

# The Forest Lake News

## "What's Going on in Your Own Back Yard" - May, 1994

We hope you had a great holiday; we sure couldn't complain about the weather. Those of you who came to The Easter Egg Hunt seemed to enjoy the day - spring is always a great time to catch up with all of our neighbors that we don't see during the winter months.

*More on The Hunt on Page 2.*

### Surprised?

Those of you who indicated on your survey that you were interested in volunteering time to improve our community may have been surprised to receive a call from me so soon, but get used to it! The Board is making a concerted effort to get each and every homeowner in Forest Lake involved, because that's how things will get done!

We may not have a lot of money, but we sure have a wealth of good people who are volunteering their valuable time. Thanks, neighbors! For more info on what's in store for our neighborhood, see Page 4.

### Let's All Clean Up!

Sunday, May 1st is the FLCA Arbor Day Clean-up at 10 a.m., so don't miss out on the fun! **Bring your rakes, pruners, gloves, wheelbarrows etc.**, and we'll supply the plastic bags and refreshments.

Guys -- there will be equipment, power tools, and lots of tasks requiring masculine prowess -- not to mention grunting! Ladies, there will be amusing entertainment (you know what I mean!). We have lots of volunteers, but we still need more! **Call Nancy (726-2743) or Laura (438-3688) to sign up**, as we are trying to make sure we have our work crews adequately dispersed at each park.

Especially needed are volunteers for the Boat Launch Area (where are you, Fishermen & Boaters?) and the Central Beach. Thanks to the hard work of our neighbor and Landscape Contractor, **Garry Passafiume**, we will not be needing any volunteers at the Community Center Park. We appreciate **everyone's** help for this worthwhile project!

### S Send 'em In S

We are getting ready to send out second notices for the 1994 annual dues. To date, about half of our homeowners have paid their dues. Please, save us the cost of a second mailing and send yours in today.

Attention boaters: we assume there is no need for a boat launch key unless you plan to use a boat on Forest Lake. For this reason, we will not provide a boat launch key to a FLCA member that has not purchased a boat sticker. As always, Pat Lynn is available to respond to any questions regarding membership (438-0859).

*Regarding accounts with a balance due from prior years: As is standard practice for any business, any money received will be applied to the oldest balance first. This has always been our policy.*

### Dredging

Boy, it seems like a long time but hang on, folks, it won't be much longer!

#### *The Lake is Still Closed!*

And will remain closed until the dredging is completed. The mud that you see is very dangerous; one child had to be pulled out from this slimy sinkhole by our resident Fireman and suspender-lover, **Dominic Tufano**. Parents, please discuss this dangerous situation with your children and keep them away from the lake.

#### *What's That Big Hole?*

This is the question everyone has been asking! Part of the dredging plan is to dig several deep holes (about ten feet deep) in order to trap silt coming into the lake in the future. The locations of these "traps" were strategically engineered by experts in this field, based on where the silt is actually coming into the lake.

Some of you have expressed concerns regarding the close proximity of such holes to the South & West Beaches. We assure you, these areas will have more usable swim area and will be safer than ever before. At both parks, there will be at least 35 feet of shallow swim area from the shoreline to where the hole begins. Additionally, we will be marking the shallow area with floats, and plan to place a warning signs to inform swimmers of the drop-off.

#### *When Will the Fat Lady Sing?*

We are still planning to complete the dredging project by the end of May, and the lake is already beginning to fill. How Long will it take? As previously mentioned, we can not predict Mother Nature (but it never hurts to do a little rain dance!).

Heavy Equipment, Power Tools, and lots of dirty laundry, I'm sure!! This dredging project has been such a "guy thing!" See Page 4 for more on our hard-working volunteer dredging crew.

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**And What about The Hunt?**

It was a little **WILD** this year: 60 excited youngsters are no match for a few unsuspecting adults! I think everyone enjoyed themselves, and no one left empty-handed, so I give it a big thumbs-up! A Huge thanks to **Joe Pellettieri**, buyer for **Omni Superstores**, and **Jim Tegtmeier**, Omni store manager, Aurora, for donating the awesome prizes that we gave away this year.

As always, thanks to **Laura** (do I need to print her last name anymore?) **Tegtmeier**, who does more for this community than most of us will ever know. And thanks to all the teen - and younger - helpers that showed up: **Sandy Coffell, Kathy Robinson, Josh Bell, Gary Mueller, Bill Allen, Chris & Zach Tegtmeier, Mark & Michael Bielski**...hope we didn't forget anyone, everyone's help was greatly appreciated. Finally, we can't leave out the Ladies' Auxiliary and FLCA Board members who helped with the hunt: **Greg Hatz, Katie Bielski, Melissa Michael, Pam Sirt, JoEllen Hermes, Jovita Kerns and Nancy Gonsiorek** (yes, I can thank myself!) - as well as County Rep. **Pam Newton**, who helped fill the eggs!

