Saturday, August 3, 2019
Central Park-Forest Park, Ohio

Grounds open at 6:00 p.m.
Music begins 7:30 p.m.

Food Trucks and Vendors!

To see the new event layout for 2019, see our website.

Featuring:

NEXLevel
YOLO Band
GRACE Kelly

CONGRATULATIONS TO EMPLOYEES WITH MILESTONE EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following employees who will reach milestone employment anniversaries in 2019: Joanne Lee, Adm. Secretary - 40 yrs.; Rafic Nakouzi, Building Director - 30 yrs.; Dave Buesking, Public Works/Stormwater Utility Director - 30 yrs.; Vada Harris, Police Officer - 20 yrs.; Dave DeSalvo, Police Sergeant - 20 yrs.; and Adam Pape, Police Lieutenant - 20 yrs.

IMPORTANT COUNCIL ACTION

Council recently presented Business-of-the-Month awards to Starbucks Coffee Company, Enriching Spaces, AAA/Bob Sumerel Tire and Service, and OHI Electric, Inc.

Council appointed Forest Park residents Lori Wright-Smith to the Civil Service Commission, Ronald Johnson to the Economic Development Commission, Sonya Frazier and Steve Herbold to the Environmental Awareness Board of Directors, and Ray Hodges, Calvin Brown, and James Ingram to the Charter Revision Committee.

Council passed legislation authorizing the City Manager to place proposed gas and electric aggregation questions on the November 5, 2019 General Election Ballot.

Council passed legislation amending Chapter 96 (Miscellaneous Regulations) of the Forest Park Code of Ordinances as it relates to trees, weeds and shrubs.

Council will be on recess beginning August 6, 2019 through September 8, 2019.

YOUR COUNCIL

Top Row: 1st Vice Wynndel Burns, Mayor Chuck Johnson, 2nd Vice Mayor Denise Holt Bottom Row: Regina Collins, Chelsea Nuss, Diana Herbe, and Rosalind Moore
YARD SIGNS PART OF NEW GRASS & WEEDS ORDNANCE

The City’s code enforcement inspectors will soon be using a new method to notify people that their grass is too tall: a sign in the front yard. Forest Park ordinances require grass and weeds be cut before they reach 7 inches in height. Until now, inspectors have used a combination of letters and door hangers to put people on notice that their yard is in violation.

The yard signs promise to be much more prominent. According to City Manager Donnie Jones, “Residents will be able to know that we see what they see, and that the City is doing something about it.” Along with the signs comes an increased penalty charge of $250 if the resident does not take care of the problem within five days. City Council passed the Ordinance in July. It is modeled on a similar ordinance in Huber Heights, Ohio, where Mr. Jones had been the Assistant City Manager.

Community Development Director Chris Anderson expects that the City will see an increase in calls about the signs when they first appear, but that eventually the signs could reduce the number of calls in the long run. “Often we get called by residents to report something that is already in the enforcement process, but with mail notices the neighbor doesn’t know that. If you see a sign, you won’t have to call to find out what’s going on.”

Forest Park is currently cutting the grass at about 25 homes, all of which are currently vacant. That’s down from nearly 100 properties at the height of the foreclosure crisis. The yard signs are coming in August once the new ordinance takes effect.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The 2019 Street Program included repairs to Corona, Glasgow, Lassiter, and Waycross Road (from Sharon to Brunner) at a cost of $531,147.40. The program included new curbs, underdrains, and new asphalt surfaces.

IMPROVE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

FOLLOW THESE ORDINANCES

- Trash containers can be put out no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the day before scheduled collection and must be properly stored by the end of the collection day.
- Trash containers may not be stored in front of the house.
- Inoperable, junk, or unlicensed vehicles are not permitted to be visible to the public, and must be removed from the property or parked in a garage.
- Vehicles parked in the driveway cannot block the sidewalk.
- No vehicle may be parked on the grass, dirt, or gravel.

LOCAL BUSINESSES RECEIVE BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

Special thanks and congratulations to the following Forest Park businesses who won a Beautification Award for excellent landscaping. These businesses will receive an official recognition at an upcoming Council meeting.

