

# Forest Lake



February, 1998 Love is in the air!

## Nice to See Ya!



Thank you Mother Nature for the cold temperatures that allowed our lake to become a winter-wonderland for awhile. It was so nice to see those who came out of hibernation and enjoyed the chance to celebrate winter at its best. Forest Lake was alive with Skaters, Sledders, Ice Fisherpeople, Hockey games, Snowmobilers (watch out for those tip-ups!) and folks just out socializing. A special thanks goes out to the mysterious person who shoveled a path around the lake, not once, but twice. It really made for some great skating.



### The Forgotten Children's Foundation

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*weur all participating Forest Lake Residents, On Behalf of all our FORGOTTEN CHILDREN, we would like to express our appreciation to all residents who participated this year, and for your interest and support in the work we are doing here at the Forgotten Children's Foundation.*

*It is only with your generosity that these unfortunate children gain the hope they need to overcome the burden that life has put upon them.*

*We cannot express to you how much your contribution has brought hope to a world where not much hope exists.*

*We are not a large organization, we are just families and neighbors who care about children and with your help, we made a difference this Holiday Season! We were able to create a "Christmas Miracle" for 1,500 children, who received four to five presents each!*

*We look forward to you continued support in the coming year and we wish you and your family a very safe and healthy new year!*

*Again, thank you for all your help!*

*Most sincerely,*

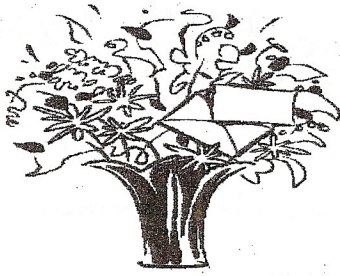
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*A special get-well soon wish to Mr. Randall, (our resident Santa) who unfortunately suffered a stroke recently. Here is to hoping you will be up and Ho-ho-ho-ing again real soon.*

## **YOU MUST PAY THE RENT...**

The community Center has been rented for February 28th, and March 8th, thus far. Get your reservations in early for your big to-do, as the joint's a-hoppin'. Call Mark Thorne at 540-9078 for more information.

## **VOTE, DON'T MOPE.. BE HEARD!**



Although there are not a great many items to be decided at the upcoming primary on March 17, It is still important to show some solidarity and Forest Lake's commitment to the democratic process. Our community has a long history of high voter turnout, upwards of ninety percent on occasion. This lets the people we elect know we're serious and makes us an important part of the election cycle.

Evidence of the importance of this fact can be found in a Letter to the Editor in the Daily Herald printed on January 13, 1998. Our sister community, Sylvan Lake, is anticipating irreparable harm to their lake from the chemical, rain water, and road salt run-off from the parking lot of a neighboring community's strip mall (can never have enough of those) development. Apparently the adjacent town and the developer are turning deaf ears to Sylvan Lake's pleas, adopting an official policy of "Our quick buck, your tough luck". The various government agencies approached have stated their hands are tied and there's nothing they can do.

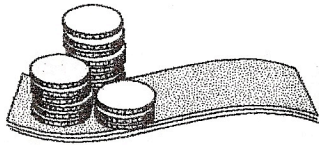
Forest Lake faces similar problems from similar parties. Only by letting our representatives know we're not going take it can we possibly protect our community from this form of selfish encroachment. It's necessary to get legislation written to force some people to realize the world doesn't end at their noses and that what they do can have an adverse affect on others. And the only way to do that is to vote so: put down the remote, tape the soaps, or blow off work or lunch, and get yourselves out to Saint Matthew's (just West of Quentin on Old McHenry) and be heard!

New residents can register at the Ela Public Library, Ela Township Hall, and Lake Zurich's Village Hall (as well as the Lake County Building in Waukegan). The deadline for registering is thirty days prior to the election: February 17 for this primary. You need to register if your address has changed since you last voted. Call 360-3610 for voter information.

### **Sailboat Found:**

**Anyone who has misplaced a sailboat, please contact Gina (who found one) at 540-6316 Please hurry, as there has been talk of converting it to a winter catamaran.**





## Last Chance

For great savings! (Haven't heard that in awhile). Very soon the second dues notices will be going out, and they will be at the new annual amount: \$85.00. For most of us, this amount is paltry. Never in anyone's experience can more bang for the buck be bought. So save \$5 and send in your 1998 dues. If you have any questions, lost your invoice, or are unable to pay, please call Pat (I'm All Ears-and Little Else) Lynn at 438-0859, or Steve (No-Fun) Norman at 540-8857. Remember: if you aren't a paid FLCA member, you are not entitled to use the lake, parks, playgrounds, or rent the community center.

## Bad Buiding, BAD!

Some members of your Board work diligently to protect our community from unsafe (and unmaintained) properties. A few houses in Forest Lake have fallen into disrepair and are downright dangerous and uninhabitable. There are also occasionally new houses erected without a thought given to the county's building codes.