**Welcome, neighbors!**

Welcome to all our new neighbors; let us know who you are so we can show you hospitality - Forest Lake Style!

**Mr & Mrs. Mike Reiser**, Quentin Road

**Irv & Michelle Kamradt**, and their daughters, **Jennifer & Stephanie**, Lakeside Drive.

**Mark & Carolyn Roselli**, and their son, **Mark**, Lakeside Drive.

**Mark & Kathy Uttlie**, and their child, **Jesse** (- and another one on the way, May 14th -- good luck!), Quentin Road.

**Roger & Suzette Elmzen**, and their daughter, **Dana**, Park Road.

Anyone we missed? Let us know! And feel free to call the newsletter hotline for any information you need about FLCA membership, parks, activities, etc.

**Welcome Back...**

...and our apologies to our readers on Quentin Road. Unfortunately, we were unaware that the postal routes were changed, thereby omitting our Quentin Road neighbors from our newsletter mailing. Thanks to **Michael & Kathy Busch** for informing us, we are now back on track! We are making an honest attempt to reach all our members -- whether you live in Forest Lake or not. So please, if you ever miss an issue of *The FLN*, let us know.

**Get Ready to Ride...**

...*The Information Highway*. As mentioned in February, our neighbor, **Jim Petzold**, volunteered to serve as a special liaison for the FLCA, to request installation of fiberoptic cable in Forest Lake. Jim has informed me that we are scheduled to be connected to this *Information Highway*. Thanks again, Jim, for thinking of your community and getting the job done!

**Lullabies!**

Everyone in the Ladies' Auxiliary and Playgroup have been waiting for this one! Congrats to proud new parents, **Pam & Jeff Sirt**, and big sister **Sarah**, on the birth of **Bryan Edward**. I got to hold him today, and there really is nothing sweeter than a new-born baby! For anyone thinking about number two, Pam says it's easier the second time around...She sure makes it look like a breeze!

**Many Happy Returns!**

To **Bob, Jovita, Lena**, and to my husband, **John** -- Remember -- you're not getting older, your getting better!

We understand that **Steve & Pam Royse** celebrated a big **40th** birthday with a bash at the community center, but no one is telling who's birthday it was!

*If you're interested in renting the community center for your next gala, call Laura at 438-3688. Cost is \$60 per rental plus a refundable deposit.*

**Picture This!**

The Board has come across a dozen old photos of the Lake. It is an aerial view of Forest Lake and the surrounding "corn fields" of Hawthorn Woods and Kildeer, circa 1959. As mentioned last month, we are selling these photos for the bargain price of \$5. We still have a few left, so call me if your interested (726-2743). Proceeds will go to the lake fund.

**Does Oscar the Grouch Live Here?**

It appears that someone has been regularly taking out their garbage...unfortunately, they are depositing it in the cans at our beaches! The Board does not want to spend your dues to pay for removing someone else's trash; consequently, if you have any information regarding this matter, call a board member.

*FLCA Board Members*

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*The Forest Lake News  
P.O. Box 314, Lake Zurich, IL 60047*

*Or call the Newsletter Hotline at 726-2743.*

**FLCA Board Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, at 8 p.m., at the Community Center (the corner of South Street and East Road). You are welcome to join us!**



### Another Stork Sighted!!

...And another happy family -- Congrats to **Tom and Diane Fanta** on Valley, and to big brothers **Joey and Kevin**, on the birth of **Lauren**. Let us know if number three even easier than number two!

### Ladies' Auxiliary -- Wow!

What a turn-out for last month's get-together at the Gonsiorek's house - we all met a lot of great neighbors and had a good time. Rumor has it that there were more than a few ladies staring at their walls over their morning coffee the next day, deciding what to paint first!

**Next month -- Ladies' Night Out!** Tuesday, May 3rd at 7 pm at Hackneys restaurant in Lake Zurich -- and don't forget to bring a recipe for our cookbook!

*As always, you are welcome to call Laura Tegtmeier (438-3688) or Nancy Gonsiorek (726-2743) if you have any questions, suggestions, etc. Our purpose is to meet new people, make new friends, and improve our community. We hope you'll join us!*

### What's Cookin'?

The first edition of *The Forest Lake Gourmet* is underway! Thanks to all who have sent in some really scrumptious recipes. We're still collecting recipes, so don't miss this chance to have your culinary specialty immortalized in kitchens all over Forest Lake! Send yours in today, care of this newsletter.

