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Second Acts- Exploring Our Neighbors

By Monte Johnson



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

Ron and Roberta Rizas

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

This is a very special year for Ron and Roberta Rizas of Jacaramba Court. On Wednesday, November 4th they will be celebrating 70 years of wedded bliss. That's right, Dwight Eisenhower was the President, Fats Domino was finding his Thrills on Blueberry Hill, and The Honeymooners were topping the television charts.

They met while Roberta was a Junior cheerleader and Ron was the Senior, star quarterback. Ron had suffered a concussion, black eye, and was wearing a patch over his eye. This attracted Roberta's attention one day in the hallway at Neptune, New Jersey High School. Roberta asked her girl friends who that tall, handsome boy was with the bandaged eye, she was told that she had been cheering for him all season. Roberta decided to walk up and start a conversation. Even though Ron had double vision, he could see this was a girl he wanted to know better. Soon after they began dating in the era of bobby socks, poodle skirts, and rock and roll music. Ron was 18, Roberta was 17, and the year was 1954.



Roberta began working as a waitress in Asbury Park when she was just fifteen years old by telling the owner of the diner she was seventeen. She was also very attractive and worked as a swim suit model during high school. The day after graduation Ron enlisted in the U.S. Navy for 4 years without telling Roberta. She was devastated when Ron told her and began crying her eyes out. Ron marched right down to the recruiting station and convinced the officer to allow him to change his enlistment to two years. Ron served on the famous USS Intrepid, known as "The Fighting I" during W.W.II.

Roberta Rockefeller and Ron Rizas were married on November 4, 1956 and Roberta began work as a telephone switch board operator by day and waitressing in the evening, while Ron began work delivering bottled milk. The phone company even used Roberta in one of their print advertisements. Soon after, Ron Jr. arrived in 1957

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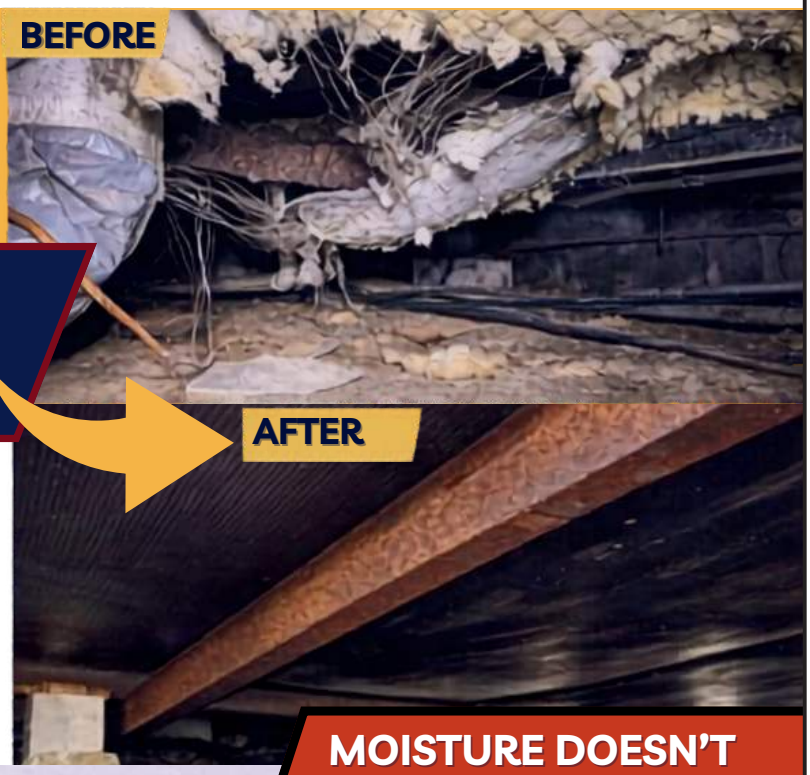
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and Debbie in 1959. With a growing family, they needed more income, so Ron listened to a friend and went to work for Publishers Newspapers, delivering newspapers on a truck route at night, a position he held for 32 years. Ron was one of the first Mr. Mom's, taking care of the kids during the day while Roberta quit as a phone operator and continued to work as a waitress. The tips were better and Roberta loved interacting with people personally.

In 1965, Debbie, who was 6 and always had a vivid imagination, told Roberta that they needed a baby. Roberta explained they were happy with her and Ron Jr., but God had other plans and Cynthia was born later that year. Then in 1966 tragedy struck as Debbie contracted a viral infection and suddenly passed away in less than 24 hours. Most marriages would not survive such a tragedy, but the Riza's looked to the Lord for guidance and their faith grew stronger. Roberta began teaching Sunday school and over the years she did volunteer work as a drug counsellor, fund raiser, and when Cynthia was in school they would minister to nursing homes, singing gospel hymns.



