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Second Acts- Exploring Our Neighbors

By *Laura Freeze*

They came for the sunshine, but they bring a lifetime of stories.

This column digs into the fascinating lives of our neighbors long before they made Forest Park their home.

Jim Pierce

Forest Park Drive

Here in Forest Park, one doesn't have to look far to see happy people enjoying their community, involving themselves in activities or just embracing this stage of their lives. Maybe it's the sunshine that brings it out in all of us or maybe it's the feeling of community here.

Jim Pierce could be referred to as one of the happiest guys you'd ever want to meet. You've probably seen him here riding his bike with a big smile on his face on his way to lend a hand to a neighbor, playing pickleball, shuffleboard or cleaning the pool. With a huge personality, just talking with him makes one feel happier. His positive energy is undeniable. "Focus on good times and a good life" is his motto.

Growing up in America's oldest seaside town, Cape May, New Jersey, Jim was raised with the love of hunting, nature and a passion for music and dance. As a young guy, he saw the countryside by hitch hiking, riding his pearl colored Harley Fatboy through south Jersey and eventually started his own landscaping business. Music and dance was an important part of his life starting as a young child. Deeply rooted in his Native Indian heritage, his mother and maternal grandmother passed down the legacy and stories of the Turtle Clan Lenape Indians. He recalls attending Pow Wows, drawing people from local Pa, NJ and Delaware, showcasing native dances. It was there that he gained the passion of music and dance. No two dances are the same in Indian culture. They are never practiced, each one has a spiritual meaning, Jim explained. He proudly posed with his tail feathers, which were made specifically for him when he turned 50 years old.

Jim credits his 92 year old uncle for passing down wisdom and knowledge. As a cherished heirloom, his uncle made him a dream catcher. According to tradition, each generation adds to the heirloom. Not wanting to break from tradition and after receiving his uncle's blessing, Jim changed this to a Native American walking stick that contains an eagle feather. This will be passed down to his two sons and eight grandchildren. Thus, keeping this tradition alive.

As a testament to his heritage, Jim proudly has several tattoos, including the Native American ten commandments,



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a dream catcher, wolf and medicine bag to name a few- each signifying a different meaning in the Native American culture.

As an avid hunter in Potter County (God’s country), Jim grew up in a family of hunters. He believes in life’s full circle and the vision of providing for his family. Planting an oak tree where he will be buried which will produce acorns. The acorns then produce food for the deer to be nourished. The hunted deer then provides food for his family. This way Jim says, “Pops Pierce will bring the acorns that will continue to feed his family for generations.”

After he was injured on the job and a few back surgeries later, he sold his landscaping business of twenty years, the home that he built and retired at 57 to start a new chapter in his life. Never wanting to shovel snow again, he decided to visit family in Florida. A realtor showed him Forest Park and he immediately fell in love with the area and decided to buy a home on Forest Park Drive. He reflected on how friendly everyone was here. One of his neighbors, Paula Batson, was instrumental in making him feel welcome and part of the community here.

Coming up on one year of living in the park, Jim has embraced getting to know his neighbors, which is everyone in the park! He finds joy in talking to everyone, feeding off of people’s energy and most of all making people happy. He feels if he can accomplish that then he has done his job. Showing interest in your neighbors, connecting with people and volunteering has given him the opportunity to meet people. When asked how he stays so positive, it’s simple. He wakes up everyday to greet the grand rising sun, feels good and is surrounded by good people. Why not smile and be happy?

Jim continues to find joy in helping others whenever possible and sharing his love of life in general. His sentiment, “I love living here. We are in paradise. I can make a house anywhere, but this is my home”.

If you haven’t met Jim yet you need to— he certainly will make you feel good about life!

Letter to the Editor

I just watched the video of the volunteers in our great Community of Forest Park. A **HUGE THANK YOU** to the volunteers and to Barry for making the video. What a wonderful job by all. It makes me proud to be part of the Forest Park Family

Kathy Fanning



PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP AWARD WINNERS By Forest Park Compliance Committee

June Winners

Dave and Carol Tolbert
218 Shrub Lane North

Jerry and Lisa Day
558 Peace Lake Ct

Sally Miller
506 Blossom Ct



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



As we come to the close of our season and our final meeting before we return in October, I want to take a moment to recognize something important—what we have accomplished together in just a few short months.