Stigler Supply
Kingdom Family Dentistry
Innovative Building Tech
CareCore at the Meadows
Kensington Apartments
Remington Apartments
Mills Run Apartments
Mc Donal’d’s on Omniplex
Mc Donal’d’s on Waycross
Wendy’s on Chase Plaza Drive
Popeye’s on Kemper Meadow
Forest Chapel United Methodist Church
Kemper Road Christian Church
Quinn Chapel AME Church

The Garden Club at CareCore at the Meadows
ENERGY AGGREGATION on the November Ballot

The City of Forest Park was recently approved by the State of Ohio to put electricity and natural gas aggregation initiatives on the November ballot.

The purpose of these initiatives is to:
1. Pursue lower energy costs for residents and small businesses;
2. Provide a choice of energy resources for residents and small businesses to use (renewables or fossil fuels).

Municipal energy aggregation programs have been in existence for almost two decades. They allow communities to form into a single buying group on behalf of their residents with the intent that a larger buying group may acquire better pricing and more favorable terms and conditions for the residents than if they shop on their own. Already, over 400 Ohio counties, cities, villages, and townships have aggregated and have documented savings for their residents. In fact, most communities in Hamilton County have aggregated, the largest being the City of Cincinnati and the smallest the Village of Glendale.

If these initiatives pass in November, the programs will be designed as “Opt-Out” programs where residents who do not want to participate will not have to. They will be able to stay with their current energy provider, most likely Duke Energy. And if residents, who initially decide to participate in the programs, change their mind and wish to get out of the programs, they are free to do so without any fees or penalties by simply making one phone call.

However, in order to benefit from energy aggregation, residents must first vote in November to allow the City to develop the program. If passed, the City will work with energy brokers to develop the best program possible for Forest Park residents and businesses. Once developed, two public hearings will be held to inform our residents and to receive their input.

For more information, please contact the Environmental Awareness Program @ 595-5263.
Environmental Awareness Programs

Summer/Fall Programs

- **Large Appliance Recycling**—call to schedule pickup
  Mid-April thru August 31
  refrigerators/freezers, AC window units, stoves, dehumidifiers, water heaters, washers/dryers, dishwashers

- **Used Tire Collection Event**
  Saturday, September 14  10 AM—1 PM
  Kemper Meadow Park—1280 West Kemper Rd
  10 tires max/home, tires off rims

- **Community Paper Shredding Event**
  Saturday, September 14  10 AM—1 PM
  Kemper Meadow Park—1280 West Kemper Rd
  NO 3-ring binders, VCR tapes, hard drives, floppy disks

For more information
Call: 595-5263
Email: environment@forestpark.org
www.forestpark.org/environmental

Attic Insulation/Air Sealing Program

*Increase insulation value to R-49*

Warmer in the winter
Cooler in the summer

**Big Time Savings!!!**

- 50% Environmental Awareness Program subsidy on insulation (up to $1,000)
- $250 Duke Energy rebate (receive in mail)
- Savings on monthly energy bills

FREE ATTIC ASSESSMENTS INCLUDED!

RESULTS
71 homes have made attic improvements

- R-13 — Average R-Value before new insulation
- $ 1,114 — Average total improvement cost
- $ 649 — Average RESIDENT’S cost
- 42% SAVINGS (Don’t forget energy bill savings!)

Six (6) Recycling Drop-Off Sites Now Available For Residents and Businesses
City Building  •  Forest Chapel  •  Family Dollar Store (2299 Waycross)  •  WW Schools (High, Intermediate, Elementary)

City of Forest Park
1201 W. Kemper Road
Forest Park, Ohio 45240

Municipal Building………………………………..595-5200
Clerk of Council………………………………….595-5208
Community 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
Environmental Awareness……………………595-5263

**Swift911**—For City notification on your smartphone, text “Swift911” to 99538.

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UPCOMING SENIOR EVENTS

**BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE**
Friday, August 2nd, Noon until 3:00 p.m.
Forest Park Wal-Mart (1143 Smiley Avenue). If you cannot make it the day of the school drive, items can be brought to the Forest Park Police Department.

**SENIOR PICNIC**
Thursday, August 8th, Noon—2:00 p.m.
Forest Park Senior Center—Bring side dish or dessert to share.

**SENIOR MOVIE DAY— Showing “Poms”**
Friday, August 16, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Senior Center

Contact:
JDennis@forestpark.org
513-595-5252

CHIPPER SERVICES CONTINUE THROUGH WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16