Ron became quite the handyman as they sold and purchased 7 homes in New Jersey. In the late 1980's they ventured to the East coast of Florida to purchase a home and began spending their winters. But Ron kept fixing them up and Roberta kept finding a new home to purchase. They only had one on the east coast before venturing over to the gulf side. They are now living in their seventh home here in Florida. Their faith in the Lord was tested again when Ron Jr. passed at the age of 47. The Rizas have ministered to the homeless, by organizing a Helping Hands Ministry in 2016 that fed the homeless for seven years. They contacted Jets Pizza who donated the pizza's, Roberta would warm up the pizzas and they would deliver them to the people living under a bridge. They also had a free bible ministry over the years.

In 2015 they moved to Forest Park and began attending a home church. In 2020 they had a calling to start their own home church, "The Light". They have services in their home at 457 Jacaramba Court on Sunday evening at 6:00 pm with Pastor Carl & Julie Kaspick from Lazy Days as the ministers. Their services are non-denominational, anyone may attend, and they usually host from 6 - 10 people. Roberta tells me that if their attendance increases to over 10 that the Lord will call on someone to start another home church. The Light has been very generous in their support of Forest Park by their monetary donations towards the memorial flag poles in front of the clubhouse and to the tool club.

Nowadays they spend their days quietly at home, driving to Naples to play canasta, or going to doctor appointments. You may wish the Rizas a Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary by sending them a card to 457 Jacaramba Court, North Fort Myers, Florida, 33917

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Barbara Batson Passos



Dear Forest Park Residents,

I would like to let everyone know that I have resigned from the Forest Park Board of Directors which was effective October 3, 2026.

It has been a privilege to serve our community, and I am grateful for the opportunity. I sincerely wish the remaining Board continued success and the very best moving forward.

A copy of my resignation letter is available at the Forest Park office for any resident who wishes to review it.

Thank you to everyone who supported me during my time on the Board.

Sincerely,

Barbara Batson Passos



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



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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.

November Winners

Donald and Deanna Matheny
634 Forest Palm Ct.





Charles and Connie Sheridan
401 Timberlane North





OCTOBER PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP WINNERS REPRINT

The winners' pictures from October are being printed again this month because of an error in last month's newsletter. We sincerely apologize to Frank and Shawn.

October Winners

Frank Trombetta
556 Peacelake Ct



Shawn Glover
Forest Park Drive



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2026 Board of Directors Election

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

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

Budget & Finance Committee
Audit Committee
Election and Inspection/Clerks Committee
Document Review Committee,
Facilities Planning Committee,
McDaniel Property Committee,
Property Standards/Compliance Committee
Beautification Committee
Streets & Drains Committee
Waste Stream Management Committee
Wi-Fi & Surveillance Camera Committee

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

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

2027 BOD Open Positions - Applications are available in the office

1. President - 2 year term (2026 - 2028) 1 year remaining
2. 1 st Vice President – 2 year term (2027 - 2029)
3. Secretary - 2 year term (2027- 2029)
4. Director #2 - 3 year term (2026 - 2029) 2 years remaining
5. Director #3 - 3 year term (2027 - 2030)
6. Director #5 - 3 year term (2026 - 2029) 2 years remaining
7. Director #6 - 3 year term (2027 -2030)

Cut off date for Nominees to be printed on the ballot **Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026 at 12:00 pm**

Meet the Candidates Night **Thursday December 3rd, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse**

General Election – January 7th, 2027

EDITORS THOUGHTS

By Monte Johnson



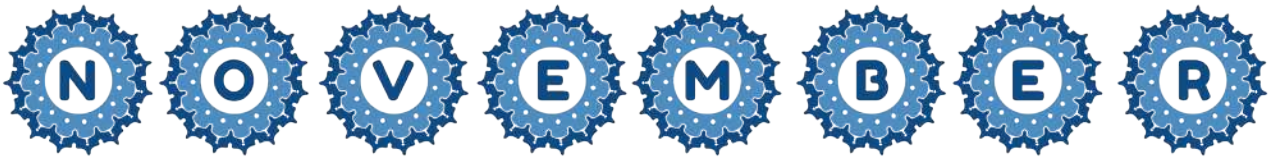
It is time for the majority to speak up!!!

While on vacation in September, I posted a selfie on my personal Facebook page while at a Buccee's. It was meant to be a light-hearted post about where I was at. I deleted the post because a resident chose to post some derogatory words about a couple of ladies who have spent countless hours in improving the social environment, safety, and Newsletter for Forest Park. I am not sure why my post warranted the comments. Because of those comments, Forest Park has lost our president and your newsletter has lost a valuable staff member.

