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FOREST HEIGHTS/HOLLY HILLS HAPPENINGS

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Bert A. Mitchell, President

Neighbor to Neighbor

Dear Neighbors,

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs. That seems to be the message in today's economy. It's challenging out there and jobseekers need any kind of help they can get. Losing a job is a major life change and it can affect every aspect of a person's life; financially emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually. It's important to take advantage of all the resources available to get back on track. As a trainer with Workforce plus I know there are many free, that's right free, services available to assist anyone looking to get back into the workforce. These no cost services include many workshops and opportunities to work with career specialists and counselors. One particular program for job seekers is new. It's called 5-Steps to Rapid Employment. This 2-Week workshop was recently featured in the Tallahassee Democrat. The 5-Steps to Rapid Employment consists of five modules to take your job campaign to a different level. The modules are: *Riding the Emotional Roller Coaster*, *Defining and Aligning Your Life and Career Goals*, *Creating Value-Based Resumes & Self Marketing Tools*, *Creating a Meticulous Action Plan (MAP)* and *Putting Your Action Plan into Action*. The tools you learn will allow you to stand out from your competitors and hopefully get an interview that will lead to a good job. To get more information about this program and other Workforce plus programs contact Workforce plus at 850-922-0023. Also, check out www.Linkedin.com. This is one of the fastest growing business websites for professionals. It is becoming a great place to post your resume and network with your peers.

Why am I promoting these organizations? Well, I work with people every day seeking employment and I see how tough it is. It takes a toll after awhile. When someone in the neighborhood loses a job it affects everyone. Check up on your friends who are looking for work. Encourage them. Ask what you can do to help. Network with them and tell them about any opportunities you might know about. Ask your friends if they know of any leads and mostly, keep them in your prayers. There is light at the end of the tunnel so take it one resume at a time. As the saying goes, "And this too shall pass."

Bert A. Mitchell, President

Forest Heights-Holly Hills Neighborhood Association

Full Disclosure: Bert A. Mitchell is the Regional Facilitator/Trainer at Workforce plus and teaches the 5-Steps to Rapid Employment Workshop. There is no charge for services provided by Workforce plus.

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 6:30 PM
COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Officials from Code Enforcement will be there to answer your questions and address concerns about rooming houses and noise complaints.

REMINDER - Member contacts: We are always updating our records and need your help! We would like to get updated contact information for our members. Please take a moment and send your name, address, phone, and email address to RBerentsen@comcast.net. Emails will only be sent with important information, neighborhood crime info from TPD and the quarterly newsletters. Thanks in advance for your help with this project!

**Please join your neighborhood association!
Annual dues are due by the January 26th meeting**



Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Please submit this form and a \$15 check (made out to **FHHHA Neighborhood Association**) to:

Becky Berentsen, Treasurer, P.O. Box 37323, Tallahassee, FL 32315.

We appreciate your support!

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Grass Clippings - Notes from the Neighborhood Beautification Committee

Fall is here! Time to decorate your homes for fall, get your yard ready for winter, and just get outside to say hello to the neighbors! Just a few simple reminders on lawn care for this time of year, never mow your grass while it is wet, don't bag those clippings – use them as mulch and don't water in the late afternoon or evening. When you do water your yard, it is best to be sure you get ½" - ¾" inches of water to the entire yard. Fertilizer is also a great idea to prevent winter damage and keep weeds away. Check with your local garden center for the best recommendation for your yard.



Fall is also a great time to check those gutters/downspouts/roof for debris; change your home's air filters; clean out the dryer vent, prepare the fireplace for winter; inspect your heater; check all windows and doors for leaks; clean outdoor patio furniture before storing away furniture and cushions; check your garden tools – now is a great time to get blades sharpened or shop for new tools while stores are clearing out their summer stock, and replace the batteries in your smoke alarms.



IN OUR BACKYARD This month's spotlight is on the Tallahassee Museum. Each year, the Museum hosts a two-evening event where they transform the museum into different areas of spooky fun, suitable for all ages. The event features live music, costume contests, two haunted trails, and carnival games. The Halloween Howl will be October 28 and 29th starting at 6 p.m. and ending at 10 p.m. each night. Admission for non-members is \$10 adults and \$8 for children ages 4-15. For members, admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children.

NEIGHBOR NOTES: Did you know we have a music teacher in our neighborhood? If you or someone you know is in need of lessons, please be sure to contact Mrs. Hays!

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FALL BACK!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
NOVEMBER 6. MOVE YOUR CLOCKS
BACK ONE HOUR!



Crime Watch Corner – News from the Crime Watch & Safety Committee

Kudos to our watchful neighbor in the area of Sherwood/Fairlane who reported a suspicious male juvenile looking through the back window of a house in August. The juvenile was arrested for loitering and prowling. It was learned during the investigation that the juvenile had a burglary history in our neighborhood, but charges were never filed against him! If you are a victim of a burglary, be sure to report the crime to TPD. We also need to be tough and prosecute criminals when crimes are committed, regardless of their age. If you are a victim, please be sure to press charges if you have the opportunity. This was a successful case of a neighbor watching their area. To report a crime, you may contact TPD or fill out an online report at <http://www.talgov.com/tpd/tpd-online.cfm>. Be sure to lock your home and vehicle. Many of the recent auto burglaries were the result of residents leaving their cars unlocked!

Over the last month, there has been an increase in noise complaints at the rental homes in the neighborhood. While we welcome new residents to the area, we ask that you respect that this is a family neighborhood and we will not tolerate loud parties or trashing the street. If the police are called to your house, we do get notified and we will be sending letters to you and the property owner. If the calls continue, you will get a visit from a TPD officer to discuss the noise complaints.

Don't forget, TPD offers a free security survey to improve the safety of your home. Please call Officer James Bird at 891-4184 to arrange an appointment. You may also request extra patrols in the neighborhood to check your home while you are on vacation. As always, be alert and don't hesitate to call 891-4200 if you see something suspicious in the area.

Leon County School information

- October 24th – Students are out of school for a teacher planning day
- November 2nd – Report cards sent home
- November 11th – No school – Veteran's Day
- November 23rd – 25th – No school – Thanksgiving Holidays



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