

Forest Murmurs



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Forest Murmurs Deadlines

Advertisers: Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Articles & Et Cetera: Friday, April 26, 2013

Editorial Policy: The editor welcomes all articles submitted, but reserves the right to edit any article used for publication. Name and phone number must be included on the article draft.



**Forest Ridge Association
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
February 18, 2013**

Trustees Present: Bob Gray, Sue Hanley, Greg Herman, Roberta Havholm, Shelton Monger and Candi Morris

Trustees Absent: Chuck Evanhoe and Beverly Pendergast

Bob Gray called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Police Report: City of Dayton Police Officer Lally was present and had nothing to report as he did not have access to the data. Sgt. Colon from the City of Riverside Police Department was present and discussed a recent suspect apprehension.

Visitors: Jaclyn Schmitz, Deanna Brown, and Emma Velej were present from Dominion Academy for a government class requirement.

Northeast Priority Board: Sue Hanley reported on the availability of potential grants. The board discussed applying for a grant to improve the park on Silver Oak. On April 11th at 5:30pm there is a grant writing class that the board would like someone to attend.

Minutes: Shelton Monger moved that the January 21, 2013 meeting minutes be accepted as corrected. Candi Morris seconded.

Vote 6-0

Treasurer: Dan Freeman, Treasurer, gave his report. The General Fund balance is \$54,991.50. Replacement reserve balance is \$67,719.50. We received 284 full and 2 partial assessment in January, and we've received 206 full and 1 partial (\$45,164.00) so far this month; so there are 631 full and 2 partial assessments still open (\$138,377.00). This compares to 705 assessments (\$151,360.00) still open at the same time in 2012.

Roberta Havholm moved that the report be accepted. Candi Morris seconded.

Vote 6-0

Murmurs: Roberta Havholm submitted her report that indicated the March issue would contain articles about the 2013 Pool Budget and the Spring Soccer Application. Deadline for article submission is February 22, 2013. It will be delivered the first weekend of March.

Communications Committee Report: Five packets were delivered last month.

Website: Candi Morris, webmaster, said the pool and soccer groups will be able to manage their own pages.

Pool: Ellie Monger, pool manager, was present and discussed the search for 2013 lifeguards. She also mentioned that currently there is no one available to lead Saturday morning water aerobics this summer. The board agreed to put a discussion topic on Facebook to see if anyone is interested.

Pool and Outdoor Recreation Committee: Shelton Monger discussed the current state of the repairs currently being performed in the pool area.

Green Areas: Mitch Bird, the Green Area Supervisor, was present and submitted the Green Area report: All equipment is in good working order. Any item that needs service will receive it before spring. Significant turf damage at the Tree Farm and Sue Area was done by a contractor. Bob Gray said that the damage will be repaired by the contractor. Turf damage from cars at Cottonwood, Standard area & Shed B areas. Tree near resident's shed at Bronze Leaf is falling. Two trees at Sign Area and one at Bidgood area need to be removed.

Asset Management Committee: No report.

Old Business: The board discussed the need to update the annual calendar.

Sue Hanley discussed the neighborhood watch committee and how it was instrumental in the apprehension of a recent burglary suspect. The committee is looking for contacts on every street in order to better broaden its affect.

New Business: Sue Hanley discussed the need to meet with the head of the Halloween Parade team in order to hand over supplies and information.

Adjournment: Roberta Havholm moved the meeting be adjourned and Greg Herman seconded.

Vote 6-0

The meeting ended at 8:21 p.m.

Call for Lifeguard Applications 2013 Season

The Forest Ridge Association is accepting applications for lifeguards and Recreation Supervisors for the 2012 season. Those interested must have current Lifeguard training, Standard First Aid, and CPR for the Professional Rescuer. Those with old Lifeguard Training will be required to update when the pool opens. WSI certification is recommended for consideration but not required for the available positions. Applications should be in résumé form and must include copies of the front and back of all certifications. The résumé should include any experience with young children, school, and community activities. Also include 2 written references from former employers, teachers, or community leaders. Previous employees of FRA do not need to submit references. The staff is responsible for helping with the opening of the pool and must be available to work on weekends during May (possible exceptions if away at school). You must also include your swimsuit and shirt size, date you can start full-time, all dates you must have off, and when you return to school.

