other documents that you will need to keep updated on our community. To receive a username and password, contact the FPPOA office. (fpoainc@gmail.com) If you need further information, contact me at japrovence@gmail.com

RV STORAGE PARK

By John Hill



Remember to keep your info up to date and your item tagged, insured, and in working order. **If you have not moved your RV, trailer, boat, etc. in the last 9 months, you are depriving someone else of a spot in our park.** Our rules state that if you have not used your spot for 9 months, your spot may be reassigned to someone else. If you have not moved it in 9 months, it may be considered not using your spot. You are abusing the privilege of a **FREE** spot (for now). Other residents may be waiting for a spot. If you no longer need your spot, please let the office know. If you need a spot to store your RV, trailer, boat, etc let the office know so you can be put on the list. **IF YOU HAVE A BOAT, CAMPER, OR TRAILER IN YOUR DRIVEWAY FOR OVER 48 HOURS; THIS IS A VIOLATION OF THE RULES & REGULATIONS THAT YOU AGREED TO WHEN PURCHASING IN FOREST PARK! PLEASE INQUIRE OF A SPACE IN OUR R/V PARK OR FIND A COMMERCIAL STORAGE AREA TO RENT.**

Thanks,
John Hill
330-268-0066

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Birthdates for July



Diana Prittinen	2	Michael Jacobsen	18
Judith Collar	2	Theresa Hall	18
Brita Mulholland	3	Rick Foote	19
Christopher Tybor	5	John Hill	20
Theresa Snyder	6	Kristie Springer	20
Dana Kyes Haskell	6	Milton Herrick	21
Glenda Alfano	7	Pam Crain	21
Mary Neidhart	7	Darlene Kurucz	21
Bernie Waltz	12	Monte Johnson	22
Rodney Christenson	12	Marti Baker	24
Jeanette Flood	12	Carol Geppert	24
David Layne	12	David Schepers	24
Joyce Parsels	14	Shelley Hillman	25
Reese Evans	14	Linda Meyer	26
Dee DesBois	14	Wynelle Moore	27
Shelly Tobolski	14	Caroline DeShaw	28
Timothy Waltz	16	Michael Hall	30
Mary Siegel	16	Edward Fisher	31
Stephanie Calvert	16	Ralph Fiore	31
Kenneth Calvert	17	Lori Starkey	31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July Anniversaries

Anton & Patti Kothe		July 3, 1966
Jeffrey & Susan Hough		July 6, 2013
William & Roberta Wittig		July 31, 2010
Brian & Kathy Revels		July 8, 1978
Jeffrey Pierce & Nancy Wilder-Pierce		July 11, 2020
John & Glenda Alfano		July 15, 1972
Carrol & Patsy Provence		July 15, 1968
Brian Hafer & Wendy Henderson		July 22, 2019
Michael & Pamela Hall		July 22, 2003
Ann & Dick Teal		July 30, 1960
Edward & Marga Eads		July 31, 1957

TAI CHI CLASS

by Lenann Crisci

Lenann's Tai Chi class has ended for this season. Please join Lenann next fall when she returns.

CONTACT: LENANN CRISCI
207-705-2256

EXERCISE CLASSES

By Jane Cullin and Carole Beconder



Jane's Cardio, Weight and Core Exercise has ended for this season. Please join Jane next fall when she returns.

Carole's Walking, a little Yoga and light weights. Exercise class has ended for this season. Please join Carole next fall when she returns.

Notes of Cheer

By Robyn Johnson

Did you know that Social Club has a cheer person that sends out cards to residents that have been ill, had surgery, or have lost a loved one. Social Club provides the stamps and relies on residents to donate blank, get well and sympathy cards.

Karen Nash happily fills the position. If you know of anyone in need of some cheer, please reach out to Karen at 859-462-2280 or you may email her at knash@blueone.net.

Also, if you have any of the cards listed above and would like to donate them, please bring them to Karen Nash, or you may drop them off at the office.

Thank you

Karen Nash 859-462-2280

or

Robyn Johnson 651-341-8346

GAMES ANYONE ?

Have you checked out the Forest Park Online Calendar for the latest activities available for all Forest Park residents. There is something for everyone. Come on out and try something new.

- Pickle Ball
- Bocce Ball
- Shuffleboard
- Hand & Foot
- Dominoes



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. If your dog is aggressive towards other dogs or people, you should have your dog muzzled while outside on a leash. 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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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 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 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 Quiet Time are 10 PM to 7 AM. **YEAR ROUND Please be respectful of your neighbors!**



• **HAZARDOUS WASTE**

Lee County has very strict regulations regarding hazardous material disposal. The Board voted to no longer allow these materials (paint, pesticides, chemicals, fluorescent bulbs and gas bottles) to be picked up at the curb. These articles should be 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,

Aluminum cans only! All the others go in the blue recycle bins. If you are putting your aluminum cans out on Friday for the recycle truck, **PLEASE** consider putting your cans in a bag on Monday evening for pickup. **Money collected from can recycling helps pay some of the costs of Social Club activities. It benefits all residents of Forest Park.**

- **Improper Use of Dumpsters** – Dumpsters are **CLEARLY** marked. It's dangerous for the Maintenance Team to climb into the dumpster to retrieve improperly dumped items. **Contractors working on your home are also required to take the debris with them off site.**

ATTENTION

The following rules still apply, **only household trash is allowed in the compactor, all cardboard should be set out on Friday for recycle, no horticulture, construction materials, or bulk items. Bulk items include any furniture, cushions, bulky pillows or life jackets. Any Aluminum may be placed near the workbench in front of the horticulture dumpster for recycling, (this includes aluminum framed lawn chairs, pop-up tent frames, carport roofs, or gutters that are aluminum. Appliances go in the metal trailer parked southwest of the compactor. If it is not regular household trash, horticulture, appliances, aluminum, or construction materials, it is a BULK ITEM. The dumpsters are clearly marked. If the gate is locked, PLEASE lock the gate when you leave, to keep unauthorized people out of the R/V Park!! If you notice a vehicle in the R/V area, without a green tree sticker, PLEASE notify the office or if after hours call a board member or the sheriffs office. These people are trespassing, leaving unauthorized refuse, and costing everyone in the park more money!!! Absolutely no tires are to be left in the R/V Park!**



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

Forest Park - July 2026 Calendar

All events are if enough residents are here to participate.

- Every Monday
 - 8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball
 - 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



- Every Tuesday
 - 8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball
 - 9:15 am Relaxed Co-Ed Pickleball
 - 10:00 am Ladies Shuffle Board
 - 10:15 am Mahjong - Clubhouse
 - 10:30 am Pool Exercise
 - 6:00 pm Texas Holdem Tournament- Activities Building
 - Bingo will return in August

- Every Wednesday
 - 8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball
 - 9:15 am Relaxed Co-Ed Pickleball
 - 10:30 am Pool Exercise
 - 6:30 pm Euchre - Activities Building

- Every Thursday
 - 8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball
 - 9:15 am Relaxed Co-Ed Pickleball
 - 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, Domino's - Clubhouse
 - 6:30 pm Mixed Shuffleboard

- Every Friday
 - 8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball
 - 9:15 am Relaxed Co-Ed Pickleball
 - 10:30 am Pool Exercise

- Every Saturday
 - 8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball
 - 10:00 am Open Bocce Ball

- Every Sunday
 - 8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball
 - 6:00 pm Home Church
 - 6:00 pm Texas Holdem Tournament- Activities Building
 - 6:00 pm Hand and Foot - Clubhouse

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