We didn't sit still. We didn't stay stuck. We moved forward.

Projects that once felt out of reach are now being completed. Improvements are happening. Progress is visible. And that doesn't happen by chance—it happens because people care enough to get involved and take action.

To our volunteers—thank you. You are the driving force behind everything we're seeing. Your time, your effort, and your willingness to step up make a real difference. You set the tone for what this community can be when people come together with a shared purpose.

And I also want to recognize our year-round residents. While many travel or head north for part of the year, you are here through it all—the summer heat, the storms, and the quieter months. You help keep this community running day in and day out. Your presence, your consistency, and your commitment truly matter, and they are appreciated more than words can express.

That's what this is about—a community that doesn't just exist, but one that continues to grow, improve, and take pride in where we live.

As we head into the summer months, that responsibility doesn't pause. Each homeowner plays a part in maintaining the look, safety, and value of our neighborhood. Having a plan in place for lawns, weeds, and upkeep isn't just a rule—it's part of respecting your home and your neighbors.

Because when each of us does our part, it shows. And when it shows, it strengthens everything around us.

We've built real momentum—and we're not losing it. When we come back in October, we'll continue building on everything we've started and keep moving forward together.

Thank you for being part of this community.

Have a safe, enjoyable, and well-deserved summer—we'll see you in the fall.

Barbara Batson Passos

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COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

By Bob Charles

Unfortunately we have had some issues to deal with recently. Since we've put in the speed humps, it seems like some residents feel the stop signs no longer matter, this is concerning. I understand that change sometimes is hard to handle for some people. Human nature is hard to understand, but everyone should try to understand why we do things in the community and what's the purpose?

It's SAFETY! We've asked the residents of Forest Park for years to obey the speed limit signs to assure the safety of all who use Forest Park Drive for walking, for exercise, riding their bikes, or having a leisurely stroll in their golf carts. Forest Park Drive is the only access road in the community, so all the traffic is on that one road. We really don't want to have to put speed humps at the stop signs, but that may be the only solution.

There is also an issue with fencing being put up in the easements. These areas are for access by the utility companies as well as fire companies. Anytime you want to make a change to your home or property, you need to submit those plans to the office for approval, these rules are in your governing documents.

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.

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



Business Meeting

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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




Fathers Day is this month, on June 21st. Being a Father is one of the greatest blessings a man can have. I am blessed with three sons, who have blessed my wife and I with three grandsons, three granddaughters, and two step grandsons. They in turn have blessed us with five great grandsons and two great granddaughters. Our family tree is spreading wide.

Being raised on a family farm instilled the midwestern farmers work ethic in me to achieve success. Most men in my generation attended a four year university or a two year vocational college. I joined the work force for seventeen years before attending and finally graduating at the age of 35 with an Associates degree in Accounting. My three sons inherited that work ethic and they have passed that down to their sons and daughters. Forgive me for bragging, but I think at this age we all deserve to brag a little. Our sons are all successful. The oldest is a farm manager for a large farm corporation in Iowa, our middle son has his Masters Degree in Sports Administration, is the Director of Football Player Personnel and Recruiting for Rice University in Houston, and our youngest son finished his bachelor's degree when he was 44 as he continues to be a 20 year top salesperson for his employer in Iowa, as he works from home in Phoenix, AZ.

Our older grandchildren are in their twenties to early thirties, we have a granddaughter who's a married mother of four sons who is fostering a three year old, mixed race daughter, while taking classes to be a substance abuse counselor, a grandson who's a firefighter/paramedic who also is ordained as a Baptist minister and married father of three, a grandson who is a Master Motorcycle/Watercraft/OffRoad vehicle technician, a granddaughter who is a traveling RN and a volunteer firefighter, and a grandson who just graduated with a degree in mental health counseling.

I'm sure that most of you have grands and greats that you are also just as proud of and probably have some doctors, lawyers, engineers, or other professionals down your family tree. Having children truly is a blessing. Having grandchildren is the real meaning to life. Living long enough to see your great grandchildren makes life's struggles worth living. Happy Fathers Day to all the Dad's in Forest Park!!

 **A Father's Day Tribute: Ten Moments That Make Dads Extraordinary**

Fatherhood is built on moments — some small, some life-shaping — that stay with us long after the years have passed. This June, we honor the men whose guidance, steadiness, and love shape our families and our community.