2012 pay rates are as follows:

		Base ¹	WSI ²
Step 1	No experience	\$7.75	\$8.25
Step 2	1 year experience	\$8.00	\$8.50
Step 3	2+ years experience	\$8.25	\$8.75
Step 4	3+ years experience	\$8.50	\$9.00
Supervisor	First year	\$10.25	
Supervisor	Second year	\$10.50	
Supervisor	Third year	\$10.75	



Each year of experience means one season consisting of at least eight full weeks. For example, if an individual was hired prior to June 30 and works through Labor Day, the individual will be paid the next step the next year. If the individual is hired after July 1, the individual will be paid the same step for the entire next year. Prior experience at another pool, regardless of the number of years, will qualify the individual for a Step 2 if it can be verified that the individual has at least one full year of experience.

Residents of Forest Ridge receive preference for these positions, assuming they are otherwise qualified. WSI qualified applicants are preferred.

Please send your résumé to: FRA Pool Committee, P.O. Box 24750, Huber Heights, OH 45424 postmarked no later than April 27, 2013, or to mongere@earthlink.net before April 24, 2013. Any questions can be directed to Ellie Monger at 937-369-8387.

¹ Lifeguard certifications must be current at all times. It is the responsibility of each employee to provide such certification to the Recreation Area Manager. The base rate will be effective from the date the manager receives the certification, not retroactive to the date of the certification. If the Manager does not have a current lifeguard certification on file, the employee will be paid \$3.95/hour until such certification is provided.

² Current WSI certificates must be provided to the Recreation Area Manager in order to receive this rate. Once the WSI certification expires, the individual will be paid at the base rate until a current WSI certificate is again provided to the Recreation Area Manager. The WSI rate is effective on the date the Recreation Area Manager receives the current certificate, not retroactive to the effective date of the certificate.



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Et Cetera Guidelines

Free Ads Include:

Garage Sales (one every three months)
Sale of Personal Property. **Any item with a value of over \$1,000 will be charged \$5.00 per month to run the ad.**

Any volunteer activities that involve Forest Ridge residents.
Handyman services, domestic services, housecleaning, yard work, and babysitting for teen age and younger Forest Ridge residents only.

Paying Ads include:

Home improvement, house cleaning, domestic services, yard work, and babysitting for adult residents, and all non-residents. All home party sales and open houses featuring products for commercial distribution (Tupperware, Mary Kay, Longaberger Baskets, Avon, Discovery Toys, etc.)

The price for these ads will be \$3.50, payable in advance, to Forest Ridge Association, c/o Advertising Bookkeeper, Forest Murmurs. The editor reserves the right to decide the category of the ad, if questions arise.

The length of the ads will be limited to 5 lines.

Custom design ads are available, for detailed information and rates contact the Advertising Bookkeeper.

DUMPING YARD WASTE IN FOREST RIDGE GREEN AREAS IS NOT PERMITTED

Discarding items in the GREEN AREAS and WOODED AREAS, such as grass clippings, leaves, tree branches, and other items, is not a proper use of these areas.

Such dumping hinders the maintenance of the green areas, particularly near the WOODED AREAS and detracts from the enjoyment of other residents in using the green areas. Therefore, it is not permitted. Please use the regular trash or recycle pickup services available to you for disposal of waste items.

Information on these services is available on our website at <http://www.forestridgeassociation.org>. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may contact:

In Dayton, call 937-333-4833 for waste collection, or call Recycle Dayton at 937-333-7678.

In Riverside, call (937) 333-4800 for waste collection.

Please help keep the green areas safe and clean for the enjoyment of all residents.

