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Bottom Row: Regina Collins, Chelsea Nuss, Diana Herbe and Rosalind Moore

IMPORTANT COUNCIL ACTION

- Council presented Business-of-the-Month awards to Union Savings Bank and Frisch's on Chase Plaza Drive.
- Council presented a proclamation to Jason Grzegorek for his many years of service to the community as Government Access Coordinator at Waycross Community Media and wished him well as he leaves for Switzerland to begin the next chapter of his life.
- Council recently passed legislation authorizing the City Manager to purchase sixteen police vehicle video systems and one fire engine.
- Council interviewed the top two candidates recommended by the Interview Panel for the City Manager position.

Harvest Festival & Fire Dept. Open House

Saturday, October 27
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
1201 W. Kemper Road

Everyone is invited to this FREE event!

There will be kids crafts, Touch-A-Truck, caramel apples, a chili cook-off, a burn house demo, and more. Enjoy games such as Giant Jenga, full-size foosball, and 9-square. Don't forget to wear your costume for a parade and prizes!



JAZZ IN FOREST PARK 2018

Forest Park hosted it's annual Jazz in Forest Park on August 4, 2018. This years entertainers included YOLO, Ed "Sax" Thomas and the Muszic Company, Robert Sanae and world famous Alex Bugnon. The festival was served by 7 food trucks and 14 other vendors.

Special thanks go out to Paul Brehm and Jermaine Hill for overseeing the team at Red White and Blue (who managed logistics and entertainers), City Employees and volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring this event together.





POLICE DEPARTMENT APPOINTS NEW OFFICER

Police Officer Michael Robb was sworn-in as the newest Forest Park police officer at the September 17th council meeting. Robb, a sixteen- year veteran of law enforcement, previously worked for the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Department as a road patrol deputy. He began his career with the sheriff’s department as a corrections officer and in 2013 was promoted to road patrol deputy. As a patrol deputy he was assigned to various posts across the county most recently the Arlington and Lincoln Heights area. He is married with three young children.

WeTHRIVE! EVENTS AND NEWS

FREE HEALTHY COOKING CLASSES

October 15—December 17th
Mondays, 6:00—7:30 p.m.
Forest Park Fire Department



JOIN WeTHRIVE MEETINGS

Do you ever think to yourself, "I think this activity would be GREAT for our community...," then WeTHRIVE! Forest Park is the group for you. WeTHRIVE! is looking for ideas to ensure Forest Park stays healthy and inclusive. MeetingS are the first Thursday of the month from 3:00 -5 :00 p.m., at the Forest Park Fire Department. Smiles and good attitudes are mandatory. Call 513.595.5291 if there are questions. WeTHRIVE! Forest Park!



**CHIPPER PROGRAM HAS ENDED FOR THE SEASON
WHAT TO DO WITH YARD WASTE**

The Chipper Program has ended for the year and will resume again April of 2019. Until Spring (in fact throughout the year), residents can put out up to five (5) bundles of limbs each week for Rumpke to pickup. Each bundle must be NO BIGGER than 4’ long and 20” in diameter. Five bundles is the equivalent of 1 large item which is allowed each week.

In addition, Hamilton County residents can drop off yard trimmings for free at:

Rumpke Sanitary Landfill
3800 Struble Road
Colerain Township

Please bring proof of residency (such as a driver’s license or utility bill). Landscapers and commercial establishments are NOT eligible for this service. All materials will be composted.



2018 BUSINESS LANDSCAPING AWARDS

Congratulations to the following business who won the Industrial Beautification Awards for their landscaping. Thank you for helping to make Forest Park a more beautiful place to work and live!

- Jones Machinery.....11118 Adwood
- Geotechnology Inc.....1780 Carillon
- Inspirational Baptist.....1140 Sebring
- Quinn Chapel AME.....10998 Sharon
- Forest Chapel UMC.....680 W Sharon
- McDonalds Omniplex.....1202 Omniplex
- Kensington Aparments.....11651 Norbourne
- Northland Village Apartments.....704 Northland
- Northwest Woods Apartments.....11605 Passage Way
- Mills Runs Apartments.....11755 Norbourne
- Springhill Suites.....12001 Chase Plaza





FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY MANAGER RAY HODGES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REMAINS STRONG

Forest Park had an active and quite successful summer. AE Door and Window continued work on an impressive, multi-million dollar expansion of its headquarters on Sharon Road. The family-owned business is adding a new showroom and also expanded its warehouse and assembly areas.



Union Savings Bank bought and renovated a vacant building on Kemper Meadow Drive, converting the property into a nice office dedicated to providing residents with top-notch

financial services. These projects demonstrate that Forest Park remains a true destination for business investment.

