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# Forest FLASH

*It's what's happening in our neck of the woods!*

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## WHO'S WHO WORKING FOR YOU!

*The PFG 2007 HOA Board is here to serve!*

Bryan Mangan	-	President
Shelley Wallace	-	Secretary
Dale Mestas	-	Treasurer
Max Comstock	-	Architectural
Warren Barnes	-	Grounds/Maint.
Tamara Elleman	-	Pool
Susan Claridge	-	Social

*"A smile is understood in any language...  
so speak to everyone."*



## WHAT'S IN THE WORKS: PFG CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Get ready to **SPRING** into action with these exciting activities!

**MARCH MADNESS – NCAA TOURNAMENT:** Experience the **THRILL** of March Madness by entering the NCAA Tournament Pool! Sign-up to participate by **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm** via email at: [pfg.fun@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pfg.fun@sbcglobal.net) (simply send an email that states you want to be in the pool) Instructions will be emailed to you Sunday evening, explaining where to fill out your online brackets, the rules, and the submission deadline. The cost is \$20.00 per bracket with a limit of up to two brackets per person (not per household). Payment instructions will be emailed to you once your brackets have been submitted. Don't miss the fun and the chance to be the PFG NCAA Winner! Let the Madness Begin!!

**EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA:** Our 2007 Easter Extravaganza is scheduled for **Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am**. An Easter Egg Hunt will be held for all children wishing to participate. There will also be some games for your young ones to play, with prizes and goodies to be won. Other activities require that you sign-up in advance to ensure proper planning. If you or anyone in your family would like to participate in one of the following Excellent Easter Escapades, please email [pfg.fun@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pfg.fun@sbcglobal.net). In your email please state the activity or activities in which you would like to participate, along with your street address, age and full name. You will be contacted via email to give you a confirmation of your registration and a schedule of each activity. The activities from which you may choose are:

TEAM RELAY RACE, EGGSTATIC OBSTACLE COURSE, EGG BLOW & PAINT, BUNNY PHOTOS

Space is limited so sign-up today! Registration and participation are FREE!

### NEW FACES IN THE FOREST

The Park at Forest Green would like to extend a friendly welcome to our newest homeowners:

Jin-mo Kim Family, Eurvin & Nina Williams,  
Josh & Deb Smith, and Tony Kang.

If you live next to these newcomers, stop by and say "hi." As Mother Teresa said:

*"Kind words can be short and easy to speak,  
but their echos are truly endless."*

### EMAIL ADDRESS NEEDED

Even if you do not wish to be in the PFG Directory, the HOA Board needs your email address on file.

Please send your email address to:  
[pfghoa@parkatforestgreen.org](mailto:pfghoa@parkatforestgreen.org)

This information will be used for HOA purposes only, and not for solicitation.



### ARCHITECTURAL FACTS FROM MAX

The City of Overland Park will be making major road improvements to 143<sup>rd</sup> Street from Antioch Road to Metcalf Ave. This project includes construction of a standard four-lane divided thoroughfare with curbs, left turn lanes, storm sewers, sidewalk (south side), bike/hike path (north side) and street lights. The project includes reconstruction of the U.S. Highway 69 bridges over 143<sup>rd</sup> Street to accommodate the four-lane divided thoroughfare. The contractor will be starting work on the project around March 12<sup>th</sup>. Due to the significant grade change at 143<sup>rd</sup> Street & Newton, the intersection will be **closed from April to December**.

Access to the subdivision will be maintained by traveling South on Newton and using other city streets.

### HEY "GREEN THUMBS"! IT'S TIME FOR FUN!

Each month all homes will be judged on the landscaping, gardening and overall appearance of their front yard. The winner will receive a reward and an official "Yard-of-the-Month" sign will be displayed for all to see; as well as recognition in the Quarterly Newsletter. This is your chance to show us those hidden botanical talents!!

JUDGING WILL BE APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>

All judging will be on the last Sunday of each month beginning in April and ending in September.



# LOVE IS (still) IN THE AIR

We all know the meaning of the expression "love is in the air." We've felt those butterflies dance in our bellies and seen that sparkle of affection gleaming in our special someone's eyes. We have all observed the body-language of couples in love. We've rolled our eyes and cynically muttered, "get a room!" But how many of us would describe our marriage and home as a "love is in the air" environment? Over time, is it that we lose sight of our own acts of affection for our mate? Or is it that we simply run out of time and energy? As I mused over these ideas, it dawned on me that our affections don't disintegrate over time. Instead, they seem to deepen to a level that causes them to meld into part of our daily routine. Unfortunately, we don't always notice the little things we do out of habit ... we don't always feel the love in the air... but our children do... our little ones see the ways we love each other even when we, adults, are too busy to notice. So, what does "love" look like? Here's how kids describe the love they observe in the midst of our hectic, daily routines...

"Mommy washes Daddy's dirty socks and underwear! You'd have to love somebody a lot to do that!"

"On cold mornings Daddy starts Mommy's car and gets it all warmed up."

"Daddy makes Mommy smile even when she's tired."

"Mommy gets in bed first and makes a warm spot for Daddy."

"Sometimes mommy gets in the shower with daddy and helps wash dirt off him. It's gross but love is really gross."

"Daddy brings dinner home when Mommy's too tired to cook."

"When Mom and Dad argue, she cries. I don't think you cry over someone if you don't love them."

"When Mommy is crabby Daddy brings her a Starbucks and she gets really happy."

"When you laugh and cry all at once. That's a lot of feeling. I think that's love... Daddy does that to Mommy."

"Love is when Mommy pours Daddy a cup of coffee and always tastes it first to make sure it's not too hot."