Attention Renters:

If you have moved in during the year, you have the opportunity to receive a welcome packet. This packet has lots of useful information in it which can help you get your "bearings" a little sooner, and with less effort. When a house is sold, we can easily find out who is there and when they got there. When a rental property has new tenants, it is much more difficult for the Welcome Committee to get that information. New to the area? Need information? Call Bob Gray at 237-8192. We are in the process of updating the packets. If you have questions please call!

Unsightly House Near You?

Do you have an unsightly house near you?

Recently the trustees have received phone calls regarding properties that have unmowed lawns, weeds and trash in the yards. These concerns should be addressed to either the Code Enforcement Office for the City of Dayton at 333-3977 or the Zoning Enforcement Officer for Riverside at 233-1801.

The By-laws for the Forest Ridge Association do not authorize us to require home owners to mow or weed their lawns.

Remember your assessment is due!

**A \$25.00 late fee will now
be assessed for a total
amount of \$244.00.**





You are Invited to join the Forest Ridge Fighting Fish Swim Team!

Swim Season: June 3 – July 28, 2013

Open House at the Forest Ridge Pool May 18: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

There are 8 dual meets from June 18 – July 18. Meets are on Tuesday's and Thursday's.

Championships: Saturday, July 27 **Awards picnic:** Sunday, July 28

Cost: FRA – \$60 registration fee per swimmer (family max. \$150) – includes a t-shirt and swim cap

Non-resident of Forest Ridge Association - \$70 fee per swimmer (family max \$180)* - includes a t-shirt and swim cap

* This fee does not include membership to the FRA pool or use of the pool other than for swim team practice, meets and special events.

Children ages 5-18 (as of June 1, 2013), who can swim the length of the lap pool, are eligible to join the team. If you aren't sure your swimmer can swim the length of the pool they can come to the first week of practice on a trial basis.

- The swim team is associated with the *Miami Valley Swim Association*- www.mvsaswim.org.
- The team travels to 5 local pools each summer, including Wilmington College.
- Swimmers participate throughout the season in pool parties, fundraisers and special events like our ice cream social/tie-dye t-shirt night.
- Fundraisers include a concessions stand at every home meet, the July 4th pool party and the End-of-Summer pool party. The Swim-a-thon is our major fundraising event.

Adult help is essential. Parents or caregivers are required to volunteer to fill the manpower needs of all home meets, away meets and to participate in the fundraisers. Everyone can be trained for every job at a swim meet.


On **May 18th** you will be able to meet our swim coaches and talk with swim team committee. You will be able to try on and order the **team suit**. Payment is due at the time of your order.

All registration forms will be available on the website at www.forestridgeassociation.org/fish. Please bring these forms with you to the Open House or to the first swim team practice.

Please call Ellie Monger at 369-8387 or Karla Herman at 235-0825 or email at kjherman91@gmail.com for more information. The website is a great resource for info.

Go Fighting Fish!

April 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 FRA FRA Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m.  Tax Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22  Earth Day	23	24 Murmurs Ad Deadline	25	26 Murmurs Article Deadline	27
28	29	30				



Forest Ridge is on Facebook!

Looking for information on our neighborhood?
Please, find the Forest Ridge page on Facebook! You'll find updates, pertinent news and meeting information.



Free Kid's Craft Day

Bath Presbyterian Church, 4624 Bath Road, Greene County, (Huber Heights area) is hosting a FREE kids craft day on Saturday, April 13, 10 am - 1 pm, for children ages 3 - 12. There will be a variety of make-and-take craft projects such as decorating foam door hangers, frames, and visors, bird house building, beading projects,

and more. At 11:30 there will be bingo games with fun prizes. Lunch will be served at 12 noon for kids, parents, and volunteers. Parents must remain with their children at the event. Sign up is appreciated. Call Valerie Quinn 233-3888 to sign up and for more information.

