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## From the Chairman

As the dues come pouring in, we have, to date, received over 100 surveys, many with additional comments and concerns. These surveys are an invaluable tool to aid your board in planning the future of the community. This year's two most repeated comments are with regard to speeding in the neighborhood and the increase in vandalism, especially around the holidays. This Christmas we even received reports of decorations being taken right from peoples front yards and destroyed. I realize that a drive-by shooting or car jacking this is not, but it is disturbing to me that this type of activity is taking place here in Forest Lake. In one instance, the alleged miscreants were trailed back to their hideout - the ring-leaders parent's home. We **know** the house. We **ask** the stolen decorations are promptly returned. If not promptly returned, we **will** notify the authorities.

On a more positive note, we have to date, received more than 50% of what would be 100% of the possible dues for our community. We have about 585 homes here and the initial total is about \$17,800.00. This is the best response in many years and may surpass the final tally of 1995 which was about 85% paid (a record by anyone's memory).

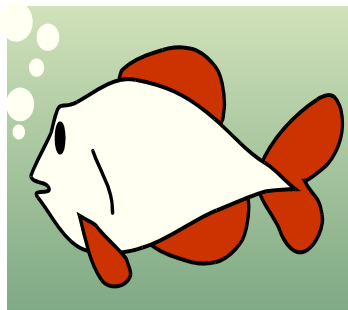
The story of the chicken and the egg does not apply here. Only AFTER receiving your dues payment can we commit to the improvements and ideas

for the whole community. Without the support of all, we will not see the consistent enhancements we all desire.

Well enough of my Channel 11" pledge drive, I've got to go re-shovel the ice rink again so my daughter and I can go skating.

Keep an eye on your neighbor's place and they'll do the same -

Steve



## The Hunt Begins

They (we won't tell you who they are) always say, "You should have been there yesterday!" Well fishermen and women, yesterday is here (came sooner than you thought, didn't it?) - and it ain't pretty. It IS, though, the Second Annual Forest Lake Ice Fishing Derby and a frequent excuse for drinking beer before breakfast.

Last year's results were remarkable in that no one fell asleep on the ice. Not only that, but a Large Mouth Bass exceeding 6 1/2 pounds and over 1,000 pan fish (much preferable to pot fish) were caught. Last year's proceeds helped fund the stocking (and shoeing - no easy task) of 300 9"

(yeah, sure) Northern Pike and 400 pounds of minnows to feed our starving pan fish population.

This year's event is February 17th and 18th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. both days. Fees are the same as last year's: \$5:00 per person or \$10.00 per family. This year there will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes in four categories: Large Mouth Bass, Crappie, Blue Gill, and Striped Bass (it's ICE-Fishing - they probably ALL have blue gills). Due to the recent stocking of Northerns, they will be excluded this year. There are also prizes for any unusual species; i.e.: Carp, Catfish, Salmon, Walleye, and Shark provided they weren't imported from Lake Zurich or points North (yah, hey der - good brats!).

Pre-registration is at the Forest Lake Tavern or call Jim (husband of the women with all the middle names) Tegtmeier at 438-3688 for details. Of course, you must be a dues-paid member of the Community Association.

## Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Thanks to all the Forest Lake residents who contributed to the "Forgotten Children Fund". The toys (and cash which was converted to toys) you contributed provided 4 to 5 presents each for 204 neglected children in seven different facilities in Lake and Cook Counties. Without your help and most generous giving these children

would not have had the "joy of Christmas" that so many of us take for granted. On behalf of the 204 children and the Forgotten Children Fund: Thank you and God Bless (unless you're an atheist)!

Sincerely: Karen Rafalowicz, Karen Marek, and John and Cindy Marek.

## Have a Heart

The Lake Zurich Fire/Rescue Department is offering CPR classes in 1996. The classes begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude about 10:00 p.m. The charge is \$20.00 per person. The classes are held at main Fire Station at 321 S. Buesching Road in lake Zurich. For further information call 540-5073.

## How to Determine a Fair Market Price for Your Home

How successful you will be in selling your home will depend on the accuracy of the price at which you decide to list. Although there are a number of ways, there are no better methods than a Comparative Market Analysis (CMA) and keeping up to date on recent real estate activity in the neighborhood. This will help you compare your home feature for feature with those in your area which are currently on the market or were recently sold. With such a comparison of features and prices a price range can be established. Once done, your home should be listed at the top of the range and offers within the range should be considered.

