

Forest Lake

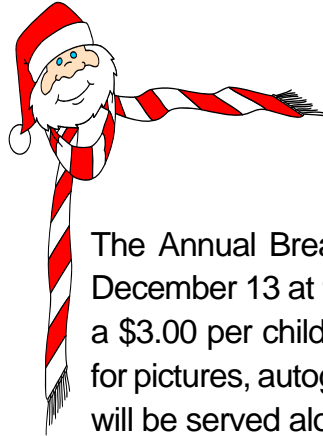
Nov./Dec. 1997 News - Whether or not You Want it!

From the Chair- man

Where has the summer gone? I don't know about your busy schedules but mine has been more hectic than ever.

As the end of the year draws near we should again take time to reflect on the many wonderful things that we have experienced in the recent past. Soon we will be rushing around to gear up for the holidays and it can become all too easy to forget what the season is all about. We all need to stop every now and then to catch our breath and savor the wonderful things around us. Spend a few minutes raking leaves with the kids, stop next door and say hi to a neighbor you haven't seen for a while or just put your feet up and read a good book.

I would like to extend a sincere thanks to all of the association and board members without whose help we could not have made it through yet another year. We are one of the longest running homeowner's associations in the state. That in and of itself is something to be proud of. It seems every year brings a new cost increase or legal obligation to our operations yet we manage to work our way through. In the upcoming year we will need to address the long term future of our association and its obligation to its members. It seems that with everyone's busy lives, not many folks are willing to donate an hour or two each month. In 1998 we will be addressing this concern in several ways. Perhaps annexation to an adjoining community.



Breakfast With

The Annual Breakfast With Santa will be held on Saturday, December 13 at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Center. There is a \$3.00 per child charge, Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be on hand for pictures, autographs, and list-making. Treats and breakfast will be served along with coffee and donuts for the parents.

There is, unfortunately, a limit of fifty (50) children so call Laura (the Spatula) Tegtmeier at 438-3688 to reserve a place for your young-uns. Anyone who can volunteer to help should let Laura know and/or be at the Community Center at 8:00 a.m.



Children Without

There's still time to help with the Forgotten Children's Foundation annual gift-giving drive. The massive gift-wrapping parties have tentatively been scheduled for the afternoons on Saturday, December 13 and Saturday, December 20 (if necessary). Please call Cindy Marek at 438-6090 for confirmation.

Anyone wishing to donate money or time (shopping, delivering, etc.) or if you'd like to select a child or children to shop for, please let Cindy know.

Again, this licensed, not-for-profit charity was organized three (3) years ago to provide abused and neglected children living in area homes and institutions with holiday presents they won't otherwise receive. The children involved are of all ages, genders and races and provide wish-lists to which the foundation attempts to match gifts. It's a very large and EXTREMELY appreciated endeavor so please help out if



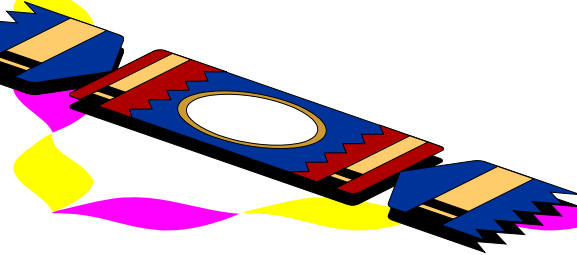
FEASTING WITH FRIENDS

This is that time of year when residents are afforded the opportunity to get to know their neighbors by attending the festival to end all festivals (unless you remember last year's): the Annual Holiday Extravaganza! This will be a catered affair with three entree's. The door the Commu-

nity Center will be open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 8:00 p.m. Dinner tickets will cost \$7.50 per person. If you're dieting or trying to give up food, feel free to show up for the cash (very cheap) bar and simply socialize with your neighbors or verbally berate your Board members. It's a great way to get to know your neighborhood. On second thought....

Those who wish to dine (and the

food has been excellent every year) need to let Laura (Get It While It's Hot) Tegtmeier (438-3688) know by December 1 so we can give the caterer a head count. Sorry about the short notice but, contrary to popular misconception (not a birth control method), your Editors have lives and it's been getting difficult to meet newsletter deadlines.



GOT THAT FISHY FEELING?

1998 Ice Fishing

The 1998 Ice Fishing Derby will be held the weekend of February 7 through 8. The cost will be \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. So if your idea of a good time is parking your rump on a frozen lake and angling for fish stories, be sure to come on down

and sign up for the most frigid time of your life (outside marriage).