As editor of the Forest Park Newsletter, I am not resigning from the unpaid, time consuming, volunteer position, as was suggested by the resident. I, like these ladies, only care about improving our Park for every resident. Yet they have been harassed, bullied, called names, intimidated, sworn at, physically threatened, and received the middle finger bird salute. As a 5 year, former member of the board of directors I have also received some of the same treatment.

Perhaps the 6 -10 or so vocal residents who are on the Facebook Issues and Comments page, or at the swimming pool in the afternoon should just leave if Forest Park is such a bad place to live. **You know who you are! We know who you are! You are the vocal *minority***, either at the pool or always on Facebook bitching and complaining. You know the old saying, " Until you walk a mile in another man's shoes..."?

Why don't you volunteer to spread mulch, clean up around the Clubhouse, put up Christmas decorations, or help at a Social Club function, instead of always finding fault, or never being satisfied? You've managed to run off the hardest working people, who care the most about the park. We never see you helping at any functions, or volunteering. No one wants to be on the Board of Directors because of your constant bitching and complaining. **Maybe you should run for the Board of Directors, volunteer for a committee, join a club, and become involved in our community.** Why don't **you** "walk a mile in another man's shoes"? Our park needs residents who want a better, safer, more respectful community. We are fed up with your bitching and complaining. **You are** in **the *minority*, SHUT UP OR LEAVE!!!**



COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

By Bob Charles

I'm starting this Month's report with a question. Where is the most unusual place you've ever seen a tree grow? You won't have to wait long for my answer, it's in some rain gutters in our park. This was brought to my attention from a resident who thought this was something that needed to be addressed. I agree. The next time you are out in your yard, take a look up at your gutters and make sure you aren't one of these unusual tree gutter nursery's. Clogged gutters can also cause serious water damage to your home as well. So, let's make November "CLEAN OUT YOUR GUTTERS MONTH". This will help to keep your home safe from water damage and help keep our park looking neat and clean.

I also want to give a shout out to our outside contractors who have been doing a fantastic job keeping the park neat, clean, and beautiful. That would be Sam Thomas Lawncare, who does all the mowing, trimming, edging our walks, and pruning our shrubs. If you see Sam and his crew in the park, give him a friendly wave of thanks for the job well done.

We have Adam and his "roadrunner assistant" who collect our trash and yard waste on Tuesday. They're usually done picking up the trash before anybody knows they've been here, but if you do happen to see them give them a hey there as well.

We also have a fantastic cleaning company that comes in twice a week to clean the Clubhouse and the Activity Building, giving them a friendly nod for their nice work.

In closing, I just want to encourage all our residents to keep up making our park beautiful for all of us to enjoy, and hopefully make it attractive for people looking for a new home and making that new home FOREST PARK.

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE: ***Bob Charles, Warren Starks, Lucinda King, Kevin Mann, and Bill Russell.***

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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

NOV. 12, 2026 Board Meeting 9 AM
NOV. 19, 2026 Membership Meeting 7 PM

HOA Payment Methods



Just a Friendly reminder regarding HOA payment methods. Cash is no longer accepted. Payment methods that are accepted include: ACH (automatic deduction) - Check - Money Order.

Hazardous Waste in the RV Park

Has Been *CANCELLED* For Forest Park Residents!

The decision has been made to ***DISCONTINUE*** **this program.** Residents continued to take their hazardous waste to the RV storage/trash dumpster area ***(WHICH IS NOT ALLOWED).*** This service was provided by volunteers to residents ***FREE OF CHARGE.*** We picked up hazardous waste for 4 months of the pilot program and we had to go to the dumpster area and pick up paint and chemicals. Now residents will have to personally take their hazardous waste to Lee County.

The Board voted to no longer allow these materials (paint, pesticides, chemicals, fluorescent bulbs and gas bottles) to be disposed of in the RV storage/trash dumpsters.

DO NOT **take any hazardous waste to the RV storage/ trash dumpsters.**

****Beginning on October 26th, recycle will go to fall hours and pick up times will not start until 6:30 am.* ***

Recycle will be picked up the week of Thanksgiving on Saturday, November 28th.

