

FOREST RIDGE ASSOCIATION

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Dear Neighbor,

The Board of Trustees joins with your Forest Ridge neighbors in welcoming you to Forest Ridge. We think you will be glad you chose to live in our fine neighborhood when you discover the resources and opportunities available to you as a member of the Association. This neighborhood is a diverse group of people who voluntarily combine their talents and energies to provide counsel and support to youth sports, scouting, children's programs, a newsletter, the Forest Murmurs, a web page (<http://www.forestridgeassociation.org/>), neighborhood improvements and beautification projects. We are very happy and pleased to have you and your family as part of our community.

As Trustees, we are your elected representatives to the Forest Ridge Association. Our volunteer positions charge us with the well being and management of our public areas, resources and employees. We meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Ridge Baptist Church on the third Monday of each month to conduct the community business. Your attendance and input is welcome at the monthly meetings, as well as at our two semi-annual general membership meetings on the first Monday of March and the second Monday of September. The semi-annual meetings are held in one of the Mad River Schools and the location is announced in advance.

In addition to the Board meetings, the various neighborhood activities mentioned above hold regularly scheduled meetings, where your attendance would be most welcome. The following pages detail some of the activities in Forest Ridge. In the welcome package, you will find the Code of Regulations of the Forest Ridge Association, a map of Forest Ridge, a booklet on "The Care and Feeding of Our Green Areas", a recent copy of Important phone numbers for Forest Ridge from page 2 of the Forest Murmurs, and information from several of the groups with information on their activities. Take a moment to read this information and then plan to enjoy the activities that interest you. It is a good way to meet some very friendly neighbors.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call any of us at the numbers listed in the Forest Murmurs. Again, we welcome you to the community and hope you will get involved in our activities

Sincerely,

The Board of Trustees
Forest Ridge Association

Forest Murmurs

Forest Murmurs is the newsletter of the Forest Ridge Association, published nine times a year by a dedicated staff. Page two of the Murmurs contains important information for Forest Ridge Residents. The trustees are listed with their telephone numbers. The Forest Ridge Staff, the Forest Murmurs Staff and Forest Ridge Associations are listed with appropriate contacts. It also gives the emergency number 911 for Police, Fire/Ambulance along with their non-emergency numbers. The balance of the publication provides current information on things of interest to the Ridge residents. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Forest Murmurs, call the editor's number.

Friends of Forest Ridge

Welcome! If you are anxious to become an active part of our community, we hope you will join us. "Friends of Forest ridge" is a dynamic group whose purpose is to create pride in our neighborhood, promote friendship among neighbors, and increase community awareness. We currently meet seven times a year, offering interesting programs covering everything from gardening, decorating, and crafts to home and health subjects. An annual grant from the Forest Ridge Association is used to improve our neighborhood with trees, shrubs and flowers in the green areas. Our latest project was the gazebo located on Forest Ridge Blvd. We feel confident you will feel comfortable with our easy-going, fun filled gatherings. For information about upcoming event check the Forest Murmurs or call the contact listed in the front of the Forest Murmurs.

Running Creek Reserve

Running Creek Reserve is a 23-acre nature area with walking trails that you can use to observe the wonders of nature during the various seasons of the year. It was initiated as a community project by Girl Scout Troop 223 in 1977. Many other troops and Eagle Scouts have accomplished conservation projects to maintain it through the years. Attempts at keeping the beautiful sign and trail markers in place have been impossible due to vandalism. Despite this, it is a peaceful place to walk. The attached map will acquaint you with the location and pathways of this reserve. The entrance to the reserve can be reached by crossing the creek at the pool complex or entering from Country Haven Circle off Valley Street. Treat yourself by enjoying and learning the changing seasons by taking a walk in Running Creek Reserve. You will be glad you did!

Lost & Found/Pet Patrol

Have you lost your keys, cat or dog? Has someone else's pet adopted you? You may be in luck. We do not take in lost pets or items, but do try to connect the owner with the finder. Please call the contact listed in the front of the Forest Murmurs.

What is a TWIG? (Terrific Women in Giving)

A TWIG is a group of women dedicated to children and The Children's Medical Center. Dedication is shown through activities, which include volunteering, health education, and fund raising.

A TWIG member is a NOW person who enjoys making new friendships while meeting the challenge of life's responsibilities. Their talents are limitless and diverse. They care about children and they share the goal of making a quality health care facility the pride of the Miami Valley.