Per state law, everyone over fifteen (15) years of age is required to have a fishing license. The penalty for illegal fishing is a fine and forfeiture of equipment. It should be noted that the week of November 2, a seven-and-one-half (7.5) pound bass was pulled out of our lake. Any questions or to offer assistance, please call Jim (Omni-potent)



HELP WANTED

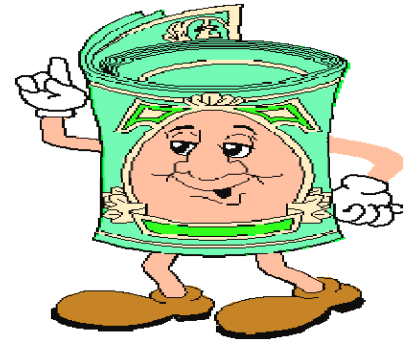
Clean Sweep

Someone is desperately needed to clean the Community Center on both a regular and ad hoc basis. We've had applicants (suppllicants are the people who want to rent the Community Center) before and don't really know what's happened, but: Nothing beats a try like a failure so we're asking again. Interested persons should call Mark Thorne at 540-9078.

maintenance of our common properties. These include the parking lots at all four (4) beaches and the Community Center. Please call Steve Norman at 540-8857 if interested.

Not That it Snows Here, But...

We are currently soliciting bids for snow plowing and landscape



DANGER!



This is an extremely dangerous time on our lake. Please be aware that when it looks frozen, it may not yet be safe. Use a Board member to test for thickness before letting your chil-

dren skate or fish!

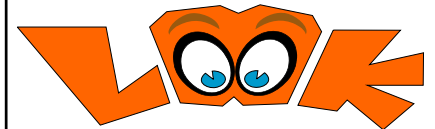
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These are going to be very difficult and emotional decisions to make, but it seems as though we on the board are alone in our efforts. This year has seen but 2 or 3 visitors to our meetings and a few others with regard to rentals. We truly appreciate the efforts of those, who although not on the board, continue helping out year after year



during the spring clean-up, garage sales and with the ongoing care of the lake.

What we need are some fresh faces and ideas on the board so that we can continue to represent and further the concerns of our entire community. We often jest in this revered publication as to the lowliness of being a board member but we feel the best view of things isn't always from the



As with ALL Forest Lake events, participants must be dues-paid Association members. For the Upcoming Ice-Fishing Derby, all entrants must have paid their ninety-EIGHT (1998) dues. (Actually, those dues are due by

THAT BURNING FEELING

For those who choose to stay in Forest Lake and rake the leaves left by our remaining trees; yard waste (clippings, grass, leaves, in-laws, etc.) is picked up on Friday's via a special truck from April through November. Waste must be in the requisite bags (which can be purchased from local hardware stores) with a special sticker attached. These stickers cost \$1.00 apiece and can be bought at Lake Zurich Disposal (just North of Quentin and Route 22) or mailed to you on request by calling 438-6763 and they'll appear on your next invoice.

And PLEASE, don't burn leaves in the streets. These avenues are narrow, lack sidewalks, and the smoke is worse than any fog ever seen in London and with the resultant loss of a lane caused by the pyres, a VERY dangerous situation is created. Pedestrians, children playing, and oncoming cars often cannot be seen in what remains of the street. So PLEASE burn YOUR leaves on YOUR property or bag them as noted above (better hurry, though, as November is almost gone). Keep in mind this subdivision was designed for a few hundred cars and we now have well over a thousand so please be aware (unless, of course, you want to hand over your house keys to some litigator).

HOLD THAT BOAT!

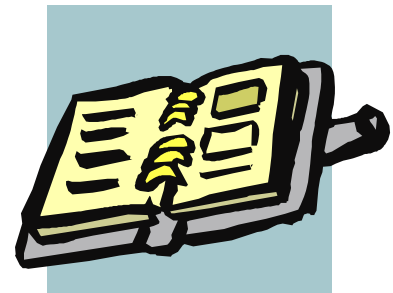
Contrary to previously published dribble, boats are NOT supposed to be chained to fences any longer. Apparently, they were never supposed to be chained there and adjoining property owners have simply been kind enough not to shoot any naval interlopers.

At the next Spring Clean-Up cables will be anchored to the ground at ALL beaches where "dry docking" is permitted to which ALL boats (which MUST have 1998 stickers) must be locked.

THANK YOU, SCOUTS

Upcoming Events:

- Holiday Decorating Party - December 4 at 7:00 p.m.
- Holiday Extravaganza - December 6 at 6:30 p.m.
- Forgotten Children's Wrapping Party - December 13 (afternoon)
- Breakfast with Santa - December 13 at 9:00 a.m.
- Forgotten Children's Wrapping Party - December 20 (afternoon)



The next FLCA Board meeting will be Tuesday, December 9, at 8:00 p.m. in the Community Center. The 1998 budget is approved at this meeting!