

# ...Forest Lake...

## From the Chairman

Spring's coming!

As the weather begins to moderate we can return to the great outdoors and continue where we left off last fall. Many projects are in the works for this year and we will again be relying on the help of all of you who responded to our recent survey. This Spring's cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday May 4, 1996 (Rain Alternate Day Saturday May 11, 1996) and will involve the typical turf restoration at the parks surrounding the lake as well as the enlargement of the infield at the ball field by the Community Center. Interested individuals should show up in the morning with various implements of destruction so we can make short work of the tasks at hand. This year Greg and Sharon Hatz are going to have their hands full with a brand new future board member so call any other board member with any questions you might have.

Shifting gears, we were pleased to have Mr. Barry Hokenson, the Lake County Building and Zoning director, at our last board meeting give us an update on the questions brought up at our August, 1995 meeting. He explained that the county is in the process of compiling a formal, written report that is due in March. He wanted to confirm some of the topics we submitted and to give us a verbal follow-up to those he could. One item he brought along was

a revised aerial photo with an accompanying property plat, by owner. The county is using this as a base tool to study the maximum density of housing they believe Forest Lake can handle. Also, certain problem properties were addressed, and we asked Mr. Hokenson to follow up with other county agencies with regard to specific locations and conditions. This will also be addressed in the upcoming written report. Mr. Hokenson explained that the County is working on drafting an amendment to current zoning regulations that covers such things as setbacks, maximum footprint of a house on a lot as well as other items within his jurisdiction. He felt this should be ready for presentation sometime this summer.

Last but not least....It seems as though several Christmas decorations mysteriously reappeared in one of our good resident's front yards and now reside in my garage. Although I may not be able to find them until I clean my garage this Spring, interested parties should give me a ring to claim their belongings by means of an accurate description. Ho-Ho-Ho.

Steve

## Desperately Seeking Sitter

Qualified, part-time day care sought for one-year old, sweetheart of a girl. All day care on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays needed. If interested please call Sandy Lynn at 438-0859.

## Oh, Deer!

Michael Glow (who lives on the West side of the lake off Old Barn Road) recently had his property violated and a couple of deer heads taken by unknown miscreants. The skulls were drying prior to removal of the antlers - a very large six-pointer and a small seven-pointer - and were apparently boosted around the time of the Ice Fishing Derby. Other than Mike's sentimental value and as head gear worn during pagan rituals these items are worthless. It would be a shame to think the residents of Forest Lake need to lock up everything in their yards because of a couple of dorks with low self-esteem. If anyone has them, please return them - no questions asked. If any parents see their kids wearing peculiar hats which seem to catch in doorways or if it seems your kid is wearing WAY too much moose, please have the goof balls return the skulls to Mike.

## Toxic Waste

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County is having its annual Spring household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, May 11 at the Browning-Ferris landfill at Green Bay Road and 9th Street in Zion. A bit of a trek but worth it to properly dispose of old paint, Jimmy Hoffa, etc.

## Fish Tales

[Ed. Note: The following was contrib-

uted by Jim (The One That Got Away) Tegtmeier who organized this, and last year's derby. Thanks from everyone, Jim!]

The Second Annual Ice Fishing Derby is now a memory. The action was fast and furious this year. The biggest fish caught was a 30" Northern Pike taken by Barry Leikam. The surprising thing is that it was caught on a Crappie jigging pole. It took ten minutes to land this giant on a 21 pound test line. Great job, Barry. Line record?

The largest Bass caught was four pounds and two others around two pounds each. The largest Crappie taken was 10" long caught by Chuck Redina. Chuck is also recognized as the best cook on the lake. His marinated deer on the grill earned four stars. how about putting your recipe' in the next Newsletter, Chuck?

The athletic award goes to Mike Glow who was seen streaking down the lake. [Ed. Note: Running naked in public has been discouraged since the seventies.] He'd placed his tip-ups as far as he could from his shack so he could run from one end to the other. [Ed. Note: Maybe Mike should check around Chuck's grill for his antlers.]

The perseverance award goes to the Roy Mueller group - the first on and the last off the ice.

I would like to thank Kathy Frolich for use of the Forest Lake Bar. She was kind enough to open at 8:00 a.m. both days to allow registration for the fishing derby and special thanks to Brian and Dave Nelson who volunteered their time. They opened the bar for Kathy so registration could take place.

The Fishing Derby was a success due

to all those who participated and volunteered their time. it was a great way to spend a weekend with family and friends. This is just another way your dues go to make your community the best place to live [Ed. Note: Entrance fees reimbursed the Community Association for the full amount provided.]

## Personal Safety When Selling Your Home

Your safety and that of your family is often overlooked when showing your home. It is unfortunate this topic must be discussed, but it is a fact of life and must be explored.

