



Forest Lake Review

A monthly newsletter for residents of Forest Lake

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From The Chairman

Drivers Ed. 101

The good news: Spring is in the air!
The bad news: traffic is on the rise.

As many have heard by now, Tuesday, April 16, a school bus and a van collided at the intersection of Overhill and Highland. The bus driver was cited for failure to yield—the driver and an eight-year old on the bus were slightly injured—but thank goodness, no one was seriously hurt as far as we've been able to discern.

We all know how rapidly crowded Forest Lake is becoming, and it's sad that right along with that growth, is the number of drivers who apparently



cruise around with no regard to the surrounding area. In particular, it seems that the main thoroughfares within our community are seen as raceways from point A to point B. Overhill, Highland and Lakeside seem to have the highest percentage of thoughtless drivers.

Of course, your ever-vigilant Board has already been in contact with Ela Township and Lake County authorities with regard to the problem. They are beginning traffic studies that will identify busy and/or dangerous intersection within Forest Lake that would benefit from added stop signs.

Michael Jordan Could-a-beens

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the annual Lion's Lake Zurich Fest is this year on July 19, 20 and 21 at Lion's Park in town.

Will Nightingale of our own Forest Lake has offered the community the opportunity to make a little cash as well as help out with the fun. The deal is we run the basketball booth at the fest. We buy the prizes from the Lions and keep the proceeds for our community. (Ed note: I suggest we split the take with a local charity). Usually in a good year this total amount could be about \$1,500.00.

Hours are 6-11 on Friday and Saturday and 2-10 on Sunday. History dictates that its best run with three people per day. If you might be interested in helping out or for more information, please call Steve Norman at 540-8857.

Update: Dry Hydrant System

We are continuing the pursuit of dry-hydrant installation in our community.

What is a dry hydrant you ask? Well, basically a dry-hydrant is a piping system that allows fire emergency equipment to quickly draw water from a lake or pond rather than drive all the way back to a municipality that can provide an adequate supply. Newer versions are similar to a manhole cover that can be opened with a special key and hooked up. The

piping then extends out into the body of water to a point deep enough to assure enough volume.

The estimated cost of such a system is currently \$16,000.00 per installation. The fire protection district has generously offered to cover half this cost and we are looking into assistance from other township agencies. The district recommendation is that our first installation should be by the dam at the northeast corner of our lake.

Those folks are quick to point out that when anybody sees someone driving with reckless abandon, they should contact the county sheriffs office with the license number and make and model of the offenders vehicle. Personal experience tells me that they are all to happy to respond quickly and

will follow up with the culprit through the state motor vehicle directory.

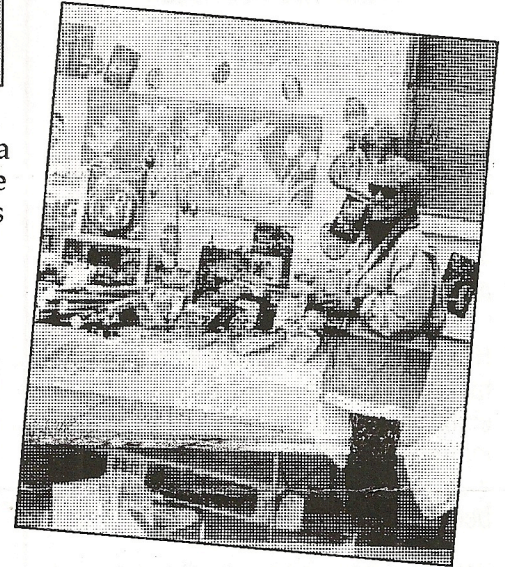
Lets not be another story in the paper about a community that waited too long before taking action.

Steve



Sugar Rush!

The Easter Egg Hunt was a smashing success for about fifty youngsters again this year. The race to find candy-filled eggs at the Community Center park is a happy



Lion's Need Your Help

Also a repeat on another Lion's related topic. The Lion's time and monies help many within our community and much is accomplished through the generosity of others. At this time they are in real need of used wheelchairs, walkers and four-legged type canes. If you have such needed devices or know a friend who might, please call Will Nightingale at 438-6781 for details on how to donate.

event for everyone except those on a Dental HMO. The children were very calm and orderly for days after—NOT!