1. **That First Baseball Mitt** — The moment a dad places that first glove in his child's hands, teaching patience, teamwork, and the joy of playing catch in the yard.
2. **The First Gun for his Son or Daughter** — A rite of passage handled with care and responsibility, where fathers pass down respect, safety, and tradition.
3. **The Daddy-Daughter Dance** — A little girl standing on her father's shoes, learning what it feels like to be cherished, protected, and valued.
4. **Walking His Daughter Down the Aisle** — A father's quiet pride as he gives his daughter's hand, knowing he helped her become the woman she is.
5. **The Bride-and-Dad Dance** — A final slow dance where memories flood back — scraped knees, school plays, first heartbreaks — all wrapped into one moment.
6. **Teaching Life Skills** — From tying a tie to changing a tire or the oil, dads pass down the practical lessons that build confidence and independence.
7. **Showing Steadfast Support** — Whether cheering from the bleachers or offering advice at the kitchen table, fathers show up when it matters most.

8. **Setting the Example** — Through their work ethic, integrity, and resilience, dads teach by doing, not by talking.
9. **Protecting Their Family** — A father's presence brings a sense of safety and stability that anchors a home.
10. **Loving Without Conditions** — Beneath every father's strength is a heart that loves deeply, quietly, and without limits.

This Father's Day, we honor the men whose guidance, traditions, and unforgettable moments help shape the families of Forest Park. Their love leaves a legacy that lasts for generations.



LAKES PARK

By Paula Evans



If you have not already visited Lakes Park in Fort Myers, take the time to go. A quick 30 min. drive, straight down Cleveland Ave. to 7330 Gladiolas Drive and you arrive at this magical place. It's a pay and park \$1.35 per hour and easily done on your phone or pay machine.

What began as a man-made area where rock was quarried during the 1960's. The lake water comes from groundwater influx, surface water run-off and rainfall. The depth varies from a few inches to over 20 feet. It covers 158 acres of the 279 acre facility. It was purchased by the County in 1978. In 1982 ground was broken and it was developed for recreational use with the official "Grand Opening" on April 21, 1984.

Lakes Regional Park has remained relatively unchanged since then with a few exceptions. In 1991, the "Fragrance Garden" was introduced and has grown from a small area of fragrant herbs, flowers and plants to a botanical type status with a wide variety of plants, trees, shrubs and ground cover. In addition to this, a "Memory Lane" was also started. This is achieved by monetary donations which dedicate trees, shrubs, plants or benches to the memory of loved ones that are designated by plaques.

In 1995 the "[Miniature Railroad](#)" opened for business. This is a scale model railroad that offers a 15 minute ride through the northern areas of the park. The ride runs beside the lake, through a tunnel and past several displays, such as scale villages, towns and natural areas.

The park offers paved walkways that you can walk or bike on. Loads of benches along the paths with breathtaking views of wildlife that thrive in this sanctuary. Fishing is an option in any of the water areas or just throwing a blanket down and taking a nap in the quiet lawns off the main walkways. There are three outdoor total body fitness stations which offer dozens of exercise options, from basic stretching and stair steps to more strenuous pull-ups and squats. This park checks a box for everyone.

On the main dock, rentals of Kayaks, Swan Boats and 4 person Surry Bikes are available. Across the way for the kiddies, there are numerous bounce houses, slides and the cutest train that takes a ride on the tracks around some of the lakes. Also they are currently building a splash pad that will open soon. We have spent the last month heading there every Saturday morning and still have not seen all it has to offer. A Botanical Garden loaded with stunning flowers and trees was a great hidden gem. We stumbled across it on our 2nd trip, and if you're longing for a garden to grow vegetables, they have a community garden where you rent an off the ground garden box.

There were eggplant and tomatoes 🍅 along with so many other plants. Next up, we saw fountains that seemingly danced like the perfect backdrop for exchanging vows on a beautiful manicured area as a violinist played. It was special.

Throughout the park pavilions with giant barbecue areas that you can reserve online, a super idea for hosting family reunions or a birthday party, Lakes Park is truly a gem for everyone. So next time you're looking for something to do, take a road trip with your picnic basket and enjoy one of Southwest Florida parks.