IN HONOR OF THE VETERANS IN FOREST PARK



November 11th is Veterans Day. At 11:00 am there will be an Honor Guard parade to the Veterans Memorial in the front of the Clubhouse. A short program will follow with music and speakers honoring the veterans who reside in our park. After the program, all veterans, their spouses, and surviving spouses of veterans are invited into the Clubhouse for salad, lasagna, desert, and beverage luncheon, sponsored by the Social Club, to honor our veterans that reside here in Forest Park. To make a reservation for the luncheon contact **Arline Bennett @ 860-227-0563 or email: sambear2@yahoo.com . by November 6th.**

Reflection: The Eleventh Hour, Eleventh Day, The Eleventh Month

Honoring the Veterans of Forest Park

Every year, when November 11 arrives, our nation pauses at a very specific moment in time — the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. It was at that hour in 1918 that the guns of World War I finally fell silent, ending a conflict that reshaped the world. What began as Armistice Day has become Veterans Day, a day not of celebration, but of gratitude — gratitude for the men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces.

Here in Forest Park, that gratitude is not abstract. It lives in the faces, the stories, and the quiet strength of the 66 veterans who call this community home.

They served in every branch of our military:

11 in the Air Force, 35 in the Army, 2 in the Coast Guard, 3 in the Marine Corps, and 13 in the Navy.



Two of our neighbors — Mike Martin and Leonard Neckers — made military service their life's work, retiring after careers marked by dedication and sacrifice. Leonard's service spanned three branches, a rare and remarkable testament to commitment. While Bill Lachemeyer served in both the Army and the Navy.

Our veterans span generations.

Our oldest veteran, Ed Eads, will turn 97 on December 28.

We have 11 born in the 1930s, 35 from the 1940s, 14 from the 1950s, and 6 from the 1960s — each shaped by a different era, a different conflict, a different call to duty.

And we honor not only those who served, but also the 8 widows who carry the legacy of their veterans with grace and pride. Their sacrifice is woven into the fabric of service just as surely as the uniforms once worn by their loved ones.

Veterans Day reminds us that freedom has never been guaranteed — it has been protected, defended, and preserved by ordinary Americans who chose extraordinary responsibility. The veterans of Forest Park are part of that unbroken chain. They stood watch so others could sleep. They served far from home so their families could remain safe at home. They carried burdens so the rest of us could carry on with our lives.

Today, we honor them with gratitude, respect, and the promise that their service will never be forgotten within this community.

To every veteran of Forest Park:

Thank you.

Your courage strengthens us. Your service humbles us. Your presence honors us.

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Robert Charles
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Edwin Criswell
Jeff Dieck
Ed Eads
Don Edwards
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John Etoll
Mike Fanning
Jay Finch
Robert Fitzgerald
Richard Foote
Greg Freese
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Tom Hierspiel
John Hill
Paul Hodson
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Get To Know Forest Park

WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST.
WHAT TIME: 9 AM to 11 AM
WHERE: CLUBHOUSE
WHO: EVERYONE IS INVITED

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

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

To reserve a table for your club or group, please contact **Arline Bennett @ 860-227-0563 or email: sambear2@yahoo.com. by Friday, November 13.**



Thanksgiving Dinner



The Social Club is sponsoring the **Thanksgiving Dinner at 2:00 pm on Thursday, November 26th.** this year. Bring your own place setting and drink of choice. **Dinner is free to all home owners in Forest Park and their spouse.** However, because we have so many new residents, proof of residency will be needed. **If you have family members staying with you the price for attendance at the dinner is $15 per person (no children under 14.)** Payment for guest dinners will have to be paid by the cutoff date of November 14th. For reservations, please contact **Arline Bennett @ 860-227-0563 or email: sambear2@yahoo.com. by Friday, November 14.** If you are a homeowner who is unable to get out, you may order a dinner to be delivered to your home. Dinners will be delivered at 1:30 pm.

The Social Club would like to thank everyone who has donated money or food for the Thanksgiving dinners in the past years. We are short of funds for this year's dinner. To make a monetary donation please contact Arline at her information above or **Monte Johnson, Co-treasurer at 319-415-2816, email: fpsocialclubtreas@gmail.com or drop off at 631 Forest Palm Ct.**

Forest Park - November 2026 Calendar

All events are if enough residents are here to participate.

• Every Monday
8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball
8:30 am Cardio, Weights, & Core with Jane - Clubhouse
9:00 am Dominos – Clubhouse
9:15 am Relaxed Co-Ed Pickleball
10:00 am Co-Ed Shuffleboard
10:30 am Pool Exercise
2:30 pm Bocce Ball

• 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 - 2:00 pm. Mahjong - Clubhouse
10:30 am Pool Exercise
6:00 pm Texas Holdem Tournament- Activities Building
6:45 pm Bingo - Clubhouse Bingo

• Every Wednesday
8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball
9:00 - 11:00 am Craft Club at Clubhouse
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
9:30 am - 12:00 pm. Pine Tree Knots Quilt Club at Clubhouse
10:00 am League Shuffle Board
10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
10:30 am Pool Exercise
2:30 pm Bocce Ball
6:00 pm Hand and Foot, 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
9:00 am Walking and Weights with Carol B. - Clubhouse
10:00 am Open Bocce Ball