One method, which is the most complete and accurate, is to discuss the matter with a real estate agent who

maintains extensive records of all real estate activity in the area. He or she can tell you which homes have been sold, for how much they sold, and the exact features of each home. [Ed. note: It is recommended you interview three prospective real estate agents and get a CMA from each.]

If you've any questions, please call your neighbor and real estate agent: Judy Fridono (540-7204).

## Ahoy, There!

To the lady who "lost" her personal floatation device for the well-endowed: please call Pat Lynn (438-0859 - when Sandy's not home) as we've misplaced the note about your dilemma.

## There Are No Mobiles Like Snow Mobiles

Except after 10:00 p.m. when they are no longer allowed on the lake. Also, they are the only vehicle permitted - absolutely NO motorcycles.

We'll try this in English again: PLEASE drive the snow mobiles between the bollards on the left (no - your other left) at the beaches (the East or "Central" Beach is marked with signs). Maintaining the park grass is a great enough task without those machines destroying the grounds every year. If operators insist on destroying the parks we'll be forced to chain them closed.

## Dues 'R Us

The second notices for the 1996 dues will be sent February 29. If dues are paid by then they are only \$65.00. Beginning March 1st, the ANNUAL dues are \$75.00. Less than the price

of two videos rentals PER MONTH. Stickers for boats, ice shacks, and snow mobiles as well as boat launch keys must be purchased each year, just like the car stickers (of which you need one for EACH vehicle you have - simply correct the invoice if it doesn't reflect the correct number of vehicles you own).

Contrary to some misconceptions, NO government services or any tax dollars are received to maintain the lake, parks, entrances, beaches (the sandy areas at the end of the parks which dot the lake), etc. These dues and all our volunteer efforts are what keep this a paradise misplaced (apologies to Milton).

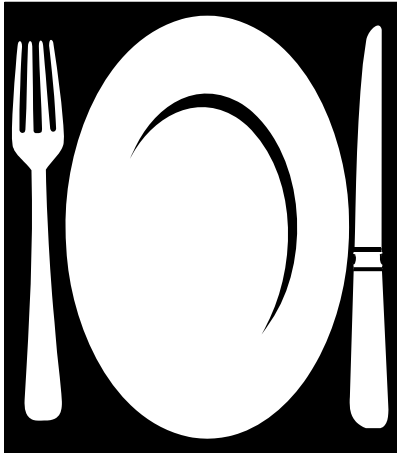
As of the first week of January, just over 50% of Forest Lake residents had paid their dues - an awesome feat. If dues collection and volunteerism fall precipitously, we will be forced to either get state law amended in order to become a taxing body or cede ourselves to a neighboring community. Either way our taxes will probably rise by an amount greater than the dues. Therefore, those who CHOOSE not to pay their dues are voting for taxation - for us all.

Again, if you're UNABLE to pay your dues contact Steve Norman (540-8857) or Pat Lynn (438-0859). We're easy - ask any sailor. If you haven't received your invoice please call Pat Lynn (438-0859) or Steve Norman (540-8857).

## Lunch, Anyone?

A longtime resident would like to know if there is sufficient interest in a Senior Resident Pot Luck and Bingo party in May. Sounds like age discrimination but if anyone's interested, please call

Laura (the Fisherman's Wife) Tegmeier at 438-3688.



## Letters to the Editor

We do want to here from you. The surveys included with your dues are read and used to direct the Board's actions. However, if you WONT pay your dues, your opinions don't have meaning. Further, of the more than 100 respondents, only 2 sent in anonymous surveys. This behavior is not only immature and uncivilized, but too embarrassing to the authors to be taken seriously and are not read and thus a waste of postage.

If you believe in what you say, sign it. If anyone desires anonymity, we will honor (look it up, anonymous writers) those wishes. We need to know you're a part of this community if we're going to print your opinions.

## Upcoming Events

Feb 17/18 - Ice Fishing Derby

May 4 - Spring Clean-Up

May 11 - Spring Clean-Up Rain Date

June 15 - Giant Garage Sale

**THE NEXT FLCA BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 13 IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 8:00 P.M.**