WOOF, WAG, & WIGGLE

By Paula Batson



If you're out and about in Forest Park I'm sure you have noticed this handsome guy, 'Cooper', walking the park twice a day with his loving parents, Scott and Jennifer Johnson. Cooper is a 10 year old 58 lb Vizsla, which is a Hungarian Bird Dog. A little information on this breed, they are commonly known as the

neat breed. They have no odor and very little shedding. Their eyes, nose and coat are exactly the same color for camouflaging themselves when out hunting. They also have webbed paws. They are a prized breed because they can do multiple jobs in the field. They are also known as the Velcro Dog because they stay very close to their humans. Cooper is a very good example of this breed.

Born in Michigan, Cooper is the first Vizsla for the Johnsons. He has been a loyal member of the family and a true companion during some difficult health challenges his mom went through. Cooper is a very vocal boy, his mom told me. He loves to bark, whine, and moan to communicate his needs to his parents, which mostly consists of "Why did you stop petting me", lol! He loves his toys and, in true hunting fashion, he can remove all the fluff and find the squeaker in a matter of minutes. He loves, loves, loves people, and is very happy to say "hi" with his beautiful face while leaning in on you literally, for some petting. Petting will be a must if you stop to say Hi!!!

A snowbird, Cooper definitely has enjoyed the beautiful Florida sunshine. A true beach lover, he loves to run and chase his ball in the sand. He thrives on his exercise routine and nighttime dusk walks are great for spotting bunnies to stalk. From the first time I saw him, I knew he was a sweet sweet boy, and getting to see him live his best life with his family just brings a smile to my face everyday. Dogs bring a lot of happiness and companionship to people and we are so lucky to have plenty of amazing ones in Forest Park. Cooper is one of our best

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Good News For Forest Park Residents!

Starting in June we will be starting 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 June, July and August.

- Call anytime in the month prior to the **WEDNESDAY** pickup date to put your name on the schedule.
- **June 24th** - Call between June 1st and June 23rd.
- **July 29th** - Call between July 1st and July 28th.
- **August 26th** - Call between August 1st and August 25th.
- 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** or **Jim Pierce at (239) 506-3478**.
- **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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THANK YOU MEN.

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



FOREST PARK CRAFT CLUB

By Carole Beconder, President



June Craft Club News

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

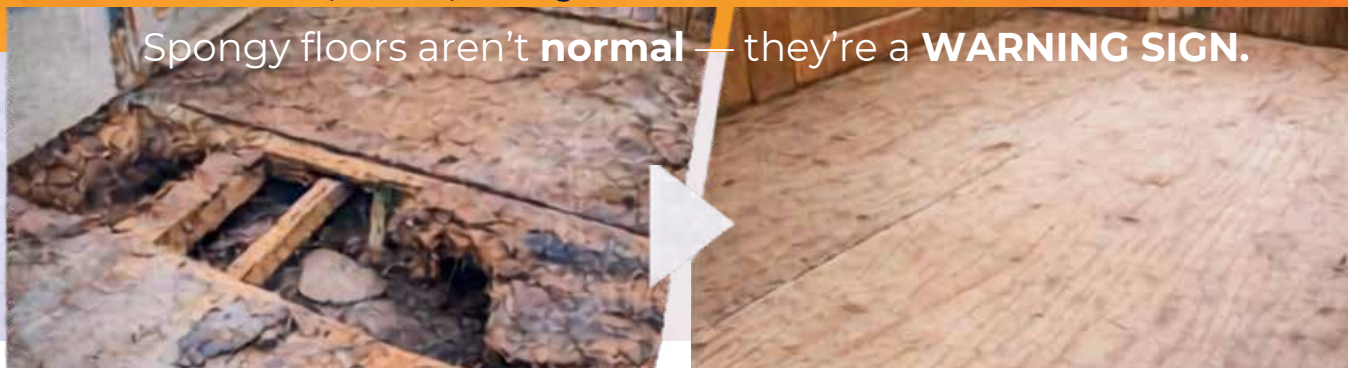
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NORTHEAST CLUB

By Deb Johnson

The season has come to an end for another year. It sure has been a busy one. We want to thank all of you that hosted a delicious dinner each month and entertained us with some fun games. We thank all who joined the Northeast Club this last year as well. We hope you had a wonderful time each month. To all of you who were not members, but bought a ticket to join us in April for our end of the year picnic and music in the park, we thank you. We hope you enjoyed yourself so much that you will consider joining us next year. It's only \$5 per person to join. We also said goodbye to our good friends Kenny and Joyce Parcels. We are sad to see them leaving us, but totally understand. We wish you all a happy safe summer and look forward to seeing you again in the fall.

