

# ...Forest Lake...

## From the Chairman

Hope you've all had a great summer. It's now the time of year for your Forest Lake board to begin planning for the new year and beyond. In October we will be establishing our first draft of the 1998 budget and reserve accounts. We sincerely encourage anyone with questions, ideas or other thoughts to join us at the next few meetings to help out.

Speaking of helping out, we are looking for new members for the board and ask that anyone interested please call me for more information at 540-8857 or come to the next meeting and see what we do. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. in the community center and typically last until about 9:30 P.M. We Follow Robert's Rules of Order and present a written agenda for each meeting. Yes, we do cover some rather mundane topics such as insurance or who cuts the grass at the parks, but these are all necessary decisions so that funds may be allocated for the communities' betterment. Without the small contribution of a little time each month by those who volunteer, everyone in Forest Lake would suffer. When a new member joins the board, we all receive a renewed sense of purpose and charge up with new ideas and fresh looks at the old ones. In the ten years I have been on the board, I've been fortunate to have worked with many fellow residents on such things as the long

awaited lake dredging project, major renovations and upgrades at our beaches and the establishment of a real ball field at Germata Park just to name a few.

We do accomplish many things as a board and though many are not as exciting, all are necessary. The combination of the extremely low annual dues and the volunteer efforts of individuals such as yourself are key to this community remaining a self-controlled entity. The moment either portion of that arrangement fails, we will be managed by either the County or a surrounding town (taxes, regulations, ordinances, et al).

See you at the next meeting(s) ?

Steve

## We're Baaaack-kk...

Just when you thought it was safe to go to your mail boxes we returned from hiatus. (No, not prison as rumoured.) Taking a page from the teacher's union we took the Summer off and then just couldn't seem to start again in the Fall.

## Desperately Seeking a Publisher

If you've been reading this newsletter for a while, you'll notice the return to our old format. If you've been using this to make paper mache' dinosaurs with the kids, you'll notice the consis-

tency of the paper is the same, so carry on!

In a stunning blow to the community that can only be deemed intelligent, Mandy Bosco has moved from Forest Lake and we must now do the layout work ourselves. Forest Lake, and we in particular, will miss Mandy's efforts enormously.

If there is any one else with some publishing software and maybe a scanner for pictures who could donate a couple of hours every other month it would be greatly appreciated. You can have a great deal of freedom in laying out the newsletter and editing its content. It will be fun. Really. Perhaps there's a journalism major out there?

Also, if anyone would care to contribute anything (an article, column, observation, favorite recipe', etc.), please do so.

Interested persons (preferably without an overabundance of sanity) please call Pat Lynn (438-0859) or Steve Norman (540-8857). Professionalism not a requirement.

## Circle the Wagons!

If anyone would be interested in restarting the concept of a Welcome Wagon to serve Forest Lake, please call Laura (Wagon Master) Tegtmeier (438-3688). It's presumed any sort of car will suffice - not necessarily a wagon.

At one time there was a Welcome

Wagon group in Lake Zurich which evaporated. However, in light of the influx of new residents it seems a good idea. It's difficult to get to know a new environment on your own and getting to know your neighbor is what makes a neighborhood. Especially if your neighbor is a hood.

## Lost... and Found

One class ring found at the Community Center. Call 540-8857 and identify.

## Palace Coup D'etat

In a surprise political power-play, the Community Center Rental responsibility has been usurped from Pat Lynn and now befalls Mark (Walked Into That With His Eyes Open) Thorne (540-9078). This recent chair-shuffling aside, a primary rental requirement is still that supplicants must wash Pat's car.

## Don't Forget the Children

Once again it is time to start preparing to make a "Christmas Miracle" happen for all the forgotten children in the Lake-Cook area.

We at the Forgotten Children's Foundation need year help!

We will be holding a volunteer meeting on October 12 in the Community Center at 1:00 p.m. If you can find it in your heart (and in your schedule) to be of assistance in helping these deserving children, please come to the meeting and learn all the different ways (cash donations, gift wrapping - material and labor, gift shopping, delivery, etc.) you can help make this holiday season

special for all these neglected and abused children.

- Cindy Marek

Please note: if this year is anything like last year, the foundation will need space to store the presents until the December wrapping parties. If you have some unused warehouse or other secure space you could donate for the months of November and December please call Cindy at 438-6090.

[Ed. Note: This three-year old licensed, not for profit charity accepts wish-lists from over 1,000 neglected children who have been removed from their homes and now reside in various facilities throughout Lake and Cook counties. Using corporate and private donations, marathon shopping sprees are held at which gifts are purchased to match the specific child's wish. It's an enormous undertaking and any all help is greatly appreciated.]

## Trick or Treat

The Annual Halloween parade will be held on Sunday, October 26. Dress up your little witches and goblins and show up at the South Beach at 3:00 p.m. for a parade to the Community Center where treats will be served and a raffle held.

It would be GREATLY appreciated if parents could bake cookies, bring apple cider, etc. and any help will be graciously accepted. Please call Laura (Boo) Tegtmeier (439-3688) for details and to volunteer.

## Annual Due-Due

No, not yearly fertilizing (that's the job of this newsletter), but notice that the annual dues are about to be mailed. If

you're reading this and don't see an invoice for 1998's assessment (\$80.00) by October 31, please call Pat Lynn (438-0859) or Steve Norman (540-8857).

Once again, these dues are used to maintain the lake, parks, and other common areas and to pay for liability insurance (every homeowner in Forest Lake is liable if a tragedy should occur at one of our beaches). Further, you must be a dues paid member to use F.L.C.A. property (parks, lake, etc.). In the near future we will be exploring ways to have the Sheriff's office enforce these rules (i.e.: let the Sheriff keep all the money from trespassing fines) and we will be contracting with a towing company to remove any car without a current sticker from the parking lots at the beaches and the Community Center.

Your dues include one car sticker. Each additional car sticker is \$1.00, boat stickers are \$5.00, and a key to the boat launch is \$1.00.

These dues/fees offer a better return on investment than any stock market ever could!

## No-Show Boats

Due to the fact no one checks with us when they move out of Forest Lake and the fact people move to communities without lakes; boats are often simply left behind or abandoned. Some boats at our parks may not even belong to residents. Therefore boats without any stickers were removed during the Spring Clean-Up. Boats with 1996 stickers were left TEMPORARILY as people may have simply forgotten to affix their new 1997 stickers.

Again a reminder regarding boat park-

ing at the beaches (better late than never):

ALL boats MUST have a current sticker or they will be removed.

On the South and West beaches, they MUST be parked prow (the front end) in, abutting and locked to the fence along the sides of the parks. Violators will be removed.

At the Luttrell Park boat launch (by the tavern), boats must be locked to the cable running along the ground West of the beach area.

NO boats should be chained to trees, bushes, etc. The Central (East side) Beach has NO boat parking. Periodically, throughout the year, illegally parked boats will be cut loose and moved. This is for safety as well as aesthetic reasons so

Therefore, let it be known (and this serves as official notification): ALL boats on FLCA property without 1997 stickers, will be removed in November - so get your stickers in place or Michael won't be rowing the boat ashore any time soon. Also, boats which were removed during Spring Clean-Up must be claimed by October 31 or they'll be scuttled.