It is not uncommon for burglars and other criminals to pose as buyers to gain entrance to a home. Once inside they may secretly unlock windows for future burglary, steal items left out [Ed. Note: Secure those deer skulls somewhere safe.], or commit other crimes while in the home.

Don't leave valuable articles lying around when showing your home. Take only one party at a time through the home and keep all members of the party together rather than allowing them to wander unescorted through your home.

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

## Use it or Lose it

If you don't vote in the upcoming (Tuesday, March 19) primary election, others (such as your Editors and worse - Board members) will be making your decisions for you. Absentee ballots can be obtained by calling the Lake County

Clerk at 360-6628.

Forest Lake has two Representative Districts: 51 and 52. District 52 has a Kildeer-Countryside School District referendum to raise the annual tax rate to 2.14% from 1.83%.

We don't know much about many of these people, but the primary includes the Presidential nomination with whose candidates you should already be familiar, U. S. Senate nomination (our own Al Salvi is a contender), U. S. Congress, and Illinois State Representative (Al Salvi's brother Mike is running on the Republican side), along with Judges, Administrative posts, and Convention Delegates.

In Illinois primaries you may vote only within a single party. Sample ballots (there are many) are available for viewing or copying from the Clerk's office (360-6628) or from Pat Lynn (438-0859).

## Spring Into Action

As mentioned previously, the Annual Spring Cleanup is scheduled for May 4th and Greg (Bun In The Oven) Hatz is about to again become a father. Therefore it is highly desirable for someone else to handle the organizational chores this year. It's mostly a matter of assigning chores at various sites to the volunteers (list of names and tasks provided). If interested (and suicidal) please call Greg at 540-9427.

Also, if you can volunteer to work that day - it is your home we're talking about here - call Greg and get on the (good) list. Remember, volunteerism is an integral part of keeping away the tax collector.

## Speaking of Taxes

The 1996 annual dues are rolling in at a good clip this year. Two-thirds of Forest Lake residents have paid their dues thus far. In two weeks second notices will be in the mail but the dues will have been increased by \$10.00 to \$75.00. Remember: these dues and volunteerism stand between Forest Lake homeowners and annexation to, or creation of a taxing body.

If you're unABLE (unWILLING is a vote for taxation) to pay your dues simply call Steve Norman (540-8857) or Pat Lynn (438-0859).

## Too Eggciting for Words

But, we'll try anyway. This year's Easter Egg Hunt will take place Saturday, March 30, 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center (rain date: April 6). This event is a favorite among children (the hens aren't too happy about it though) so dress warmly (it all happens outdoors) and come on down. If you can volunteer to help, call Laura (Hard-Boiled) Tegtmeier at 438-3688.

## Deadly Decibels

As hard as it may be to believe, Spring is around the corner and with it, the often noisy intrusions of some people. Please remember to keep your boom boxes to yourselves (headphone technology has come a long way).

A truly obnoxious toy which serves no function other than the destruction of the environment - the dirt bike - also finds its way out of the backs of garages. Dirt bikes (without head lamps, turn signals, licensing, insurance, etc.) are NOT street legal and are supposed to be hauled to off-road trails. If your

peace is regularly shattered by these deafening machines racing on the streets of Forest Lake and politely asking the perpetrator to cease fails, call the Sheriff at 549-5200.

## Editor's Note

Last month there was a nice thank-you letter to the members of the community who assisted with or donated to a very worthwhile charity: the Forgotten Children's Fund.

In an attempt to remain completely secular (similar to our recent tradition of no longer referring to the Annual Holiday Extravaganza as a Christmas Party), we edited the last line of the closing salutation in which Karen Rafalowitz, Karen Marek, and John and Cindy Marek wished to extend blessings to everyone. They did not intend to exclude atheists or any other religion - the Editors simply didn't wish to take any heat from those with a different view of a Supreme Being or to appear at all as though we sanctioned any type of religion (or lack thereof) over another. Unfortunately our attempt at peace-keeping would have worked as well in the Middle East or Bosnia. We should have simply left the editing to grammatical correction and let the chips fall where they may (might?).

The Forgotten Children's Fund is an extremely erstwhile charity and those who donated toys and/or money deserve all the appreciation that can be lauded upon them. Especially appreciated are the people who helped with the organizing, collecting, purchasing, matching gifts to recipients, wrapping, and delivery of hundreds of gifts to hundreds of children - a truly Herculean undertaking to which we were witness.

Again, THANK-YOU and from the 204 children and the hardworking people of the Forgotten Children's Fund: Thank you and God Bless.

## Upcoming Events

March 30 - Easter Egg Hunt

May 4 - Spring cleanup

May 11 - Spring cleanup Rain Date

June 15 - Giant Garage Sale

**THE NEXT FLCA BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 12 IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 8:00 P.M.**