Breakfast with Santa!
Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. — Noon
Bring your little ones, or even just yourself, to enjoy breakfast with the jolly man himself, Santa Claus! Santa will be at the Forest Park Frisch's Restaurant at 11990 Chase Plaza Drive, Forest Park, OH 45240. Bring a camera and have pictures taken with Santa. There will be crafts and giveaways, as well!

Holiday Hours
The City Municipal Offices will be closed December 24th-25th and January 1st.

Tree Lighting Ceremony
Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Welcome in the season by joining us at the Forest Park Senior Center, located at 11555 Winton Road, Forest Park, OH 45240. Children can write letters to Santa as well as visit with him. Cookies and hot cocoa will be served. The Winton Woods Elementary Chorus will perform. *Please bring a non-perishable food item to help those in need!

7th ANNUAL FIESTA TOY DRIVE
The holidays are a time when families come together to share traditions, spread cheer, and enjoy life! Please support those in need by donating an unwrapped gift for a child 16 and under. Drop off locations include: Fiesta Auto Insurance & Tax Service, 1238 W. Kemper Road; Forest Park Fire Department, 1201 W. Kemper Road; Winton Woods Central Office, 825 Waycross Road, Suite A; Espiritu Santo—Forest Park, 11381 Hanover Road; and JF Berns, 11115 Ashburn Road. *DROP-OFF DEADLINE: DECEMBER 12, 2019

HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST
Do you enjoy decorating your home for the holidays? If so, consider entering Forest Park’s Annual Holiday Decoration Contest. The Beautification Commission will be judging December 18th starting at 7:00 p.m. Possible awards include Holiday Spirit Award, Most Creative, Best Decorated, and Most Illuminated. To register, email your name and address to info@forestpark.org before December 13th.

HOLIDAY HOURS
Forest Park Celebrates Business Achievement

A crowd of 110 people attended the 2019 Forest Park Business Recognition Breakfast on November 12, 2019 where the community celebrated the accomplishments of our business community and called special attention to many of Forest Park’s companies.

Congratulations to our 2019 award winners: Ameritas, Enriching Spaces, Environmental Quality Management, Faxon Machining, Megen Construction, OHI Electric, Speedway, Executive Choice Courier and JFK Window and Door executive Elyse Krause.

Collectively these companies invested over $10 million in the community on projects involving the retention or creation of more than 250 jobs. Equally important, our award winners contributed time, talent, and resources to numerous community programs.

Many thanks to our event partners, Ameritas and the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce. Special thanks to our emcee WCPO-TV 9 reporter Raven Richard and our business community for another successful year. Forest Park is truly “Positioned for Progress”.

IMPORTANT COUNCIL ACTION

- Council presented Business-of-the-Month awards to CTL Engineering and Cracker Barrel Old Country Store in Forest Park.
- Council recently passed a resolution expressing support to maintain all existing metro bus routes in and through the City of Forest Park.
- Council will be on recess beginning December 17, 2019 through January 5, 2020.

2019 Election Results

Election Day was Tuesday, November 5, 2019. The results provided Forest Park with the re-election of councilmember, Denise Holt. We would also like to welcome our two newest councilmembers: Aharon Brown and Reggie Sylvester. The councilmembers will be sworn in on Monday, December 2, 2019. Mr. Brown and Mr. Sylvester will precede Regina Collins and Wynndel Burns. There were two Forest Park issues on the ballot: Forest Park Gas Aggregation and Forest Park Electric Aggregation. Both items passed.

Leslie Edwards, Jr., Local Tuskegee Airman

Leslie Edwards Jr., was the oldest living Tuskegee Airman in the Cincinnati Area, making it to age 95. Edwards was very involved in the Forest Park community for many years. He passed September 23, 2019, leaving behind a plethora of family and friends. He is dearly missed.
**Snow Event Reminders**

- During snow events, please park vehicles off the roadway. Stack snow on the left side of the driveway entrance (when facing the house) in order to minimize the amount of snow that may be pushed into the driveway entrance by a plow.
- Snow plow drivers make every effort to clear the streets in an efficient and timely manner. Please remain patient during major storm events.
- Never rake leaves, grass or other yard waste into the street. When it rains it will be washed into the drainage inlet and clog the entire drainage system.

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**ENERGY AGGREGATION Passes In Forest Park**

**Here is what will happen next!**

On November 5th, Forest Park residents passed two (2) energy aggregation initiatives. The passage of these initiatives (electric and natural gas) allows the City to combine the purchasing power of our residents/small businesses for the purpose of developing community energy programs whose goals are to:

- Pursue lower and more stable energy rates
- Provide a choice as to which type of energy resource they would like to use (coal, natural gas or wind/solar)

Before any energy program can be developed and implemented, several steps must first be taken. A rough timeline is below:

1. Approving the “Plan of Operation and Governance”—This document provides a framework within which the Forest Park aggregation programs must adhere. It outlines the general terms to be followed when constructing an aggregation program.

   - Two Public Meetings detailing the contents of the “Plan” will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Building. Residents are encouraged to attend.
   - December 9 and December 16
     - Electric (6:30 PM)
     - Natural Gas (7:00 PM)

   - The City Council will give final “Plan” approval on December 16.

2. Also on December 16, City Council will vote on two (2) ordinances which are required by the State of Ohio. If passed, they will then be sent to the State for certification. Once certified, the City becomes a “Governmental Aggregator” that can then begin the process of developing energy aggregation programs for the community.

It is hoped that the final energy aggregation programs will be developed, approved and implemented by late spring (April or May). Residents will receive a letter three (3) weeks before any program is implement. It will describe the energy aggregation programs, state the energy rates, and provide information as to how residents can “Opt-Out” if they wish NOT to participate.

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

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Environmental Awareness Programs

The Holidays bring MORE catalogs, boxes & wrapping! Please RECYCLE as much as possible!!!!

Christmas Tree Drop-Off Site
Kemper Meadow Park—1280 W. Kemper Road
Friday, Dec. 27—Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020

Please remove:
- Ornaments, ribbons, wires, plastic bags

Local Electronic Drop-Off Program
Properly dispose of the old when receiving the new! Some items can be disposed of at NO Charge!
Cleanlites Recycling
419 Northland Blvd
(513) 851 3500

Christmas Boxes and Packaging
All boxes are recyclable in curbside and drop-off collection programs. Please Flatten!
Drop-Off Locations:
www.forestpark.org/environmental
Most wrapping paper is also recyclable!

Holiday Solid Waste/Recycling Schedule—No Collection Christmas or New Years Day
Both weeks - Wednesday will be picked up Thursday and Friday will be picked up Saturday

2020 Tree Removal Program
Registration throughout December
Do you have dead and/or dying trees?
Two contractors are now partnering with the Environmental Program to provide FREE ASSESSMENTS and professional tree removal services for households who have trees they want removed.

- Must register in December.
- Register at the Community Development Department in the City Building (1201 West Kemper Rd). A 50% subsidy (up to a max. of $500) is available per household for households that qualify.

First Annual Ladies’ Night Out
Forest Park held the first annual Ladies’ Night Out on Friday, November 22, 2019. Present were a variety of vendors selling books, clothing, jewelry, accessories, essential oils, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, and many more! A food truck and drinks were at hand as well as a tarot card reader! Since there was such a great turnout for this event, Forest Park plans on hosting many more in the future!