• Every Sunday
8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball
2:00 - 4:00 pm Forest Park Box Office
6:00 pm Home Church
6:00 pm Texas Holdem Tournament- Activities Building
6:00 pm Hand and Foot - Clubhouse

BARSTOOL RODEO IS BACK



You saw them last year. They will be a sell out again this year. All the way from Richmond, Virginia. Get your tickets early at the Activities Building box office on any Sunday from 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

Mark the date:

Saturday: November 28th @ 7:00PM

Tickets: $10 each

Forest Park Clubhouse, Bring your friends and neighbors. Bring your own snacks and beverages. There will be a 50/50 and liquor raffle. Sponsored by your Social Club.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS



Christmas bells are ringing to announce the time for mistletoe, holly, wreaths, and lights. ELVES ARE NEEDED for **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH,** at **9:00 AM** to put up the **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** in front of the **CLUBHOUSE** and the **FRONT ENTRANCE.**

Many hands make light and fast work!

REMEMBER: Friday, November 27th, 9:00 a.m.

Any questions? Contact JOYCE PARSELS 607-725-1784

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WOOF, WAG, & WIGGLE

By Paula Batson



This month we feature our newest full time dog Skye!! Skye is a 6 yr old standard poodle (seems to be a popular choice in Forest Park) who was recently adopted from a rehoming page on FB . She is lovingly owned by her dad John Hill. Skye has most definitely not had a boring life but has now settled into her forever home on Knotty Pine Circle Unfortunately for this beautiful girl, the first two years of her life, she was bred and had two litters of pups even though she was still so very young. She lived in Colorado at that time and ended up being spayed due to some complications. Then Skye was sadly given up to a local shelter because she was not of use to her owners anymore! After a few months, luckily her life changed and finally she was adopted out to a young lady who was a van lifer and for the next 4 years she and Skye traveled the USA finally landing in Miami. She was trained during that time to be a diabetic alert dog by her mom who travels around training dogs for people with diabetes. Sadly her mom was diagnosed with some severe medical conditions that again caused Skye to be offered up to the best home her mom could find. John had been looking for a while and when I saw her face and knew she would be exactly what John was looking for. Well trained, non shedding, smart, loving, and a loyal daily companion. She is just amazing and can do so many different tricks with ease and loves her walks with her friend Willow. She loves to be very connected to your leg (per her service training) to get your scent and will always have her eyes on you. Being off the job now, her curiosity of rabbits and the lizards keep her busy and bring back her hunting instincts which poodles are bred for. Every day she can be found waiting patiently for her dad to return home from work, peeking out the front window. When you first meet her outside, she is very timid, and approaches very slowly, as she was not socialized due to her strict training. But once she gets to know you, she is just so sweet and loves to be pet. Like most of our Forest Park Dogs, she loves her golf cart rides the most and being next to her daddy in her forever home in our community. As always, if you're looking for a new companion please adopt from your local animal shelter! There are so many great dogs waiting for new homes 💕🐶💕



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FOREST PARK CRAFT CLUB

By Carole Beconder, President

November Craft Club News

We will be back in December for our Holiday Breakfast. See you next month.



Koffee Klatch

The **Joynt** Koffee Klatch on November 6th will feature ***guest speaker Courtney Allen.*** Courtney is with **Mobile Physician Services**. If you are dealing with Lee Physicians group and looking for a new primary care physician you will want to attend. They 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! ***There is no charge for this house call!! No fighting traffic!!*** They also have specialists like Audiologists, Podiatrists, X-Rays, Bloodwork, etc. See you at 9:00 am in the Clubhouse. Coffee and Donuts will be provided. As always, bring your own coffee cup or mug. (1st Friday each month)

The **Men's** Koffee Klatch is the 2nd Friday of every month @ 8:00 am in the Clubhouse. Coffee and Donuts are provided. As always, bring your own coffee cup or mug. (2nd Friday each month)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The **Women's** Koffee Klatch is the 3rd Friday of every month @ 9:00 am in the clubhouse. Coffee, donuts, and tea are provided. I hope to see lots of ladies there. If you have any questions, reach out to Jane Cullin 330 242-2772 As always, bring your own coffee cup or mug. (3rd Friday each month)

NORTHEAST CLUB

By Deb Johnson

Fall is here and we are already gearing up for the upcoming Northeast Club season. We will be kicking off our season December 14th with a delicious ***Christmas dinner*** with all the trimmings. We will start collecting your $5 per person membership fee and selling tickets for the December dinner on Sunday November 15th from 2-4 in the activity building. We will be there every Sunday through December 6th. That will be the last day to purchase your tickets for the dinner. As a welcome back the cost of the December dinner only will be $5 per person. Where else can you join a club and have a delicious meal for ***$10 a person***? Nowhere I know of, that's for sure. So mark your calendar for November 15th, 22nd, 29th or December 6th to purchase your dinner tickets and join the Northeast Club. We look forward to seeing you all ***December 14th*** as we kick off our season.