Unfortunately, when the board (or individual residents) attempt to act, the task can be a bit daunting. Sometimes there is the byzantium bureaucratic process impeding action. Other times when a property is finally "red tagged", the tag soon disappears with no apparent improvement. As a result we've adopted a new strategy: henceforth when a house is not code compliant, we'll erect a sign in front reading "Live Nude Dancers (even though the dead ones work cheaper) - Lunch served daily". Every bureaucrat, judge, prosecutor, and elected official in Lake County will swoop down in minutes and not quit spending taxpayer money until the evil is eradicated. There's nothing like acknowledging a little sin and the hypocrisy of applied morality to get the wheels of "justice" turning!

## Under Water or Putting Stock in Fish

The ultimate goal of our stocking program is to have a higher quality fishery which includes bigger, healthier panfish and game fish, and a reduction in the carp population. To achieve this goal we stocked Northern Pike and forage (Minnows). At the outset there were some nice, big Bass as well as many small, thin Bass, a few Northern (most died due to the low water level caused by the drought following the dredging) and an out of control population of stunted (due to competition for limited food) panfish.

A study such as the one done after the dredging should be repeated every five years to monitor the success of the (re)stocking program. It might be a good idea to move up this schedule and do another study this summer to double-check our progress.

To reduce the Carp population several individuals have been fishing for them and removing them from the lake. This reduces the number of large Carp, while the Northern (which consider them quite delectable) keep the small Carp in check (as opposed to stripes).

To increase the size and health of our panfish, we are trying to decrease their population while supplementing their diet with Fathead Minnows.

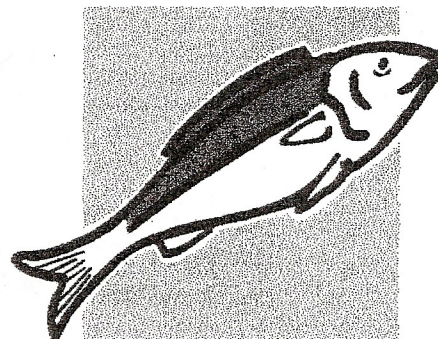
In the last few years we have stocked approximately 500 Northern, of which half (250) should have survived. If you've fished the lake lately you can't help but notice the fishing is improving and the fish are looking healthier (turn your head and cough).

As the panfish may be schooling, holding tighter to structure, or just plain better fed and less willing to bite; they may be harder to catch than in previous years. Although they may be harder to find, most fishermen are catching plenty of panfish with a little effort.

The consensus of an informal poll of Forest Lake's most avid (time to get a life) fishermen has yielded a "wait and see" attitude towards restocking anything but forage this year. Please remember: this is only a forty acre lake which gets moderate fishing pressure so please practice "catch and release".

If you've any information to share, please attend board meetings as this is where restocking decisions are made.

- Dave Hembd





	%	BUDGET		ACTUAL		BUDGET	
		1997	%	THRU 9/30/97	%	1998	
<b>OPERATING REVENUES:</b>							
DUES INCOME		\$ 26,000.00		\$ 32,247.00		\$ 29,000.00	
C.C. RENTAL INCOME		\$ 500.00		\$ 450.00		\$ 400.00	
INTEREST INCOME		\$ 225.00		\$ 347.95		\$ 300.00	
ADVERTISING INCOME		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
PROMOTIONAL INCOME		\$ 75.00		\$ 893.00		\$ 300.00	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES:</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 26,800.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 33,937.95</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>	
<b>RESERVE FUNDS (Money Markets):</b>							
LAKE FUND		\$ 4,225.00		\$ 2,586.40		\$ 6,000.00	
COMMUNITY CENTER FUND		\$ -		\$ 30.00		\$ 5,000.00	
PARKS FUND		\$ -		\$ 50.00		\$ 4,000.00	
COMMON AREAS FUND		\$ -		\$ 40.00		\$ 1,000.00	
<b>TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS:</b>		<b>\$ 4,225.00</b>		<b>\$ 2,706.40</b>		<b>\$ 16,000.00</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL CASH:</b>		<b>\$ 31,025.00</b>		<b>\$ 36,644.35</b>		<b>\$ 46,000.00</b>	
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES (Checking):</b>							
SUPPLIES EXPENSE	0.0%	\$ -	0.8%	\$ 270.00	2.5%	\$ 750.00	
ADVERTISING	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	
VEHICLE/BOAT STICKERS	3.4%	\$ 900.00	2.3%	\$ 766.00	2.7%	\$ 800.00	
BANK CHARGES	1.5%	\$ 400.00	0.3%	\$ 87.45	0.7%	\$ 200.00	
MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS	34.0%	\$ 9,125.00	14.6%	\$ 4,959.50	45.4%	\$ 13,625.00	
INSURANCE EXPENSE	33.6%	\$ 9,000.00	25.0%	\$ 8,472.00	30.0%	\$ 9,000.00	
PROMOTIONAL EXPENSE	4.9%	\$ 1,300.00	5.1%	\$ 1,733.44	5.4%	\$ 1,825.00	
OFFICE EXPENSE	0.9%	\$ 250.00	0.0%	\$ -	0.8%	\$ 250.00	
PROFESSIONAL EXPENSE	2.8%	\$ 750.00	1.6%	\$ 540.00	2.5%	\$ 750.00	
UTILITIES	9.9%	\$ 2,650.00	7.3%	\$ 2,460.76	10.3%	\$ 3,075.00	
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1.8%	\$ 475.00	1.0%	\$ 336.80	1.6%	\$ 475.00	
FRANCHISE TAX	0.0%	\$ 5.00	0.0%	\$ 5.00	0.0%	\$ 5.00	
FEDERAL INCOME TAXES	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	
POSTAGE EXPENSE	6.7%	\$ 1,800.00	0.8%	\$ 287.25	4.0%	\$ 1,200.00	
PRINTING EXPENSE	3.7%	\$ 1,000.00	1.3%	\$ 429.17	2.5%	\$ 750.00	
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	
MISCELLANEOUS	0.0%	\$ -	0.4%	\$ 149.91	0.0%	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		<b>\$ 27,655.00</b>		<b>\$ 20,497.28</b>		<b>\$ 32,505.00</b>	
<b>RESERVE FUND EXPENSES (Money Market):</b>							
LAKE EXPENSE		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	
COMMUNITY CENTER EXPENSE		\$ 1,270.00		\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,495.00	
PARKS EXPENSE		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 4,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	
COMMON AREAS EXPENSE		\$ 100.00		\$ 1,147.07		\$ 1,000.00	
<b>TOTAL RESERVE EXPENSES:</b>		<b>\$ 3,370.00</b>		<b>\$ 16,147.07</b>		<b>\$ 13,495.00</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>		<b>\$ 31,025.00</b>		<b>\$ 36,644.35</b>		<b>\$ 46,000.00</b>	
<b>YEAR-END BALANCE.....</b>		<b>\$ -</b>		<b>\$ -</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	