"Love is when Daddy hugs Mommy so tight her feet come off the floor."

This week take a moment to ask your children how they define love and sit back and enjoy their hilarious observations. Explore the love in your air today thru a child's eyes... you might be surprised to find it's still there... ever-so strong... merely manifesting itself in deeper, more routine ways. ~



## How "Romantic" Is Your Mate?

We asked and you answered! Here's what some PFG homeowners shared with us about the romance level in their home.....

It was Valentines Day and I had a really bad day at work. I just wanted to go home and be alone; take a hot bath. I didn't feel like going out for Valentines Day. Instead of pushing the issue, my soon-to-be-husband showed up to surprise me with a dozen red roses, strawberries, sparkling wine, and chocolate. He made me a bubble bath and sprinkled rose peddles into the bubbles. After I got in the tub he returned with a glass of sparkling wine, and a bowl of heated chocolate. He sat on the toilet seat, still in his suit from work, and fed me chocolate covered strawberries and sparkling wine. It was absolutely wonderful! And yes, ladies, he is still this romantic even after years of marriage! ~ Anonymous

*My husband surprised me with an awesome gift! It was my birthday and he took my hand and lead me upstairs. I couldn't believe my eyes! There was a massage table, candles lit all around the room, massage music playing softly in the background and warm towels right out of the dryer! He gave me a full body massage and a facial. It was unbelievable and he was really good!* ~ Anonymous

My husband is "jock" romantic. He's not the emotional/sappy type, but he shows his love by planning special trips for us. He picks a city we've never seen, arranges for my parents to keep the kids, and flies me away for a relaxing, romantic few days of shopping, shows, nice dinners and alone time together. Our trips are the most romantic gifts! ~ Anonymous

*My husband does the dishes. I think that is romantic beyond description!* ~ Anonymous

## KINDLY REMIND ME

Schedules are hectic! Life is crazy! And the days keep flying by as your "to-do" list grows longer and longer! In all the hustle, it's no surprise we forget some of the little things that need to be done.

So... this is a "Kind Remind" of some basic by-laws to which we need to make sure we are compliant.

1. Keep Garage Doors Closed
2. Park in Driveway; Not on Street
3. Take Holiday Lights Down
4. Look at your exterior paint and deck stain and prepare to touch it up if needed (in the Spring).



## DALE'S "DUE DILIGENCE"

HOA 2007 DUES OF \$511.50 WERE DUE ON FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>.

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PAID, PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT OF \$562.65 TO:  
**PARK AT FOREST GREEN HOA**  
14300 NEWTON  
OVERLAND PARK, KS 66223



## BIG TRASH

The Overland Park large item trash pick-up will be Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

For more information visit the city website at:

[www.opkansas.org](http://www.opkansas.org)



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need people to help plan social events and distribute flyers to homeowners!  
Please contact Susan 913-897-7237



## NEIGHBORHOOD NEPOTISM

We're sitting on a wealth of resources right here in our neighborhood. We have piano teachers, dentists, hairdressers, financial advisors, attorneys, childcare providers, engineers, consultants from various fields, reps from clothing, jewelry, health and beauty products, etc., all living right next door.

Let's put together a business directory for PFG! All you have to do is send Susan your business information via email: [pfg.fun@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pfg.fun@sbcglobal.net) And you will be included in the directory at no cost to you. It's the cheapest advertising you'll find anywhere! Let's help each other be successful!

**Be Wise.... Advertise!**

"Neighbors are the front line influence of the community in which we rear our children."

## PFG PET DETECTIVE



Tina Bridges has volunteered to be our official neighborhood contact for lost and found pets.

If you have lost your cat or dog, or if you have found a stray cat or dog please contact Tina and she will take steps to notify PFG homeowners and the surrounding neighborhoods. More times than not a stray is merely someone's furry friend who just needs help finding their way home. Communication thru Tina will help minimize unnecessary calls to Animal Control, resulting in our furry loved ones being taken to "prison."

Contact Information: Tina Bridges (913) 814-9391

*"Helping you find your lost canine or feline friend."*

**REMINDER:**

***Is there an accountant in the 'hood?***

**APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> TAXES**

Mark Your Calendars

for the next

Homeowners Meeting

on

Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00pm

This date is tentatively planned and will be confirmed as it draws closer. You won't want to miss this meeting! We're going to SPRING into action with goodies, prizes and some surprises!

### Kelly Kids

'07 Spring/Summer Line  
Clothing designed to easily  
mix-and-match & coordinate.

Contact Local Rep:

Tamara Elleman

Phone: 913-814-9765

Cell: 816-223-5068

PUT YOUR  
AD HERE  
FOR ALL TO  
SEE!

Just Email  
PFG!

[Pfg.fun@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Pfg.fun@sbcglobal.net)

## COMING UP in the MAY EDITION of FOREST FLASH...

May is Memorial Day and we'd like to honor those people who have been directly influenced by someone who has fought or is currently fighting in a war.

People fighting for our country influence us every day... but when we personally know them, the story becomes that much more real and touching. We want to hear about the people you know... and honor them with you in the next edition of Forest Flash.

Please email your stories to:

[Pfg.fun@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Pfg.fun@sbcglobal.net)

Attn: Memorial Day Edition

May is also Mother's Day and we'd like to hear stories of how your mother has influenced you. What makes your mom so special in your life?

Was there a time your mom went above and beyond to help you, or encourage you, or support you? Mom's are a huge influence in our lives and we'd like to honor them by sharing some of your special moments with your mom in the next edition of Forest Flash.

Please email your stories to:

[Pfg.fun@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Pfg.fun@sbcglobal.net)

Attn: Mother's Day Edition