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SOCIAL CLUB NEWS!!

By Arline Bennett

If you are new to our park. Whether you are a renter, seasonal, or here year round. You are a member of the Social Club. There are no dues to pay. We hold our meetings the last Friday of every month in the Billiards room of the Activities building at 1:00 pm. The Social Club sponsors dances, comedians, holiday events, carport sales, and special events. Then the funds raised are given back to make improvements to the park or our residents' lives. Please become involved in your community by attending a meeting and learn how you may help make Forest Park an even greater place to live.

October 31st 4:30 to 6:00 pm Hot Dogs and Hamburgers with the Tool Club. Halloween Golf Cart Parade 6pm if you're not in the parade, step out to your driveways and cheer all the golf carts on. Halloween party immediately following at the Clubhouse. Wear a costume. **There will be a prize for best golf cart and the best costume.** Do You Think you'll win? Don't forget your empty bottle for the bottle roll!!! **Bring your BYOB and snacks**.

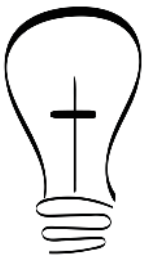
Monday, November 9th, at 1:00 pm, Archwell Health will be at the Clubhouse sponsoring Dr. Richard Amon, Audiologist offering free hearing tests at his office and discussing hearing loss. Archwell Health will be furnishing Publix sub sandwiches. Sign-up sheets will be in the Activities Building and Clubhouse until November 6th.

We ***still*** need a ***volunteer*** 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 this season. The only responsibility for this season will be to make any changes to the calendar when notified.

Arline Bennett, President

FOREST PARKS HOME CHURCH "THE LIGHT"

By Roberta Rizas



Hello to all our friends and family in FOREST PARK. Welcome back to all those that have been away. I want to start off with a few reminders: November 1 is when we set our clocks back one hour. That is when Daylight Savings Time ends. November 3rd is Election Day.

November 4th (you don't know about), because that is when my husband Ron and I will celebrate our 70th. Yes 70th, Wedding Anniversary. PTL! It has been a wonderful blessing all these years.

Now, to continue, November 11th is Veterans Day. There will be a Luncheon at the Clubhouse at 11:30. AM. All Vets are invited, for free. Hope to see you all there. Thank you Forest Park for this celebration!! November 26th will be Thanksgiving Day. We all have a lot to be thankful for. Remember to thank God for all He has done for us. Again, our Park is inviting us all for a Thanksgiving dinner. The last few years have been wonderful and I know this year will be great also. Thank you everyone that has participated in organizing these dinners.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYBODY

I will end this conversation by giving you a "Survival kit".

A stick of gum… To remind you to stick to it. A match… To light your fire when you feel burnt out. A Chocolate Kiss… to remind you that you are loved. A Tootsie Roll… to remind you not to bite off more than you can chew. A tack… to keep you sharp! A Smartie… to help you on the days that you don't feel so smart. A Starburst…To give you a burst of energy on those days, you don't have any. A Snicker… to remind you to take time to laugh. Confetti… To remind you to have fun. A bag… to keep it all together and to give you food for thought.

In closing, want to inform you ladies…Ladies Bible Study will not start until Jan. 7th this year. We will have it for Jan., Feb., March and April. We will have a new Leader, her name is Faye. Don't know if you have met her yet? She is taking over Julie's position as Julie is having serious trouble with her eyes. We thank Julie for the time she has shared with us as our Leader. Julie will still join us though.

Also, always remember you are all invited to join us on Sunday nights at 6 pm

at Forest Park's Home Church, "The Light" at 457 Jacaramba Ct. That is also where Ladies Bible Study will be also on Thursday's at 10 am. Pray you all have a wonderful month of November.



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 this season 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**

LIBRARY NEWS
By Maureen Hesketh

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FOREST PARK TOOL CLUB
By Monte Johnson

We will be remodeling the trailer to accommodate all our tools this fall. Please, if you have tools to donate, please contact one of the officers listed below. The tool shed is overflowing. And we can't get in the door.

We want 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 last 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 with the *Halloween Dinner at 4:30 in the Clubhouse.*** We are accepting new members and will be purchasing new tools for our members to borrow at no cost. **Dues for the year are pending**. 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.**

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!*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

ATTENTION: ALL RESIDENTS.



