

# Forest Lake Review

A monthly newsletter for residents of Forest Lake

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## From The Chairman

Sunsets, leisurely walks after dinner, a family bike ride through the neighborhood. Ahh, summer has arrived at last. It seems though, as the warm weather blew into town, some debris blew in along with it. It is brought to my attention (on a daily basis) that certain miscreants are roaming the streets of our quiet little enclave looking to establish a name for themselves. Maybe "The Broken Windows Stolen American Flag Waving Hey Watch While I Bust Up This Flower Pot Gang" would be appropriate. Sounds like an old Bob Dylan song to me. {Ed. Note: Bob Dylan isn't that old.}

Maybe I'm just getting a little older [Ed. Note: Ooooh, Boy!] and more conservative but I just don't understand why this type of behavior is necessary. Hey, don't get me wrong, when I was a kid, we hung out at the parks, hid in the woods to smoke cigarettes and generally were living to cause our parents grief. But we drew the line at harassing others, destroying property and scaring little kids.

The Lake County Sheriff's Department has been extremely helpful in dealing with the situation to date and insist that we only need pick up the phone and call. They will be more than happy to stop out and investigate and/or press charges. They want to nip this in the bud too.

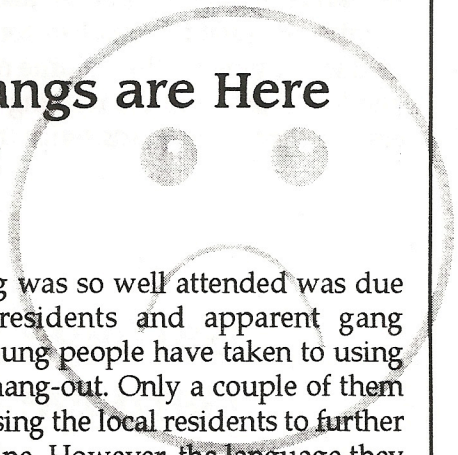
Lets make it a point to watch out for our neighbors and call in on anything that looks a little odd. (Other than your esteemed board members). — Steve

## Hail! Hail! The Gangs are Here Sheriff Recognizes Gang Activity in Forest Lake

The reason the June Board meeting was so well attended was due to recent altercations between residents and apparent gang wannabees. It seems a group of young people have taken to using the Community Center park as a hang-out. Only a couple of them are from Forest Lake, the rest are using the local residents to further their aims. This, in and of itself is fine. However, the language they employ would make a sailor blush, there have been several reported acts of vandalism, and a boy was badly beaten and his bicycle stolen. It has gotten to the point where younger kids are so intimidated they fear to use the park. This group claims to simply want respect (while having no respect for anyone, or anything, outside their own very ego-concentric circle). Rather like robbing a bank and then demanding to open an account to get a free toaster.

The authorities no longer differentiate between active gang members and the simple-minded who emulate their dress and behavior. The Sheriff will treat them the same as the hard-core cases. Parents should try to be aware of their childrens' sliding into this violent and self-destructive group. The parents of the defendants are often still in denial as their kids' sentences for murder are handed down.

To their credit, a few reputed members of this group of youngsters did appear at the Board meeting to voice their side of the debate. It was decided to give them a second chance. If, however, the foul language, vandalism, petty thievery, violence and generally abusive behavior doesn't cease, these individuals' families (yes, the ENTIRE family suffers) will be banned from ALL Association property and will be prosecuted for trespassing EVERY time they are found on the premises. The really sad part about this is, at least for a while, it's likely ALL young people will suffer the indignity of being roused by the authorities simply because they're in the age group or happen to be wearing Bozo's pants with Daddy's boxer shorts pulled up to their chins and a backwards baseball cap. The guilty, although they'll blame everyone and everything else, will have brought this on themselves.



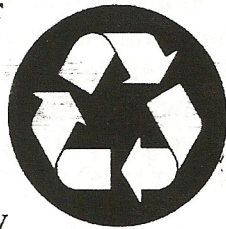


## Miss Us?

To both our regular readers: Yes, due to other time demands (in a hissy-snit we decided to have a life last month) we failed to publish for the month of July. Of course, judging by the volume of mail not received, no one lost sleep over the missing issue. To our advertisers: we'll print your ads twice this month.