LOCAL COMPANY MAKING MAJOR INVESTMENT TO REDEVELOP NORTH POINTE SHOPPING CENTER

A major redevelopment project has begun in our community's original business district on Northland Boulevard. Magna Machine recently closed on its purchase of the North Pointe Shopping Center, with plans to convert the mostly vacant building into an extension of its highly successful manufacturing operation on Southland Road. This \$3.4 million project involves a conversion of commercial space into office and assembly areas for the company. Several blighted buildings will be demolished, with these areas being transformed into greenspace to create a more inviting environment for all who live or work in the area. By keeping Magna Machine in Forest Park, the City retains 125 jobs. The company will create another 12 full-time positions as a result of the project. Most important, Magna's investment converts an underdeveloped and deteriorating property into an attractive combination of greenspace and successful assembly operations. Our Economic Development Department secured \$300,000 in outside funds from the State of Ohio and Hamilton County to help complete this project. This impressive repositioning of an underutilized commercial property is the result of a decades old relationship between this family-owned business and our City. Congratulations and thank you Magna Machine!

Omni Funplex opened the doors to a new state of the art family entertainment center on Omniplex Drive in the former Kmart building. This impressive renovation includes ten Brunswick bowling lanes, a two-story laser tag facility, trampoline park, and full service sports grill.



A new ownership group bought, renovated, and reopened the Crystal Room Banquet Hall on Sebring Drive. This project included improvements to the interior and exterior of the building and a complete refresh of the kitchen area.

Frisch's made a significant investment on a complete renovation of its Chase Plaza restaurant, while Spring Hill Suites made a multi-million dollar investment to renovate its hotel in the same area.

Speedway acquired a service station at the corner of Smiley and Winton with renovation already underway.

Youth Basketball—Register Now!

Registration Deadline: Friday, Oct. 25, 2018

New this year: K-1st Graders

This year, Forest Park is offering a brand new league for K-1st graders. These co-ed teams will play local teams. Practices will begin in December, and the 8-game schedule will run Jan-Feb 2019. This is a great opportunity to introduce your child to the game of basketball. **K-1st Grade: \$30 Resident, \$40 Non-Resident**

2nd-12th Graders

After a very successful season last year, the 2nd-12th grade teams will once again compete in the SWOBL against local communities. Practices will begin in November and the season will run December 2018-February 2019. Every team qualifies for the post-season tournament the first weekend of March 2019.

2nd-12th Grade: \$70 Resident, \$90 Non-Resident

We are also in need of enthusiastic individuals willing to coach the fundamentals of basketball.. For more information, call Jay at [513-595-5252](tel:513-595-5252) or email jdennis@forestpark.org.



Environmental Awareness Programs

New Rumpke Solid Waste/Recycling Contract Begins October 1

Slight Increases BUT still less than 2008 rates

Before 2008:

- Full Service—\$18.81/month
- Discounted Service—\$16.60/month
- Rumpke Trash Cans rental—\$3.50/month
- Large Item—\$10/item

New 5-Year Contract (2018-2023):

- Full Service—\$17 to \$18/month
- Discounted Service—\$12 to \$13/month
- Rumpke Trash Cans rental—\$1 to \$1.50/M
- Large Item—\$0 (1 item per week)

As Part of the new Rumpke contract

Households that currently do not participate in curbside recycling, or use a red recycling bin, will be upgraded to a 35-gallon recycling cart, at **NO COST TO THE RESIDENT!**



Benefits to a Recycling Cart

- More room for recyclables
- Lid prevents windblown litter
- Wheels for easy maneuvering

A large notification postcard will be mailed to these residents (1,600 households) late October. Carts will be delivered in November. Residents should contact the Environmental Program if they do not want a recycling cart.



Call: 595-5263

Email: environment@forestpark.org
www.forestpark.org/environmental



Important Phone Numbers

Municipal Building
595-5200
Building Department
595-5264
Clerk of Council
595-5208
Com. Dev./Zoning
595-5215
Building Department
595-5264
Tax Department
595-5211
Fire Department 595-5243
Public Works/Stormwater
595-5258
Police Department
595-5220
Recreation
595-5252

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Upcoming Events

Harvest Fest & FD Open House	Saturday Oct. 27	11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	1201 W. Kemper Road
Women's Club Craft Show Has Been Cancelled Due to School Construction			
Tree Lighting Ceremony	Monday Dec. 3	7:00 p.m.	11555 Winton Road
Breakfast with Santa	Saturday Dec 8	9:00—11:00 a.m.	Frisch's 11990 Chase Plaza Drive
Holiday Decoration Contest	Wednesday Dec. 12	7:00 p.m.	Citywide—to register your house email rachelw@forestpark.org or call 595-5202