METAL THEFT

Contributed by Ty Tyson
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Copper thefts are on the rise. The people committing these crimes seem to be targeting unoccupied properties up for sale now. In the past these crimes were being committed on homes that were reprocessed and vacant for long periods of time. One of the most common things taken is/are the heat pumps.

So, you may think this doesn't apply to me, my house isn't for sale. Well it affects all of us. Last year we had a house in the neighborhood that copper thieves hit. The bank didn't figure this out until they had a buyer for the property. The theft set the sale of the property back now over a year. It is still empty today because of this. I think it is working on three years now, maybe longer, this property has been vacant. The property has been a serious eyesore, with grass and weeds knee to hip high. I have been told the property has been used for pot parties and by homeless people. This hurts everyone because it devalues all of our homes.

Local home owners that live near these homes find it hard to sell their homes. The copper roof on the Forest Ridge Sign was taken a few years back. They didn't replace it because of the expense and there was no way to prevent another theft.

I am finding a number of heat pump thefts. These are very easy to take. All the thief has to do is cut the copper tubing and the electric wiring and carry the heat pump away.

So what do we do? Identify these homes in your neighborhood. I am told there are many vacant homes in the region. Once identified, watch these properties like a hawk. These crimes are almost always committed at night.

These thieves are a special breed. These are different from your normal home burglary thief. First of all they have to bring in equipment to tear out the copper and cut it. So basically they have to haul in a hammer, a saw or something that will cut the pipe. Since they do it in the cover of darkness, I am thinking they use some sort of small light. Look for lights in deserted houses at night. These thieves stay nearly invisible so it may not be possible to actually see them coming and/or going.

So if you see adults with a back pack or bag, be suspicious. If there are foot tracks, (like in the snow going into a vacant property), ask the police to check it out. It is not likely they will be backing a truck up the drive way to these houses. They are going to park a street or two away. Maybe they would park in front of one of our green areas and walk in. In many instances they cut the piping up in small pieces and carry it out in some sort of long bag, such as a duffle bag or a sea bag.

The most common way they are caught in the act is when a neighbor alerts law enforcement complaining of power equipment noises coming from the property late at night. So if you see what looks like someone using a flashlight, or hear power tool noises in a home that is vacant, or not occupied, you should alert law enforcement.

One final note on this. When you're reporting this type of crime, be sure to mention to the dispatcher that you suspect this is copper theft. This is one of the instances law enforcement will want to sneak up on.

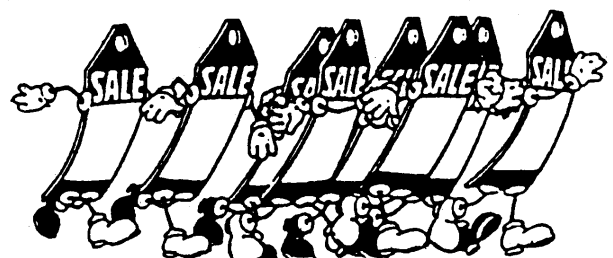
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ON THE MAP OF SALE LOCATIONS,
CALL BEV PENDERGAST BY MAY 11TH
AT 236-5892.**





SCAM ALERT!

A Consumer Update from
Mat Heck, Jr.
Prosecuting Attorney



Dayton-Montgomery County Courts Building, P.O. Box 972, 301 W. Third St., Dayton, OH 45422 (937) 225-5757

Avoid Home Improvement Scams

"With Spring Comes Scams"

MARCH 2013

Home Improvement scams can happen when a person or company is paid up front for work they may have no intention of doing. They may offer false promises and disappear without doing any work or after doing only a partial or poor job.

To avoid these scams:

- Always obtain at least three estimates.
- Get any agreement on work to be done and the price in writing.
- Check references.
- Don't hire someone who is down on their luck or looking for side jobs when you do not know them personally.
- Do not pay cash up front. Never give more than 1/3 of the cost as your down payment.
- Never finance through the contractor without getting comparison loan rates.
- Do not let the contractor rush your decision. Be wary of "today only" prices.
- Check with the Better Business Bureau for comments or complaints about the contractor you are interested in.
- Beware of free home energy audits that come from companies other than your utility company.