## Garbage In... Garbage Out

More than lesson number one in a Programming Acronym 101 course (GIGO), a minor issue raised from the audience at last month's Board meeting concerns garbage day(s). (Yes! There WAS an audience—we have witnesses.) Although it may be convenient to put out garbage cans early and leave them out late the next day (or days), it's unsightly, unsanitary, and inconsiderate of neighbors to do so. So please, put your receptacles out on Monday nights from Memorial Day through Labor Day and Thursday nights year-round. Holidays bump the schedule accordingly (ie: a Monday holiday means pick up is Wednesday and Saturday). (Night is when the sun goes down and it becomes dark.) Recyclables go out on Thursdays only and any plastic with a recycle symbol will be picked up - as well as cans, glass, aluminum, and news papers.



Also, please, put your containers away as soon as possible. Forest Lake has always been a place with lax rules (from the Latin for Laxative, or "flows freely") and we'd hate to start having strict definitions on the handling (and the etiquette of serving) garbage.

## The Sand Man Cometh

We'd like to thank Steve and Judy Bennett for replacing the sand at the Central Beach which was washed out to sea by recent rains. We'd also like to thank their neighbor for use of his equipment but we don't know his name.



## It's a Beach

Or was until the Spring downpour. The West Beach's drain tiles are history due to the collapse of the storm sewer running under the roadway. Repairs could be costly. Stay tuned for future begging.

## Cold Shoulder

To the people of South Street: Joe Martinez will repair and reseed the shoulder (aka: easement) in dispute if you will first mow the area.

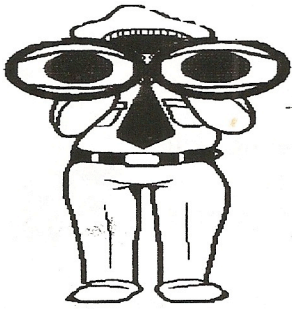
## Community Center Rentals

When the Community Center is rented, the renter gets the ENTIRE park, playground, parking lot, building, basketball hoops, etc. It is okay to ask the renter if they're using all the facilities but it is up to the renter to allow other than their guests to use any part of the property. The Community Center has been rented for August 17.

## Future Child Care Still Needed

A caregiver is needed for 3 1/2 and 5 month old girls starting at the end of August. Hours would be Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. If interested, or if anyone knows of any qualified providers who may be interested, please call Paul or Sherilyn Knoll-Shone at (847) 202-7078, evenings.





## Neighborhood Watch Out

Because of the behavior of the few, several of us will now be put out as we inaugurate an informal Neighborhood Watch program. Everyone is encouraged to keep an eye out for the behavior described above and report it immediately (NOT 911) to the Sheriff at 549-5200. They're well aware of the problem and have been responding incredibly as they don't want gangs getting a toe-hold (or foot-hold or leg-hold) in the area.

### For the Sign Impaired

As stated on signs at ALL FLCA property: NO pets are allowed. If you happen to own a dog whose breed is better suited to Arctic climates, hose him/her down regularly. Due to prior incidents (and the liability premium we already pay) we can make NO exceptions.

### Dry Hydrants

Not a contradiction in terms, but something we're not likely to afford any time soon. We were unable (surprise, surprise, surprise) to come up with the \$8,000 in matching funds. Maybe a bake sale would put us over the top.

### Welcome Aboard the FLCA Titanic

There's a sucker born every minute. And to prove our point, Mark Thorne has joined the Board representing the Central Section (get a map). Apparently he was convinced by the outrageous pay and benefits. Welcome aboard, Mark! (And learn to swim before you get on this boat.)



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## Don't Forget!

Do not swim in the lake for 48 hrs. after a heavy as dangerous bacteria can temporarily pollute the water.

## Happy Anniversary!



Next month's Board meeting will mark the first anniversary of the County's promised comprehensive development, etc.

This plan was to detail the County's future growth including road improvement, storm water management, sewer, proposed commercial and residential development.

All that's left to do is order the cake and ice cream.

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## Bye, Bye, Bikey

A blue, 5 speed men's bike was found and turned over to the Lake Zurich police. It can be picked up there.