We are planning to showcase this gem this summer, at the FLCA Pot-Luck Pig Roast, for the bargain price of \$5. All proceeds will be spent to beautify our parks.

Additionally, we are looking for sponsors for the cookbook, and plan to have a sponsor section in the book. Our idea is to help support our local Forest Lake businesses! If you would like to purchase a business-card-size ad in *The Forest Lake Gourmet*, send your ad, c/o this newsletter, along with your check for \$7.50, payable to FLCA.

Any desk-top publishing wizards out there? We can really use your help in preparing the cookbook. Give me a call if you're interested at 726-2743. \*Kids - this is a great project for you to get involved in, as all proceeds will benefit our parks!

### How Does Your Garden Grow?

Nancy and Laura are missing their tulips! Was it the arctic blast in January? Or hungry squirrels last fall? If you can solve the mystery of the missing tulips, give us a call!

Are you interested in a garden club? Call **Jean Hewett** at 438-6617. The idea is to get together so that we all learn more about gardening. So if you have lots of perennials to divide and share with your neighbors, or if you're digging your first flower bed and could use some help, give Jean a call!

*I would like to add that the Board has allocated some money to start a neighborhood beautification project. The garden club will be excellent way to help implement this project -- I know I would love to see a few more bulbs and wildflowers in Forest Lake.*

### It's Garage Sale Time!

The FLCA Neighborhood Garage Sale is Saturday & Sunday, May 21 & 22. This year's co-chairmen are **Jovita Kerns** (540-5958) and **JoEllen Hermes** (438-9007).

**Remember:** Jovita must receive your \$5 entry fee, payable to FLCA, **on or before Friday, May 6th**. You should receive your garage sale packet by May 16th.

**Can't sell it?** Donate it! We have arranged for the Viet Nam Veterans, a charitable organization, to pick up your charitable contributions. Bring your leftovers to the community center on Sunday, May 22, between 3 and 5 pm., and we'll do the rest!

**Don't want to sell it yourself?** Our neighbors, Pat & Sandy Lynn have a great idea, and it benefits a great cause as well. The Lynns plan to participate in the FLCA Garage Sale for the benefit of The Cradle Society, an adoption agency and charitable organization that has been in existence for 70 years. Call Pat or Sandy if you would like to donate some items to this worthy cause.

*Remember: President Clinton deducted \$3.00 for each pair of underwear that he donated to the Salvation Army. Consult his tax accountant for details!*

### Did You Know?

Do you know your neighbors? The biggest "perk" I receive as being a FLCA Board Member is the opportunity to meet so many of my neighbors. Since joining the Board in January, I have met over 150 of you and I have to say, I've never met a nicer group of people! For this reason, I thought some of our readers would be interested in some of the people that I have found especially interesting.

Did you know that we have a top-notch sculptor in Forest Lake? My husband and I must have walked by her house a zillion times; I had noticed the gantry over the driveway and the bronze sculptures in the yard, but never made the connection until FLCA Chairman, Steve Norman, pointed out the kiln in her back yard. This is the home of our neighbor and resident artist, **Mary Block**.

I've seen -- and admired -- her work before. The *Boy on Swing* in downtown Highland Park; her *Representation of Justice* on the Chicago Bar Association Building in Downtown Chicago. It was really a treat for me to find myself in Mary's home studio, admiring her work in progress -- her own hybrid technique of glass fusing and lampwork -- and discussing the similarities of our day's work: Mary's world-class sculpting and my installing closet organizers! Mary pointed out that both tasks are tedious, but I don't expect my closets to be displayed at the Corning International Glass Exhibition, along side Mary's glasswork! Thanks again, Mary, I really enjoyed the visit.

Did you know about the wealth of information in the Ela Township quarterly newsletter? You should have received yours last week. It provides info on senior services and activities, low-cost children's physical exams, and everything in between. Call the Township offices (438-7823) for more information.

### Warning Boaters!

Some of you chain your boats to the fence at the South Beach (Steinken Park). Please be advised that the fence does not belong to the FLCA; consequently, we would like you to find an alternative arrangement for securing your vessel. **If the chains are not removed before May 1st (Spring Clean-up day!) they will be cut.** Thanks for your co-operation with respect to this matter.



**And the Survey Says...**

Thanks to all who have completed and returned their surveys; turnout has been better than we ever expected! If you haven't sent yours in, do it today. And please don't hesitate to call the newsletter hotline if you need another copy. If you don't speak up, we will miss some valuable suggestions, and your voice may not be heard. We plan to publish the results of the survey in next month's edition of *The FLN*.