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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FOREST PARKS HOME CHURCH

“THE LIGHT”

By Roberta Rizas



Nothing much to say this month, except June is a hot one! God bless all our friends & relatives that have gone back home to their particular states. Praying you enjoy your summer with family & friends. We really miss all of you and look forward to your coming back in the fall.

Just a reminder to everyone...Forest Park Home Church, “The Light” always continues all year through, every Sunday at 6 pm. We are located at 457 Jacaramba Ct. The Ladies Bible Study, at the same address on Thursday morning at 10:00 am. stops for the summer, but returns again in October, same time & same day.

All of us must keep praying for the USA & safety for everyone. Continued prayer for our President & all our representatives, may God continue to use them for His glory & always continue to lead us in the right direction for His namesake. God bless everyone.

I just remembered Father's Day is on June 21, 2026. "The Light" would like to wish all the Fathers in our Park a HAPPY FATHER'S DAY. I especially say it to the greatest man of all, my husband, Ronald...we will be married 70 years as of November 4 and he is the father of three children. HAPPY FATHERS DAY TO ALL OF YOU, enjoy your day.

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 Toni Foote

Delicious Pudding From the kitchen of Kathy Fanning

Ingredients:

- Grapes, red & green (12 to 15 cut in half)
- Strawberries (12 to 15 cut in qts)
- Blueberries (2 & 1/2 pints)
- 1 Box Sugar Free French Vanilla instant pudding
- 3 cup Milk



Cut grapes in half

Wash and cut fruit-strawberries into quarters

Pick any stems from blueberries.

Use a mixer to blend milk and pudding. The mixture should be thick.

Add fruit to pudding and chill.

This recipe may also be spread on top of a graham cracker crust and topped with graham cracker crumbs.

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)



LIBRARY NEWS

By Maureen Hesketh

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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!

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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.




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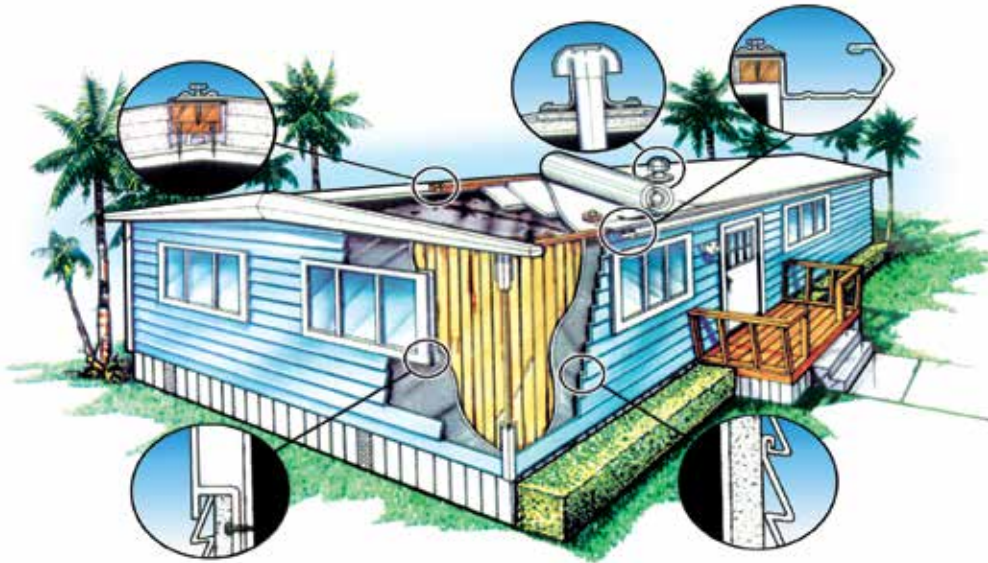


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FOREST PARK TOOL CLUB

By Monte Johnson



The Tool Club would like to welcome new member Doug Starky to the club and Forest Park. 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 continue to leave for up north. We have switched to our full time resident night patrol roster for June. 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.