## Playing Hardball



...is against FLCA rules. Repeat: there is NO hardball playing allowed on FLCA (i.e., Community Center diamond) property allowed. Broken windows belong on your computers, not in our Community Center.

## Upcoming Events:

**NEXT FLCA BOARD MEETING**

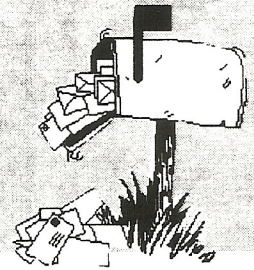
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH  
AT THE

COMMUNITY CENTER, 8:00PM

## Editorials

*If you're a dues-paying FLCA member, this newsletter is your forum. If you have comments, suggestions or ideas for articles to share with our Community, please send your letters to:*

**Forest Lake Community Association, Editor, P.O. Box 314, Lake Zurich, IL 60047**



### Pave It and They Will Come

In the early stages of life in Lake County there were homes. Homes with outdoor space (also known as yards) necessary for human well-being. And life was good.

Suddenly (or so it seemed) from the primordial ooze arose a life form only slightly more advanced than the dreaded litigator (although they needed each other to survive): the Developer.

The Developer harbors a deep and abiding loathing of all things living and is thus driven to cover all with concrete lest things of green see the light of day. This he does under the aegis of providing jobs and fueling his "economy". (Implying in no uncertain terms that without the Developer, these poor, skillless peasants would be chronically unemployable).

As a result, when the skies open and rain falls in any quantity the habitants of lowly home owners are oft-times flooded and many a swear word is heard across the land. The dampened citizens expect their "government" to mend the devastation by spending lavishly to reroute the waters to the "lands of those down-stream" via massive "public works" projects. The people believed these "public works" to be funded by magic government printing presses, never realizing the treasury was filled with money taken from them and their children and their children's children (and neighbors and relatives).

Meanwhile the Evil Developers continued, unabated in their quest to ravage the land. Erecting more houses and even threatening "town houses". Encouraging massive increases in roadway traffic so that the Government might widen and increase the toll paths (lest thousands wait for the turning of newly-arrived vehicles in to and out of the recently-risen "subdivisions") and serving to increase the rapidity with which "development" may take place. And the Toll Trolls did giggle gleefully as this did serve their sole reason for being: to justify their existence by increasing the size of their fiefdom substantially.

Lo, and a new blight threatened the landscape: a breed of Developer capable of vast destruction far

beyond a single village's borders had evolved: The Maker of Malls (M.O.M.). Though many basements were flooded in the Spring of '96 [even though the amount of rainfall was normal, there being insufficient land for its absorption into the drying aquifer and exasperated by a power outage provided by the Country's most expensive electric provider: the Royal Commie Ed], the hamlet of North Barrington, having heard the whisper of short-term financial gain on the wind and, realizing there was an abhorrent lack of shopping enclaves, did take it upon themselves to entertain the notion of assuming (via a legal—return to the primordial soup for an attorney—process known as annexation) land under the stewardship of the surrounding County to perchance create this shrine of consumerism to serve the well-to-do (gold cards only).

And ho! did the Maker Of Malls entertain the North Barrington Court with their jesters known as "experts" who regaled all in earshot with their tales of "water retention and redirection" in direct contradiction to historical fact. Many an ironic chuckle was heard within the palace. Especially among the hapless subjects with overflowing moats who had recently removed the carpeting from their castles' lower floors and among those who read newspapers.

Ah, but did not local lore have it that a denizen of Forest Lake hath gotten his spare lands declared a wet land or flood plain (to remove them from the rolls of taxation) almost overnight (the Citizens are curious about this tale)? Could not a similar action by the County (and current ward of the soon-to-be Mecca to Merchandise lands) be taken? Could a more regional approach to controlling the spread of cancerous concrete be organized, rather than allowing a single village (or individual) to so affect so many populaces? Or will the good people bury their heads within the comfort of the sands of yonder beaches thus providing a target lacking only concentric circles?

Your representatives are:

- Pam O. Newton, County Board (847) 360-6336
- William E. Peterson, State Senator (847) 634-6060
- Al Salvi, State Representative (847) 487-0121

—Patrick Lynn



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