



# Forest Lake

# Review

A monthly newsletter for residents of Forest Lake

November 1996

## Mr. and Mrs. Make Merry



Mr. and Mrs. Claus that is. The annual Breakfast With Santa fete will take place in the Community Center on Saturday, December 14 at 9:30 a.m. They will be listening to youngsters' "I want this" and "I want that" as well as handing out goodies. Again, volunteers to help with serving and cleanup are still needed so call Laura (flapjack) Tegtmeier at 438-3688.

The cost is \$3.00 per child (to cover lap therapy for Santa) and is limited to 50 children (plus parents—who are ineligible to sit on Santa's lap).

## You Can't Know What You've Missed



Until it's gone. Tickets are still available for the Grand Annual Holiday Extravaganza! (Not at all unlike Bozo's Grand Prize Game—but with beer.) The cost is a measly \$7.50 per person for this oh-so-fab, catered affair. The event takes place Saturday, December 7 (a day which will live in infamy—turn your history books back to 1941) at 7:00 p.m. (when the bar opens) in the Community Center with dinner being served about 8:30 p.m. Music by P & S C D (Pat and Steve's Compact Discs). This will be a non-smoking event and if this year is remotely like last year, bring plenty of tupperware. For tickets (those purchased after December 1st will be \$10.00 per person) call any Board Member who will answer the phone and actually talk to you. Mick Jagger has been instructed to keep his entourage to 20 as the Community Center can only accommodate 100 people. Anyone who cares to bring a desert to pass (as if a calorie shortage were expected during THAT season) is encouraged to do so.

Again, as with ALL events, help is DESPERATELY needed (read: please, please, please) with set up and clean up. We will be decorating on Friday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m.

## From The Chairman



Ah, January in November. It's far too early for this.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we all need to take a little breather from our hectic schedules to spend time with family, friends and loved ones. We need to relax a little and enjoy the reason we all came here—a little rural tranquility. We need to savor the moment as these days are becoming more and more scarce. We see the rapid growth around us and traffic like we never imagined yet when we pull in the neighborhood, things tend to slow down.

I personally wish a heartfelt thanks to all those who helped out in various ways over the past year by donating their time and efforts to the betterment of our Community. I would also like to thank all the folks that made the dues payment so that we can continue the trend of neighborhood improvements. Hope to see many of you at the December party!

Have a restful and enjoyable Thanksgiving. -- Steve



## PLOW BOYS

Joe Martinez, responsible for Ela Township's roads, has requested that residents who have placed decorative rocks on or near their easements please move them back several feet.

Of course, if these are pet rocks, they should be moved indoors for the Winter months. There is genuine concern that, although quite pleasing aesthetically, the rockage presents dangers to the snow plows which are sure to be out soon, nearby private property, and any person(s) in the immediate area should a plow uncover a stone hidden by snow. It should also be noted that in such an event, the homeowner is very liable (so if a plow driver spills coffee in his/her lap it could set a resident back a cool seven mil).

## *Romancing the Sewer*



To each his/her own, but: our own County Board representative, Pam O. Newton, during the course of arranging for and installing the storm sewer along South Street, fell for and is now engaged to Mike Warner of Storm Water Management. Apparently things got personal over burgers and brews at the Forest Lake Tavern—where ALL the “in” people go to get romantic. A sewer may not be exactly a gondola ride in Venice, but, “when in Forest Lake...”.

Congratulations, Pam and Mike!

### **Part-Time Child Care Still Available**

Before or after school care available (or part-time, days). Please call Melissa at 438-2947.

## Speaking of County Matters

Barry Hokanson (with a title too long to print on our budget) was at the last Board meeting to present the draft of the soon-to-be proposed New Unified Development Ordinance (aka: zoning). There is a consultant involved who will be touring Forest Lake with Board members. The project is to be completed by April 1, 1997 (is April Fools' Day a coincidence?).

## **This is no time to forget...**

...the Forgotten Children's Foundation is in full swing. The Foundation seeks to match gifts with requests from children, many of whom are wards of the state and some of whom have never had holiday presents, with their requests. Donors can pick out a child and fulfill their dream and/or provide needed cash.