Many of our snowbirds will be returning from up north soon. Please consider **VOLUNTEERING for Neighborhood Watch/Night Patrol.** It's only **one night per month for a couple of hours.** 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.

👮**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 is fast approaching. 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. (fppoainc@gmail.com) If you need further information, contact me at japrovence@gmail.com

RV STORAGE PARK

By Robyn Johnson



Hi, just a reminder that you **MUST** keep your info up to date with the office. Each time you renew your tags, we require it to be on file, and the new tag displayed on your license plate. Also, if you've added something new to your assigned spot, you need to update that info as well.

The rules require that all RV's, campers and utility trailers be road worthy and not sitting with flat tires etc. Have you checked on yours lately?

Charging for the RV spots has been delayed, but be on the lookout for more information coming soon. If you no longer need your spot, please notify the office or myself so we can take you off the list.

There are a few spots available if anyone is in need of one.

Any questions please contact the office or myself.

Thanks,
Robyn Johnson
651-341-8346



KARAOKE

Karaoke with Chris Tybor is held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, from **6 - 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 November



Ronny Lee 4
John Etoll 5
Dale Monette 6
Peter Lodi 7
Jill Taylor 8
Steve Forrester 9
Jane Cullin 9
Ramona Boyd 10
John Steven Kurucz 11
Gary Coppola 14
Mitchell Beard 14
Wayne Hall 14
Nell Ortiz 18
Ruth Dearman 23
Kenneth Horney 23
John Alfano 24
William E Campbell 25
Li Fu 25
Deb Johnson 26
Mark Kozemko 26
Michael Linscott 24

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



November Anniversaries

Ron & Roberta Rizas November 4, 1956 - 70 YEARS
Wendall & Helen Cox November 26,1954 - 72 YEARS
Richard & Christina Stricklen November 27, 1999
Paul & Carolyn Hodson November 29, 1969

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In Memoriam

Diane Nita DesBois



Jul 14, 1947 — Sep 4, 2026

On September 4, 2026, Dee (Diane) DesBois of North Ft. Myers, FL passed away at her daughter's home in Glenville, NY.

She went home to be with her Lord and Savior. We can only imagine what you saw when you found yourself surrounded by his peace and glory! We do know that daddy, Wesley DesBois met you as you entered those gates to heaven, with tears in both of your eyes, we imagine him giving you the longest hug ever.

Dee was born in Brockton, Massachusetts on July 14, 1947, to Eleanor and Robert McGee. The family eventually moved to Rotterdam, NY, where Dee grew up and graduated from Mohonasen High School. She then began working for the New York Telephone company. On August 14, 1967, she married the love of her life, Wesley DesBois. Dee lived a life devoted to her family and those she loved. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend. She touched so many

countless lives throughout her years.

Dee worked at several places, including; Blue Cross/ Blue Shield, Mohonasen school bus driver, The Calico Goose, Anthem Health, Signature Home Buyers and finally her most cherished job with Rotterdam Emergency Services (REMS).

She also volunteered to many organizations, as well as was a member of The Moose Fraternity in Ft. Myers, Florida, The American Legion Auxiliary of Ft. Myers Beach, and The Elks of North Ft. Myers, Florida.

Dee enjoyed cooking, sewing, plants and most of all decorating. Shopping at thrift stores, she could take the drabbest of rooms, work her magic and turn into something from a magazine. It was unprecedented. She most of all loved her family and friends. Her greatest joy came from watching her family grow and creating lasting memories. She will be remembered for her loving heart, strength and love for our Lord and Savior.

She is survived by her daughters, Donna (Craig) Erno, and Debbie (Donald) Reamer, her beloved grandchildren; Anthony Erno, Alexis Reamer and Jake Reamer, her brother Robert McGee, and a sister. She had many special people in her life, she shared a very special bond with Dean Romano who was more like a son to her; along with Teri Attanasio her best friend of 50 years and prayer warrior, and dear friend and companion John Kruk. She also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews. Dee was predeceased by her most beloved husband Wesley DesBois, while his loss left a mark on her heart she carried his memory with her throughout her life.

The family would like to express their most sincere gratitude to hospice caregivers; Lori, Julie and Noah. Their compassion, dedication and support during Dee's final days provided such comfort. Also, we would like to extend a special expression of heartfelt gratitude to her Florida neighbor, Patty Wright who nursed mom, helped her with many of her needs and tended to her precious cat, Dolly, and most importantly prayed with her, and to our

Dean Romano who flew to be by moms side in Florida, held our hand, cried with us, laughed with us and helped us navigate this whole process from beginning to end, and made sure everything was in place for her ultimate return to NY. We cannot express enough how much this steady love and support meant to both of us, and most of all, Mom. So many of you reached out with food, gift cards for food, love, prayers and support. You will never know just how much that meant to our family to spend more time with Mom, thank you so very much.