Thanks large to Laura (I Can't Keep Doing This) Tegtmeier for all her efforts and the people who helped her. Thanks also to the suppliers (especially Joe Peltier who has supported our efforts for four years with all the free gifts) of Omni Superstores for providing prizes enough for everyone (and Big Jim Tegtmeier for making them do so)!

Lookin' Good!

We've a brand new look this month thanks to Mandy Bosco of the Willow Road Boscos who does this sort of thing for a living. Maybe we can finally get a little professionalism around the old editorial offices. Thanks Mandy and may your family not suffer from your becoming associated with this group!

Cop Shop

Rumor patrol has it that Hawthorne Woods will be patrolling our fair community. Nope, this is not so. Some of our taxes go to the Sheriff (County Mountie in C.B. lingo) for that chore. Special Note: those taxes will increase if the 30% of you who have not paid your dues don't ante up.

They're Coming...

We will be having new neighbors to the west within the next two years as result of the recent Hawthorn Woods zoning changes. Sixty single family homes are to be built on the 52 acre parcel. The single entry to the community will be opposite Highland Drive. The county appears to have granted permission to hook-up to the sewer system used by Forest Lake and the developer intends to hook up to the 15" main at the south end of our community. Strangely enough though, they intend to do so by coming down Highland and then going south on Overhill.

We don't understand why a line couldn't run south along the west side of Quentin, cross under the road and hook directly into the 15" main south (and Downstream) of Forest Lake.

Barry Hokenson, the head of Lake County Building and Zoning, along with Pam Newton (who has taken our dear hamlet under her wing) and Mike Warner of the storm water management division attended our last meeting. They offered their help in addressing our concerns and provided us with additional information and contacts. They also provided an update on the stricter zoning law enforcement we have been requesting. Things are beginning to gel and we should have official word as the summer progresses.



Spring Cleanup

Thought we'd forget all about it, didn't you? Wrong! Everyone interested in keeping Forest Lake a spiffy place should meet at the South Beach on Saturday, May 4 at 9:00 a.m. Bring rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, hedge clippers, etc. and a happy attitude, darn it.

There were approximately 200 surveys returned with the dues this year (most excellent) and 75 of those respondents volunteered for this fun event; therefore this year's effort should take about ten minutes. Especially if one or two Board members put in an appearance. Don't forget: boats found on FLCA property without 1996 stickers are considered public nuisances and will join the Titanic!



Downsized?

The government funded agency, Operation Able (312-782-7700), was created to help the over 40-year old jobless and dislocated workers (ie: people who lost jobs due to factory relocation or corporate "right" sizing) in temporary and permanent positions. They also offer individual and corporate outplacement help. Call Karen Nance, training specialist and job developer. (Is the "right" size the number of lost jobs necessary for the CEO to get the maximum bonus?)

Another place to seek employment is on the oft-touted Information Superhighway (exit 13 on the Northwest Tollway). The Ela Area Library has computers with an excellent Web browser and the employees/volunteers who know how to use—and teach—it. These people are very nice, very knowledgeable and something your editors have never been accused of: patient. There's no reason to fear computers even if a software bug made a radiation therapy machine fry some patients and another made jets flip upside down every time they crossed the equator. You'll just be betting your future on them. Anyway, the following Web sites should be of interest:

America's Job Bank <http://www.ajb.dni.us/index.html>
is a compendium of postings by the labor Department of offerings from 1800 state Employment Offices.

Career Path <http://www.careerpath.com/>
contains classified listings from the Chicago Tribune, N.Y. Times, and others.

Internet Job Locator <http://www.joblocator.com/jobs/>

Employment Edge <http://www.employmentedge.com/>

For Sale

Anyone with mediocre or better organizational skills is invited to volunteer to run this year's Massive Annual Garage Sale (or MAGS) which has been scheduled for the weekend of June 15. If interested please call Laura (Quit Giving Out My Number) Tegmeier at 438-6335.

Another Fish Story

A dozen White Amur are scheduled to be introduced to our lake the first week of May, about the same time as the minnows as reported previously.

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