**What's in Store for Forest Lake?**

Now that we know what our neighbors want, we are determined to find the ways and means to get the job done! If you happened by the Community Center late last Wednesday night, and noticed the "midnight oil burning", what you saw was the FLCA Board in action!

Twelve people can't implement all the changes that you have indicated that you would like to see, or all that we have planned for our community; therefore, it is imperative that we organize volunteer task forces to get these jobs done. Here is our 1994 appointments. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, or if you have any suggestions, comments, or complaints, here are the people to call:

- Activities.....Laura Tegmeier
- Building, Zoning & Architecture.....Dave Hembd
- Community Center:
  - Upkeep.....Steve Norman
  - Rentals.....Laura Tegmeier
- Entrance Beautification.....Jovita Kerns
- Historian.....Barry Moore
- Insurance.....Greg Hatz
- Lake.....Dominic Tufano
- Legal & Accounting.....Nancy Gonsiorek
- Newsletter.....Nancy Gonsiorek
- Parks.....Greg Hatz

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**Giant Thanks!**

To our neighbor, **Lisa Siuda**, who has volunteered her precious time to help us find alternative methods of financing our future parks projects. Lisa will be contacting numerous large companies in hopes of some benevolent contributions to our parks. Thanks, Lisa!

**For Kids Only!**

**Teens:** we are looking for volunteers to help with the FLCA office work, the newsletter, and the cookbook. I am willing to discuss the possibilities of extra school credit with your high school teachers. Come on, you budding journalists and business majors, get involved!

**Any Scouts Out There?** Our parks can always use some work. We welcome your ideas for merit badge projects.

Thanks for the great pictures that some of you sent in, we will put them in upcoming issues of *The Forest Lake News*. Next month, send us your picture of the dredging project & we'll put it in this newsletter!

**What's going On?**

**Arbor Day Clean-up:** Sun, May 1st, 10 am. Details on Page 1.

**Storytime Registration:** at the Library, May 5-9.

**School's Out!** One more month!

**Ela Area Library Notes**

*Do you know what's going on at the Ela Area Library? Call Jennifer at 438-3433 for details.*

**Summer Storytime Registration:** May 5-9

**Used Book Sale:** Sat, May 14

**Computer Card Catalog Class:** Fridays in May, at 10 am

**Attention: Tradesmen**

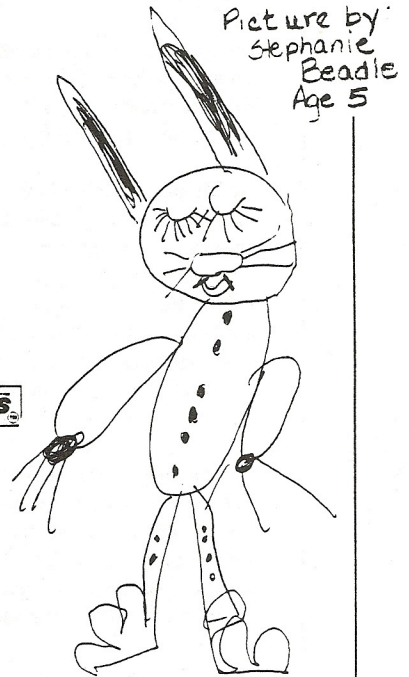
The FLCA Board will be accepting bids for various maintenance and improvement work this summer. We feel it is in the best interests of our community have this work done by our neighbors whenever possible, so we will be advertising in *The FLN* before we let our fingers do the walking

First up, the Community Center is in desperate need of a painting (not to mention some sandblasting and tuckpointing). Call a board member if you are interested in giving us an estimate and ultimately performing these services.

**Thanks Again, Guys!**

We can't say it enough -- without our hard-working volunteers, our dredging project would have never been such a success! Thanks, **Dave Hembd, Dominic Tufano, Todd Bouffard, Tom Heil, & Greg Hatz**. Next month: *Our final thanks to all involved.*

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## !! # \* Annoyances & Reminders # @ !!

We had lots of mail this month. Parents - we've had a considerable number of neighbors write to us this month concerning the activities of neighborhood children and teens. As usual, it only takes a few to cause problems for many, but let's all do our part and discuss the following comments and complaints with our families.

On March 29, two boys, approximate ages 11-14, took about 5 dozen plastic eggs from the trees on Field and Lakeside. As you can imagine, the owner (and our Forest Lake neighbor!) is quite upset and would like the boys to return the eggs. Albeit petty larceny, this is stealing! Please contact the newsletter hotline (726-2743) if you have information that will lead to the return of this property to the owner.