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask that memorial contributions be made to Rotterdam Emergency Services at 2007 Cardiff Road, Rotterdam, NY 12303.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, September 19th, 11:30 a.m., at Parkview Cemetery in Schenectady. A celebration of her extraordinary life will proceed afterwards at Scotia Elks on Sacandaga Rd, Scotia, NY.

You will be so missed Mom, but you will always be in our heart!

Donna M. (Schilling) Stiner

October 21, 1939 — August 30, 2026



At age 86, Donna passed away on Saturday, August 30, 2026, at her home in Honeoye. She was born on October 21, 1939, in Rochester, NY, to the late Earl O. Schilling Sr. and Winifred (McGall) Orbaker.

In addition to her parents, Donna is predeceased by her husband, John Stiner.

Survived by her children, John Stiner, Catherine Stiner, and Laurel Melendez, along with Laurel's husband, Luis, and their daughter, Paige Melendez; and her siblings, Linda (Frederick) Nelson and Earl "Bud" Schilling Jr.

Donna had many interests throughout her life, including knitting and crocheting, gardening, farming, and listening to Elvis. A wonderful cook, she enjoyed opening her home to family and friends and especially looked forward to extended Schilling and Stiner family gatherings. She treasured time spent fishing and relaxing with her family on Honeoye Lake.

In her later years, Donna developed a love for traveling and enjoyed exploring her family history, including visiting the places where her ancestors had lived and were laid to rest. She also loved animals and enjoyed the many dogs, cats, horses, and pigs that were part of her life, along with the people who came with them.

A Memorial Service will be announced and held at a future date. To share a memory or a condolence, please visit: www.doughertyfuneralhomes.com

TAI CHI CLASS

by Lenann Crisci



Looking forward to being back. It's starting to get cold here but 1st I have a trip to Texas to meet my new grandbaby-exciting. Then mid-Nov. I fly to my sunny Florida home. Looking forward to being with my Caring Hearts Group and my Wed. Tai Chi class in Dec.. See you all soon. . A special thanks to My friend Allen C. for taking care of things while I am away, and to you Monte for keeping us informed. Any questions would love to hear from you 207 705 7475

CONTACT: LENANN CRISCI
207-705-2256

EXERCISE CLASSES

By Jane Cullin and Carole Beconder



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

My first Monday morning exercise class will be Monday, October 26, 8:30 start in the clubhouse. Cardio weights and core. Bring a mat for the floor work. Questions reach out to Jane Cullin 330 242-2772

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

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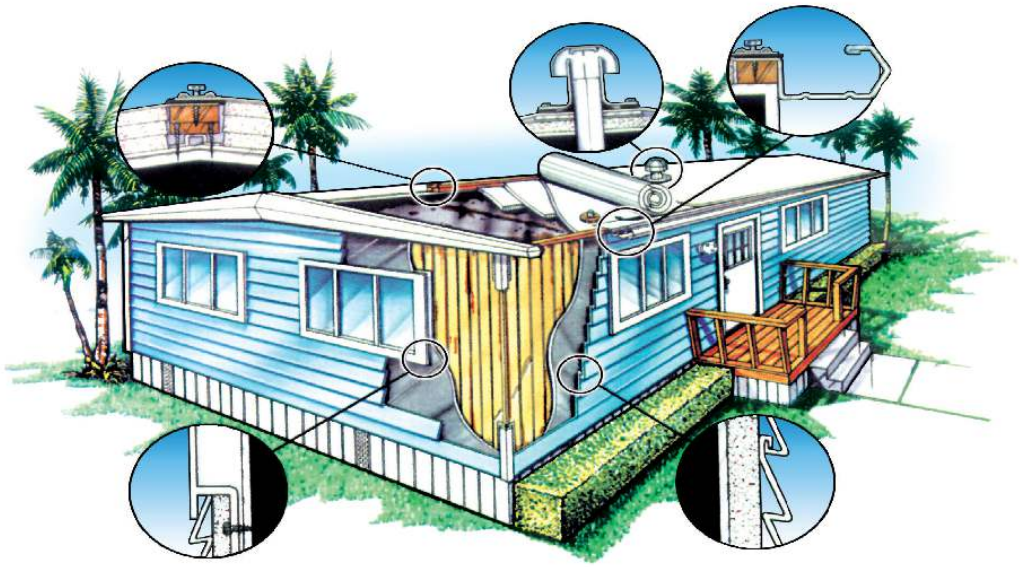
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