Interested in joining a group? Call the Medical Center development office of Children's medical center at 226-8405 and meet the friendly members waiting to welcome you.

Halloween Parade and Fun Run

The Halloween Parade and Fun Run/Walk are annual traditions here in the Ridge, providing a bright spot as we transition into the fall season. Both events are designed purely for the fun of kids of all ages. We kick off the morning with a five-kilometer run/walk through the neighborhood. Then, after we give the runners a chance to catch their breaths, the parade begins at the end of forest ridge Blvd. Near the gazebo. While the parade has lots of excitement provided by fire trucks, police cars, and a marching band, the costume contest is always the biggest hit. The creative minds of the Ridge residents really go to work when it comes time to put together novel versions of the classic and contemporary Halloween characters. Contestants are separated into groups (witches, monsters, super heroes, etc.), and prizes are awarded for the best costumes in each category. Look for details in the September and October editions of the Forest Murmurs.

Join the Fighting Fish

The Forest Ridge Fighting Fish Aquatics Club is a relatively new activity for Forest Ridge residents. If your child can float and marginally swim, is 18 years old or younger, (there is no minimum age requirement), and wants to meet a lot of friends, then the Forest Ridge Fighting Fish Aquatics Club is the group to join.

The season runs from after Memorial Day to the beginning of August. The children have swim practice every morning. There are six swim meets during the season. The parents quickly see vast improvements in their children's swimming skills.

Our main objectives are to teach team spirit, have a community activity, and provide fun for the entire family. The coaches and parents give lots of encouragement to the children and the team members all feel a sense of achievement.

To find out more about the Forest Ridge Fighting Fish, please call the contact listed in the front of the Forest Murmurs. Watch for the sign-up dates published in the May issue of the Forest Murmurs.

Forest Ridge Baby-sitting Co-op

Do you have a young child, kindergarten age or below, live in the Ridge, and do not work outside the home? If so, the Forest ridge Baby-sitting Co-op may be for you. Thirty families already belong to this well-established group. Baby-sitting is arranged among members on a time exchanger basis and allows the parent the freedom to shop, participate in volunteer activities, or just take a break. Your child gets to play with other children and is monitored by a responsible parent at a time of day when teenage baby-sitters are unavailable. If you would like to learn more, call the baby-sitting coordinator. You will find her name and number in the front of the Forest Murmurs.

FRA Recreational Soccer

Forest Ridge offers a recreational soccer league to all residents 6-13 years of age. We offer two sessions per year to play, Spring and Fall. Practices and games are held only in Forest Ridge so you don't have to feel like a "Soccer Mom or Dad" traveling to various locations. Our purpose is to introduce the game and develop soccer skills, but our main objective is to have FUN! Registration forms and additional information may be obtained from the Spring and Fall issues of the Forest Murmurs. For additional information, please call the chairman listed in the front of the Forest Murmurs.

MAD RIVER GIRL SCOUTS

To all girls ages 5-17
Or in kindergarten - twelfth grade

Welcome to Forest Ridge! We are part of Buckeye Trails Girl Scout Council, Mad River Neighborhood. We have many active troops in our neighborhood and new troops are formed every year. Mad River GS provides experiences for our girls to learn about and have fun in the world around us. So, if you have been a part of Girl Scouts before or are new to the Girl Scout program, come join us and let our exciting program become part of your life. Girl Scouting introduces you to other girls who enjoy a wide range of activities they would like to share with you such as field trips to museums, zoos, libraries and businesses and camping in our backyards, Girl Scout camps, and parks all over the country. Our girls can often be found participating in sports at many levels in the area and as part of their schools' music programs. Girl Scouts has something to offer girls of widely varying interests.

To all adults ages 18+

Mad River Girl Scouts are always looking for adults willing to share their time, energy and enthusiasm for life with our Girl Scouts. We need leaders to work with the girls on a regular basis. We also need adults who are willing to share their knowledge, talents, and skills with the girls on an occasional basis. You don't have to have a daughter to become part of the Girl Scout program; you only need to desire to work with our girls.

If interested in becoming part of Mad River Girl Scouts or in learning more about us, please contact the individual listed in the front of the Forest Murmurs.