Also sought is help with wrapping what last year turned out to be hundreds of presents (the number of children in need seems to always be on the rise). To that end, a wrapping party will be held in the Community Center on December 14th at 4 p.m., and if needed, December 15th at 1 p.m. Please call a number below for final details. Any time anyone can contribute would be greatly appreciated. Pizza and soda pop provided at dinner time (bring your own holiday cheer—there is a refrigerator and ice).

To help in any way please call 540-7255 or 438-6090.

## Rodents, Anyone?

The Bouffards now have a larger menagerie than they can support and the I.R.S won't let them deduct the last batch, so they're seeking a nurturing home, or one without hungry cats, for four gerbils (three female, one male).

Included in the deal is the glass tank they call home (the gerbils, not the Bouffards), a water bottle, and various other and sundry gerbil paraphernalia.

The gerbils were born June 21, 1996 and can be had for the astoundingly low price of ABSOLUTELY NOTHING! Such a deal.

Call Kathy after 3:00 p.m. at 540-0847.

## On Thin Ice

'Tis the season for the lake to begin icing over. 'Tis' also the one of the most dangerous seasons as it is EXTREMELY difficult to tell when the ice is frozen through. A depth of three feet is considered adequate (unless you've eaten a big lunch). So please be VERY careful and don't let the children rush out with their skates until the lake has been frozen for some time.

## Health Department Aims to Stamp Out Leaf Burning

Each fall, the Lake County Health Department receives inquiries regarding leaf burning and its effects on public health.

Scientific studies show leaf burning poses a threat to human health. Smoke from burning leaves and landscape waste contains cancer-causing compounds, in addition to carbon monoxide, particulates and irritating organic compounds.

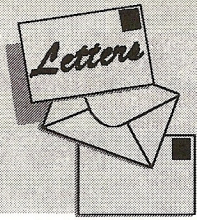
The byproducts pose a health threat to high risk people suffering from conditions such as bronchitis, asthma, emphysema and hay fever. These same individuals may become bedridden or have to be hospitalized due to various degrees of exposure. Moreover, the elderly and small children may be especially vulnerable to adverse health effects caused by leaf burning.

The health department discourages open burning of leaves and landscape waste. Burning leaves and other landscape waste can be avoided by using alternative methods of disposal.

many municipalities offer leaf and landscape waste pickup services on certain days during the fall and spring seasons. Another environmentally sound method is composting.

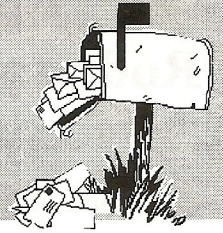
Further information on the health effects of leaf burning and proper methods of composting are available free from the Lake County Health Department Environmental Engineering Section at (847) 360-6747.

**Editor's Note:** If your neighbor has an above-ground pool, that is also an excellent place to deposit fallen foliage.



# Editorials

This forum is open to ALL FLCA members and all are encouraged to take advantage—regardless of content. Send letters to: **Forest Lake Community Association, Editor, P.O. Box 314, Lake Zurich, IL 60047**



## To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to respond to your recent column, "Other Odors", that appeared in the Sept./Oct 1996 edition of the *Forest Lake Review*. We certainly appreciate your view the "your dog is your responsibility". My husband and I take this responsibility very seriously, and while w4e might not have an obvious pooper-scooper, rest assured we do carry baggies with us at all times.

The issue my husband and I have with your commentary is your declaration that, "...if owners can't handle the responsibility, we'll simply have to declare ALL pets on park property *to be game*. Interested hunters..." Are you implying that dogs would become game...for what? Certainly you cannot be advocating that your neighbors take pot shots at dogs with firearms? More and more, the answer to conflict these days seems to be firearms, not discussion—one only needs to watch the daily news to confirm our point.

And no, we don't think we are overreacting. Our dog is as precious to us as your children are to you. Whether or not you meant that statement to be a joke (and we're sure you did), suggesting "all

pets on park property to be game" these days is irresponsible and not the least bit funny. What is the real message you want to convey? And could you have stated it differently while still getting your very valid point across? There is bound to be some misguided person who read your article who might go [out and intentionally harm a dog and may even end up hurting a child or an adult]. Then what? These days, you can never know.