Birthdates for June

Brenda Dry 1	Philip Power 16
Sue Neckers 1	Ismael Ortiz 17
Lenann Crisci 2	Charlie Baker 20
Linda Sbarboro 4	Ron Croteau 20
Susan Nickolas 6	Bob Morris 20
Paul Malone 7	Donna Randall 20
Barbara Batson-Passos 8	Nanette Gray 21
Elaine Moller 8	Brian Hafer 22
Laurie Quigley 9	Scott Johnson 23
Melissa Parks 12	Sam Amici 24
Peggy Cleary 13	Ronald Trepanier 26
Dean Steffen 13	Rick Lawton 26
James Mooney 15	Gianna Wachholz 29
Tina Pestow 15	Harry DeMeester 30
Sandy Corrigan 16	Mary Lippolis 30
Angela Mundy 16	



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Keith and Delorus Burgett June 4, 1976
- Peter and Becky Lodi June 5, 2009
- Doug and Lori Starkey June 14, 1980
- Chad and Christen Henning June 7, 1997
- Timothy and Lori Waltz June 11, 1977
- Sam and Karen Amici June 12, 2014
- Cheryl and Ron Geik June 14, 1969
- Steven and Renee Huck June 22, 1975
- Mark and Theresa Snyder June 24, 1972
- Don and Maureen Hesketh June 29, 1963
- Richard and Toni Foote June 30, 1977
- Jeff and Jan Provence June 30, 2011



TAI CHI CLASS by Lenann Crisci

I am proud to be awarding Certificates of Achievement from the UNITED MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY to the following Senior students who have been studying this beautiful Art for 2+ years: Congratulations to: Charleen Boyle and Debbie Nieman...Pictures of the award presentation will follow in the July Newsletter.



CONTACT: LENANN CRISCI
207-705-2256



WELCOME TO FOREST PARK

Shari McGonnigal
802 HollyBerry Ct
781-901-1723
Home State: MA



Antonette Fazlic
513 Timber Lane S
239-989-1011
Home State: FL

Welcome
Glad you're here!

Ismael and Nell Ortiz
308 Twig Ct N
939-233-2265
Home State: FL

Frank Bytautas & Wilfred Sevigny
221 Shrub Lane N
954-257-5285(F)
954-610-1451(W)
Home State: FL



Paula Kokoles
406 Twig CT S
267-879-2199
Home State: PA

Christopher LaBelle & Donna Matthews
508 Pine Tree CT
518-650-5338
Home State: NY

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 is every Tues. and Sat. from 9-10 AM. In the clubhouse.

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



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!

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



PETS

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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21. Metric unit of length
22. Beginning
23. Vibrating effect
25. Avoid
27. Hog's home
28. Cow milkers
31. Master of ceremonies
34. Not solids nor liquids
35. Anger
36. Nonclerical

37. Reveals
38. Make a sweater
39. 54 in Roman numerals
40. Satisfies
41. Chomps
42. Slandered
44. Encountered
45. Reluctant
46. In a constricted manner
50. Decree
52. Drama set to classical music
54. Hasten
55. Fluid escape
56. Warranties
58. Ruination
59. Utilizing
60. Desire
61. Formerly (archaic)
62. On edge
63. Stinging insects

DOWN

1. False move
2. Absolute
3. Hotel apartment
4. Transgression
5. Scarcely
6. Muse of poetry
7. Heredity unit
8. Becomes larger
9. No
10. Voguish
11. Wild bergamot
12. Otherwise
13. Encounter
18. Overact
22. Paddles
24. Millisecond
26. Contends
28. Took a chance
29. One of the Great Lakes
30. Trawling equipment
31. L L L L
32. Cripple
33. Non-military people
34. Castle entrance
37. Thai currency
38. Friends and acquaintances
40. “Go away!”
41. Started

43. Missile
44. Illusion
46. Sea swallows
47. Thither
48. Feudal lord
49. Affirmatives
50. River to the North Sea
51. Darling
53. Hurt
56. Destroy the interior of
57. Vat



Forest Park - June 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 Thursday
 - 8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball
 - 9:15 am Relaxed Co-Ed Pickleball
 - 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

- Every 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
 - 6:00 pm Texas Holdem Tournament- Activities Building
 - 6:45 pm Bingo - Clubhouse

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

- 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 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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