Remember: Under Federal law, contractors who sell door-to-door are required to allow you to cancel within three business days prior to beginning any work.

The above ALERT is part of the Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney's initiative to help citizens become aware of ways they can avoid becoming a victim, or ways they can help stop criminal activity that may be occurring. Upon request, the office can provide presentations on crime prevention actions and activities to halt crime and increase the quality of life in our community.

If you would like additional information on the above ALERT, or would like additional information regarding our programs to assist consumers in general and/or seniors in particular, please contact Kimberly Oliver, Supervising Attorney, Adult Protection Unit, or Ward Barrentine, Supervising Attorney, Fraud and Economic Crimes Unit at 937-225-5757.

If you would like us to send *SCAM ALERT* updates to you electronically, please send your e-mail address to: newsletter@mcpo.com to be added to our distribution list.

The Story of Orion

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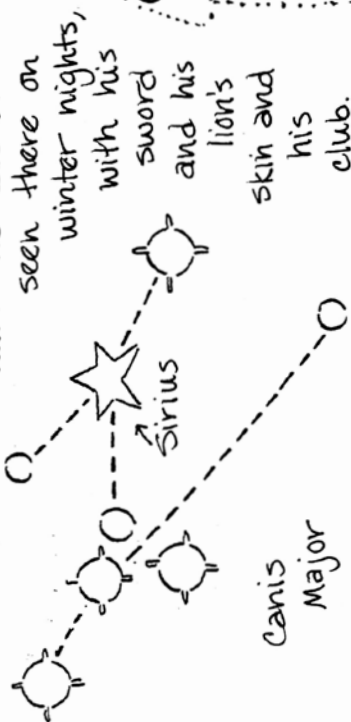
In Greek mythology

Orion, the giant hunter, was the son of Neptune and a favorite companion of the huntress Diana. It was even rumored that she was to marry him, although her brother, Apollo, disapproved of the union.

Orion was fond of wading through the sea with his head just above the surface.

One day, spotting him far offshore, Apollo called his sister and asked her if she could hit that black thing out on the sea. Diana took aim and let fly with an arrow that killed her lover.

In recompense, she placed him in the sky to honor him. He can be



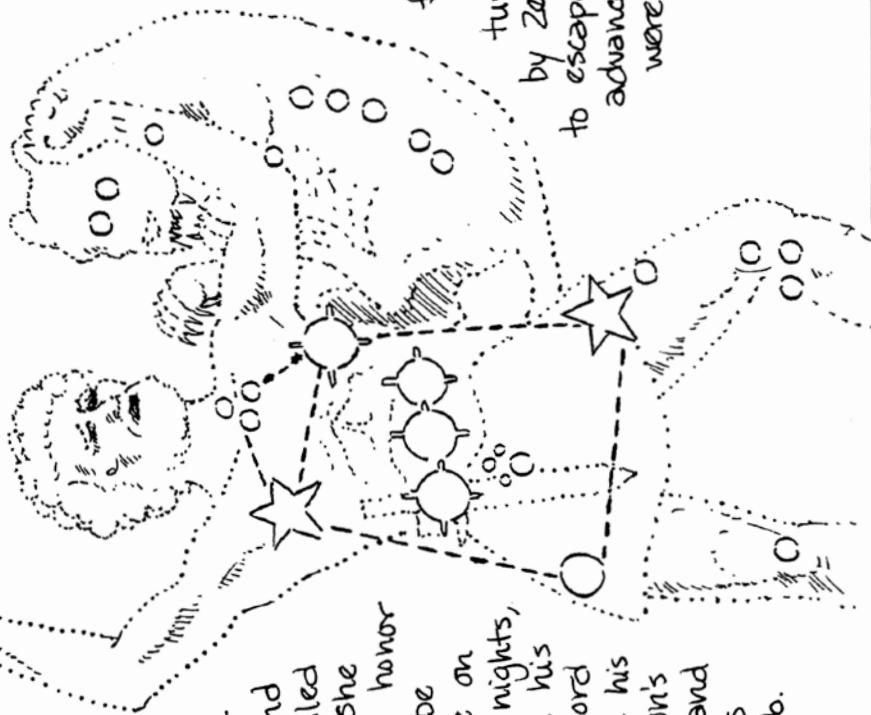
seen there on winter nights, with his sword and his lion's skin and his club.