North Fairborn-Forest Ridge Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouting program in Forest Ridge provides troops to meet the developmental, educational, emotional, and social needs of girls at five age levels. The age levels are:

Daisy Girl Scout	K-grade or 5-6 years old
Brownie Girl Scout	Grades 1-3 or 6-8 years old
Junior Girl Scout	Grades 3-6 or 8-11 years old
Cadet Girl Scout	Grades 6-9 or 11-14 years old
Senior Girl Scout	Grades 9-12 or 14-17 years old

Girl Scout Troops in Forest Ridge participate in community service projects throughout the year. Projects include help with the Forest Ridge Halloween Parade, visits to local nursing homes and volunteer service as aides at the Dayton Museum of Natural History. They do volunteer work at the Dayton Chapter of the American Red Cross and water monitor a section of the Mad River for the Ohio Natural Resource Department. During the holidays, Girl Scouts repair, mend, and clean toys for the Fairborn Family Service Center. The flagpole located on the knoll of the recreation

area parking lot was presented to Forest Ridge by North Fairborn Girl Scouts. The funds for this project were earned by recycling aluminum cans and selling poinsettias to the residents of Forest Ridge at Christmas time.

Forest Ridge Girl Scout Troops have participated in many activities designed to spark their interest in five areas, The World of Well-Being, People, Today and Tomorrow, Arts, and the Out-of-Doors. Crafts, badge work, theater workshops, camping, horseback riding, Science Fairs, trips, Thinking Day, backpacking, to name a few activities, have kept girls interested in Girl Scouting. There is something for every girl and adult. Troops have room for all age girls. Adult volunteers are welcome also. Training is provided at all levels of Girl Scouting.

If you are interested in joining a Girl Scout Troop or need additional information about the Girl Scouting program, call the contact listed in the front of the Forest Murmurs.

Cub Scouts Pack 203

Forest Ridge sponsors a Cub Scout program for boys from 8 to 10. If you have a son of this age or wish to volunteer your time to help the Pack, please contact the contact listed in the front of the Forest Murmurs.

Troop 203, Boy Scouts of America

Meeting Mondays 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the "Ridge." If you have sons aged 11 and up, we also look forward to welcoming you both into Troop 203 as members of the Boy Scouts of America. We know your entire family would enjoy and benefit from this association. We are here to help you develop your son into a man who is physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

It's exciting and beautiful to watch a life develop and know you are being a part of it. A child must grow from the early stage of complete dependence on his family to an eventual state of self-reliance. Along the way, he must be given increasing opportunity to make responsible decisions and to challenge himself in, many situations. You can use our program to help guide your son in this development process. We can support your moral values and religious preferences.

The Aim of the Scouting program is:

- ❖ To foster participating citizenship.
- ❖ To develop physical, mental, and emotional fitness, and
- ❖ To build strong character.

There are eight methods we use in scouting to help your son develop and grow:

- ❖ Ideals - The Scout Oath and Law are standards to which all Americans should aspire.
- ❖ Patrols - Special groups of eight boys who elect their own leader & work as team-the troop's core unit.
- ❖ Outdoors - The best part of Scouting is the outing! Our troop offers exciting, year-round adventures. Camping, hiking, tours, field trips, advancement, service projects, etc. are just a few of the events that the boys get to choose, plan, and do. We've been from Canada to the Florida Keys, the National Jamboree in Virginia, spelunking in Kentucky, sky diving (indoors) in Tennessee, and white water rafting in West Virginia.
- ❖ Advancement - The boys climb a ladder of skills, each at his own pace. The higher they climb the more challenging the tasks-and the more cherished the rewards. The purpose, of course, is to spur a Scout to learn, to achieve, and to mature. Our scouts have the best record in the district for advancement to the top rank of Eagle Scout. Our community has benefited from thousands of hours of service led by these scouts.
- ❖ Personal Growth - Scouting encourages growth in many dimensions-it instills a lifelong quest for growth.
- ❖ Adult Association - Scouts learn from the example set by their adult leaders. The second greatest aspect of our troop is the caliber and dedication of its adult support (second only to the scouts, of course).
- ❖ Leadership Development - Is a hallmark of the Scouting program. More than any other youth program; we provide the training, the opportunities, and the examples for every scout to learn to be a leader.
- ❖ The Uniform - An outward sign that a scout has high values and is willing to stand up for them. It's a reminder that he is a scout, and that people will expect him to act like one. It, gives him a sense of belonging-to his patrol and troop, and to a worldwide movement whose values he shares with millions of others.

Best wishes to you as you move into the exciting experience of helping your son develop and grow. Make it a happy time, a warm time, a time when you discover each other. Let Scouting help you. Use it to enrich you and your son's life. Call me at 236-7914

Sincerely,

Bob Corwin
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Chartered to the Forest Ridge Association