Granted, there are culprits out there who don't clean up after their dogs (they dump in our yard, too), but we'd bet a good number of your Forest Lake dog owners/walkers are acting responsibly. Some of us are the ones cleaning up glass and cans off the boat beach so foot pads and little feet don't get cut. We're also the ones removing the glass and trash from the roadside on Melody Rd (where people continue to party) because we don't want our dogs ingesting something and dying as a result.

It is up to all of, editors and readers alike, to behave responsibly and respectably. We are doing our part to keep Forest Lake clean and safe. And while we certainly appreciate good humor and a great joke, we feel your

attempt was inappropriate in this instance.

Thank you.

**Pat and Nancy Hanlon**

*Editor's note: We applaud your responsible attitude toward pet ownership and wish only that every other pet owner was of like mind.*

*However, dogs, if they're large enough, can be used effectively to test the lake to see if the ice is frozen solidly enough for people.*

## To the Kids Who Wrote, "In God We Trust."

Your letter of denial is a brave and impressive attempt to remove suspicion from you as the signers. We applaud you for your attempt to align yourselves with the innocent and we believe you when you deny any connection with the vandalism and insults we are being subjected too. But the humiliations persist even though you as individuals are innocent.

During thirty years as residents of Forest Lake, we have seldom seen rampant destruction as we find today. Yes, we've had minor encounters in the past, even some serious infractions of the law but

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now these offenses seem to be getting more frequent and certainly out of hand.

Over the years, we have noted that not all the violations originate in the homes of Forest Lakers. Troublemakers tend not to dirty their own turf but prefer to perform their destruction in other communities. Neighbors and the local papers have made reference to the fact that much trouble originates with urban infiltration in general and low income housing in particular. The embarrassment of being caught violating one's own community tends to deter rather than encourage our local law breaking.

It is, however, possible that we do have an element of adolescents in Forest Lake who haven't the intelligence to take their trouble making to their neighboring communities. This tells us that these are the losers we foster and if their families can't recognize them, we and you must. Unfortunately, you as peers, are sometimes lumped with the bad but your accomplishments are too often ignored.

A couple of recommendations come to mind. 1) You, who are in closer contact with the violators, owe it to yourselves, anonymously, to blow the whistle on trouble makers, and 2) Phone Kelly Frumet, 540-5643, with information concerning violators when you recognize them. According to the Sept./Oct Newsletter, Frumet is taking an interest in establishing a Neighborhood Watch and certainly will know how to handle violations. 3.) Notify your parents to assure them that you are not a part of any mischief and might indirectly relate to you.

You, as future honest citizens, owe it to yourselves to help bring all misdeeds to a halt. We of Forest Lake are all on your side and want you to enjoy a full honest life. We sincerely hope you will spend the rest of your lives profitably and above all peacefully,

Cordially,

**Mr & Mrs. W. E. Berresheim**

## Yes, We Still Care

We're just simple-minded. Some residents may have noticed we neglected to include a survey with the dues notices this year. This isn't because we don't want to hear from you (because we don't): it was simply due to an oversight.

We value ALL input from ALL residents (who've paid their Association dues) and encourage you to contact your Board members (who live for those calls) and use this newsletter's Editorial section for communication/venting (no matter how off-the-wall your opinion). We cannot, though, accept anonymous letters for two reasons: 1) we need to verify that the writer's dues were paid and 2) if the writer lacks enough strength of conviction to sign an opinion then we can't assign any importance to it either and won't waste our time reading such missives.

So please let the Board know what your priorities are, what assets of Forest Lake you feel deserve the most pressing attention, any ideas you may have, etc. The Board plans and budgets based on what we hear from the community.

## No Sticky, No Key

Anyone requesting a Boat Launch key with their dues, is obviously intending to put a boat in the lake. Therefore, a Boat STICKER is also required. So please send in the \$5.00 for the boat sticker along with the \$1.00 key fee.

It should also be pointed out that ALL boats on FLCA property which do not have 1997 stickers, will be removed and destroyed at the Annual Spring Clean Up.