Look for Orion in the southeastern sky about 9 p.m. throughout the winter. It is the most conspicuous of the winter constellations.

Pleiades

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Orion's dog, Sirius, follows him through the winter sky, and the seven sisters, the Pleiades, fly before him. The Pleiades were turned into pigeons by Zeus to enable them to escape Orion's amorous advances. Later they were turned into stars.



For further information: The Night Sky Book, Jamie Jobb, Little, Brown, Boston, 1977.

From "The Curious Naturalist" Winter 81-82. Distributed to museum juniors through the museum membership plan by the Dayton Museum of Natural History, Dayton, OH

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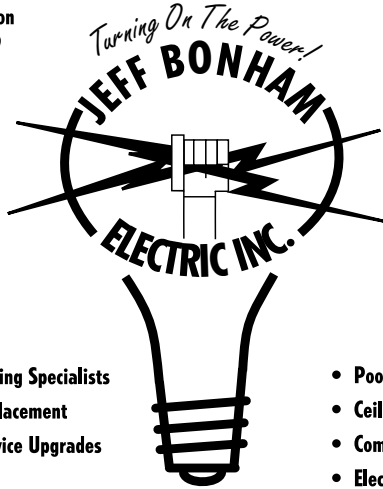
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From The OHIO BMV Motor Scooter Information

REMINDER OF OHIO'S MOTOR SCOOTER LAWS

Motor scooters and mini-motorcycles have become hot items among children and teenagers.

Parents, grandparents and other family members are spending their hard earned money to purchase scooters and mini-motorcycles – just to find out that most cannot be operated on Ohio's roads and their children - or grandchildren cannot legally operate the vehicle.

In Ohio, the motor scooters and mini-motorcycles cannot be legally operated on Ohio's roadways unless - they are titled, registered, covered by the proper insurance and the operator is at least 16 years old with a motorcycle license or endorsement on his or her driver license.

Most of the small electric and gas powered motor scooters, which are sold in sporting good stores and department stores, are not roadworthy, therefore cannot be titled or registered.

In order for the scooter or the mini-motorcycle to be considered roadworthy each must contain a seat, not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, contain the proper brake lights, turn signals, horn, rearview mirrors and headlights.

The county title office will then issue a title for your motor scooter or mini-motorcycle. The title will cost \$5.

After you purchase your title, you will need to register your vehicle. The annual registration costs \$28.50, plus a permissive tax if required and any new plate fees.

The motor scooter and mini-motorcycle will be issued a motorcycle plate, which will need to be attached to the vehicle.

Please make sure you have the proper insurance coverage on your motor scooter or mini-motorcycle, before registering your vehicle. The owner and the operator of the motor scooter or mini-motorcycle are subject to financial responsibility suspensions if the proper insurance is not maintained.

And finally, in order for the individual to legally operate the motor scooter or mini-motorcycle – he or she must be at least 16 years old and hold a valid driver license with a motorcycle endorsement or a motorcycle license. It is very important to know Ohio's road laws and signs before an individual attempts to operate a vehicle of any kind on Ohio's roadways. Licensed drivers have been tested on their knowledge and skills.

Please, know the law before you purchase a motor scooter or a mini-motorcycle. Know where they may be operated and who can operate them. If you have questions you may contact the BMV at 614-752-7800 and you also need to check with your local jurisdiction before you make the purchase.

It's about your safety, your children's safety and other drivers' safety.