Here is page one of the 1997 Annual Budget. If anyone is interested, they may receive a copy in it's entirety by calling Steve Norman at 540-8857

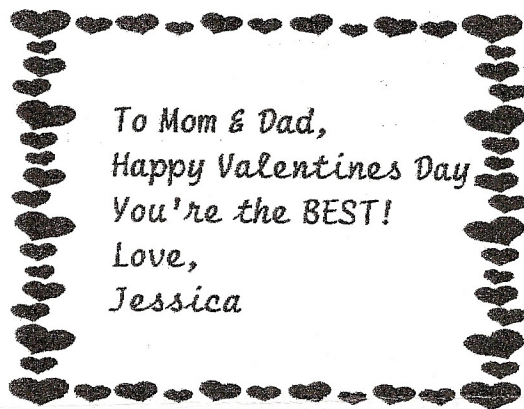


# KID'S PAGE

A page for the younger Forest  
Lakers....



LOVE  
LOVE  
LOVE



To Mom & Dad,  
Happy Valentines Day  
You're the BEST!  
Love,  
Jessica

HAPPY HEART DAY  
TO MY "TWO HEARTBEATS",  
ANGEL & JAMES  
LOVE YA,  
MOM



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY PAT!



I love you.....

Always!  
-you know who...

Jim,  
Roses are red,  
pink,yellow, and white.  
I love it when we kiss  
and you hold me real tight!  
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!  
love, M  
XOXOXOXOXOXOXOXO



## Densa Quiz

1. Do they have a 4th of July in England?
2. How many Birthdays does the average man have?
3. Some months have 31 days, how many have 28?
4. How many outs in an inning?
5. Is it legal for a man in California to marry his widows sister?
6. Divide 30 by 1/2 and add 10. What is the answer?
7. If there are 3 apples, and you take away 2, how many do you have?
8. A doctor gives you 3 pills, and tells you to take one every half hour, how many minutes do the pills last?
9. How many animals of each sex did Moses take on the Ark?
10. A clerk in the butcher shop is 5 feet, 10 inches tall, his shoes are size 11, what does he weigh?
11. How many 2 cent stamps are in a dozen?

Mail your answers to the address at the bottom.  
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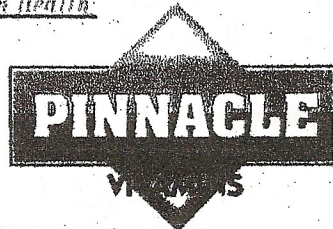
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Vic Vassalo	438-8013	Chairman Emeritus
Mark Thorne	540-9078	Community Center Rentals
Dominic Tufano	550-6726	To Be Assigned

Upcoming Events

February 7 - 8 Annual Ice Fishing Derby

THE NEXT FLCA BOARD MEETING  
WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY,  
MARCH 10 IN THE COMMUNITY  
CENTER AT 8:00 P.M. THE BOARD'S  
OFFICERS WILL BE ELECTED AT THIS  
MEETING!