# Speaking of Budgets...

... 1997's budget proposal is available for scrutiny (call Steve Norman at 540-8857) and comment. The budget will be voted on at December's Board meeting (December 17, at 8:00 p.m. in the Community Center) and all residents are encouraged to attend. At that meeting the new dues (\$80.00) for 1997 will be officially voted on, and likely to pass. There will also be elections and anyone interested, or not interested but can be conned into volunteering a couple of hours a month, is encouraged to become a Board member—or actually even oppose an existing member and change the make up of the Board. (It's currently more of a draft than an election process.)

Thus far we've already received about 25% of the dues, a most excellent return this early! By paying the dues now, residents save \$5.00 because the first notices are sent out with the 1996 (\$75.00) rate. With the new year, the second notices will be at the 1997 amount. This is a VERY little piece of change considering the return on investment. Many associations charge several times this amount EVERY MONTH. Without the liability coverage these dues provide, which eats up the lion's share of the dues (about 20%), EVERY homeowner in Forest Lake would need a rider on their homeowner's insurance to protect them against lawsuits related to the lake. Without maintenance it would take no time for the parks to become cesspools and garbage dumps—a place fit only for Board members ~~and their hell-spawns~~. There would be no voice between the community and government. In other words, EVERYONE benefits so EVERYONE (who can) should pay this mere pittance.

Also, if you're a new resident and the notice comes with the prior owner's name, please change it and send it in (with check and BOTH copies, please).

Note to those who noticed: the reason the notices have "or Current Resident" beneath your name is: should you move, the invoice belongs to the new owner and without that line the Post Office will forward the notice to you. And chase you down and probably shoot you for making them go to all that trouble.

Again, if you're UNABLE to pay, please call Pat Lynn at 438-0859 for your car sticker.



## Village of Lake Zurich Fire/Rescue Dept.

321 S. Buesching Road,  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047  
Admin: 847.540.5070  
FAX: 847.726.1644

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Terry P. Mastandrea, Director/Fire Chief

## General Rules for Holiday Safety

- Keep matches, lighters, and candles out of the reach of children.
- Avoid smoking near flammable decorations.
- Make an emergency plan to use if a fire breaks out anywhere in the home. See that each family member knows what to do. PRACTICE E.D.I.T.H.
- Avoid wearing loose flowing clothes—particularly long, open sleeves—near open flames, such as those of a fireplace, stove, or candlelit table.
- Never burn candles near evergreens. Burning evergreens in the fireplace can also be hazardous. When dry, greens burn like tinder. Flames can flare out of control, and send sparks flying into a room, or up the chimney to ignite creosote deposits.
- Plan for safety. Remember, there is no substitute for common sense. Look for and eliminate potential danger spots near candles, fireplaces, trees, and/or electrical connections.



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## Merry Christmas with Safety

Many artificial trees are fire resistant. If you buy one, look for a statement specifying this protection.

A fresh tree will stay green longer and be less of a fire hazard than a dry tree. To check for freshness, remember:

- \* A fresh tree is green
- \* Fresh needles are hard to pull from branches
- \* When bent between your fingers, fresh needles do not break.
- \* The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin.
- \* When the trunk of a tree is bounced on the ground, a shower of falling needles shows that the tree is too dry.

Place tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Heated rooms dry trees out rapidly, creating fire hazards.

Cut off about two inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption. Trim away branches as necessary to set tree trunk in the base of a sturdy, water holding stand with wide spread feet. Keep the stand filled with water while the tree is indoors.

Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways. Use thin guy wires to secure a large tree to walls or ceiling. These wires are almost invisible.

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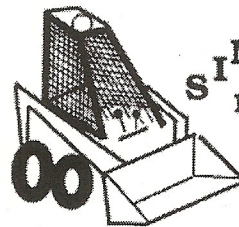
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**1996-97 FLCA Events**

- Decorate for  
Holiday Extravaganza .....12/06/96
- Holiday Extravaganza .....12/07/96
- Breakfast With Santa Claus.....12/14/96
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- Forgotten Children  
Wrapping Party.....12/14/96  
(if needed 12/15/96)
- Ice Fishing Derby .....02/08/97
- Easter Egg Hunt.....03/22/97
- Spring Clean Up .....05/17/97
- Halloween Parade .....10/26/97
- Holiday Extravaganza .....12/06/97
- Breakfast With Santa .....12/13/97