### **Slow Down and Pay Attention!**

(This was also a popular "dislike" among survey respondees) **The speed limit on all streets in Forest Lake is 25 mph.** I would argue that even this is too fast, in light of the narrow streets, no sidewalks to offer a safe harbor for neighborhood children, and the large trees at many intersections that obstruct the view of oncoming traffic. Also, please keep in mind that in the U.S., we drive on the **right** side of the road.

Although most the above complaints (and there were lots of them!) were directed at the 16 to 25 age group, I've seen a representative number of grey hairs--and all ages in between--flying down our streets.

Let's all slow down and watch where we are going -- there are so many children, walkers, joggers, bikers, et. al. in our neighborhood that rely on our safe driving practices.

The FLCA Board feels strongly that this is an important issue to most of our neighbors; consequently, we will be inviting the Lake County Sheriff's Department to set up "speed traps" in our neighborhood, and Ela Township Highway Supervisor, Joe Martinez, to consider adding a few more stop signs on our streets.

### **Is There a "Woof" Under Your Roof?**

We realize that our four-footed friends are part of the family, too. However, there are special rules pertaining to our **canine and feline** neighbors:

Pets must be on a leash unless they are confined on their owner's property.

Untimely and/or continuous barking (or other animal noises) is prohibited.

Pets may not defecate on property other than their owner's.

*Thanks to the Dept. of Animal Welfare (526-5336) for providing the above rules and regulations.*

If you need additional assistance with problematic pet droppings, the Lake County Health Department (360-6740) considers this a health nuisance. Call them for further info.

Finally, FLCA community rules expressly prohibit all pets from our parks.

### **Turn the Other Cheek!**

We love to see the neighborhood children using our parks; however, fighting will not be tolerated at any Forest Lake park. Two children were asked to leave one of our parks last month for this reason by a concerned neighbor. Parents, please discuss this incident with your children **before** they lose their park privileges.

*I might add that the Lake Zurich Schools no longer discipline children for fighting; rather, the matter is immediately turned over to the police.*

### **SSSHH!!!**

Many of you have requested information regarding noise curfews. We have contacted the Lake County Sheriff's Dept. (549-5200) and the Lake County Dept. of Building & Zoning (360-6330) for the following rules:

Generally, the noise curfew is sun-down to sun-up.

Construction activities may be conducted from 7 am to sun-down.

### **Is Big Brother Watching?**

All residents are encouraged to assist in maintaining our neighborhood. If you see a problem, whether it be a litter-bug at the South Beach, a reckless driver on Highland Drive, or noisy teens out after dark -- do something!! Ask the guilty party nicely (if you feel comfortable doing so) to cease and desist from the activity in question, and don't be afraid to report names, license plate numbers, or vehicle make & model to a board member -- any board member -- and we'll follow up for you. And don't hesitate to call the Lake County Sheriff's office for police assistance -- that's why we pay taxes.

### **Love thy Neighbor**

The most important goal we have to achieve in Forest Lake is neighborhood harmony! Let's all be considerate of our neighbors. I don't think the intent of any of the commentators is to run our neighborhood like a boot camp; rather to point out some common-sense rules to promote neighborhood harmony and make Forest Lake an even better place to live.



*The Annoyances & Reminders column is the edited-for-family-reading version of the letters and phone calls received from neighbors like you. Got a gripe or some info to share? Write to this column, care of The Forest Lake News.*

A final note: in addition to the above comments, suggestions and complaints, we received a lot of compliments last month from all our neighbors. We're glad you're enjoying *The FLN*, and we really thank you for that "pat on the back!" We hope all of you will help keep us informed, so we can serve you better.





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**The Pot Luck Pig Roast**

Has been officially scheduled with our butcher, **Ryan Heybeck of Heybeck's Market**. The date is Saturday, July 23. Tickets will be \$6.50 for Adults, \$3.50 for children ages 2-12, and \$5 for Seniors. Everyone will be expected to bring a dish to pass (and we will be coordinating this to avoid having 100 dishes of cole slaw!) Tickets will go on sale next month. We will have to have a head count by the end of June so that Ryan can order the right size pig.

**Don't Forget!**

The Arbor Day Clean-Up is Sunday May 1st, at 10 am. Bring your gardening tools of choice & we'll supply the plastic bags and refreshments! Our FLCA Board Members will meet you at each park, here's who will be heading up the work crews:

- West Beach.....Maija Boriss
- Central Beach.....Jerry Hermes
- South Beach.....Greg Hatz
- Boat Launch.....Pat Lynn

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