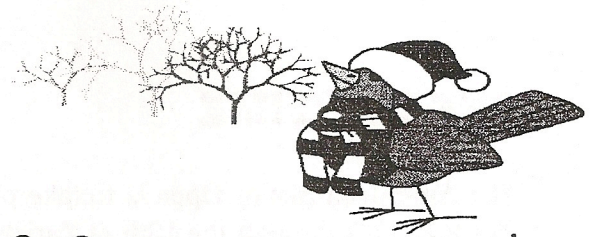


Forest Lake



March, 1998 Spring is coming !

About Our Parks

By Greg Hatz

We have an exciting year ahead for our parks. We are in the beginning stage for updating the park at South Beach with some new equipment. Unfortunately, very limited funds are available at this time. Our hope is to get a group of people together who would like to devote some energy working on a park planning committee. Some ideas to think about are:

- could we do a build-it-yourself playground using Forest Lake community members as volunteer contractors
- should we purchase secondhand equipment
- should we purchase new equipment

Obviously, money is a great factor, and with limited funds, maybe we could form a group to help plan a fundraising event effort in Forest Lake. An idea: if households could make a separate donation to for new playground equipment, our opportunity for a SUPER playground would be greater, and maybe there is some way we could acknowledge those contributors permanently at the park site.

At this point, the above are just ideas. We really need some support from you neighbors, because this is a big endeavor, and the board needs help. I am sure a lot of you with children have great ideas you could share, and many of you have expertise in some of the areas needed, where I have none (except my 6 year old daughter).

Let's all work together on this. We could make Forest Lake an even better place to live with improved parks. Please call me at 540-9427 if you're interested.

Welcome Spring!

Although the temperatures (and lake) outside are freezing as I write this, Spring is indeed right around the corner. I know I am not the only one who is looking forward to the warmer weather, giving us the chance to come out of our Winter hibernation periods and become active in our community once again. We have the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 11th, and the Spring cleanup on May 9th , these are both wonderful opportunities to get out and have some fun, and meet old and new neighbors. Watch for the result of last fall's bulb plantings at the entrances to Forest Lake, they should be popping up soon, adding a little beauty to our area. Spring also brings new ideas to our board meetings, there has been talk of park improvement, and Community Center Remodeling . Please try to attend a meeting if you get the chance . Bring your thoughts, ideas, spouse, whatever!! It is a good way to keep informed of what is happening in Forest Lake. Have a Happy Spring!

IT'S ONLY MONEY

The below ranting is only an opinion whose sole purpose is to fill space and does not represent an official (or otherwise) position of Forest Lake or it's board members or residents. If the reader disagrees, feel encouraged to respond in writing. No unsigned correspondence or letters from non-FLCA members are read, so save your postage. Letter bombs are discouraged.

Seems our County Board has to raise \$215,000 by April 15 as part of a \$1,900,000 project to buy and raze older homes in flood prone areas. It would seem getting the money from the developers who paved over every living thing around these properties and converted these homes in question to house-boats would be more logical than again picking the taxpayers pockets. That \$215,00 of ours could be put to much better use. For instance, there's the County Board's fight (cont page 3)

TEE OFF TIME

The Ameritech Senior Open is to take place this July 17th through the 19th at Zurich-Kemper. This event is expected to generate more than the amount of traffic as the last P.G.A. event held there. This traffic is routed from Quentin Rd. through Forest Lake down Highland, to the usually closed gate at Melody. Ameritech and Ela Township are scheduled to be at the next board meeting (April 14th at 8:00 PM in the Community Center) and those who reside on Highland are strongly encouraged to attend. Or set up a lemonade stand that weekend.

One Person's Junk...

...is another person's treasure. Therefore, thanks to the organizing efforts of Jane (That's My Husband and He's Not For Sale) Edgington, we'll again be holding the annual Garage Sale. This year, so we reasoned (yeah, right: reasoned), there would be plenty of traffic during the Senior Open. Consequently, the Garage Sale will be scheduled for Friday July 17th through Saturday July 18th. After all, there are bound to be spouses forced to attend the Open who would rather not stand around like a Zombie in an outdoor library and much rather take home a broken lamp than an autographed visor.

Last year Hawthorn Woods had the temerity to schedule their garage sale the same weekend as ours, and hurt our attendance dramatically. Now let's see them out draw Forest Lake! Neener-neener-neener!! If you have any questions, or would like to help out or bid on her husband, call Jane at 438-3543

Reservations (but no jacket) Required!!

Please note the Community Center has been reserved for the Following dates:

March 21st, May 23rd, June 13th, June 20th, and June 27th. The joint is filling up fast, so get your bribes-er, reservations, to Mark Thorne (540-9078) early and often. Just like voting.

Also Note: Community Center rentals include ALL facilities-parking lot, softball diamond, basketball hoops, playground, etc.

Future Mickey Mantles

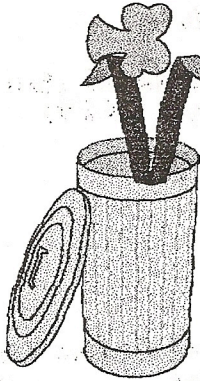
If any resident little Leaguers need the softball field for practices, please call Laura (Batter-up!) Tetgemeir at 438-3688 for reservations. Availability is on a first-come, first-serve basis, so it helps if you'll throw the games you play against Laura's kids.

Here comes Peter Cottontail..

The Annual Forest Lake Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled this year for April 11th, starting promptly at 9:00AM at the Community Center. Bring your baskets, dental floss, and kids on down for a good time, definitely NOT sponsored by the American Dental Association! For questions, or to volunteer to help, call Laura (Not THAT Kind of Bunny) Tetgemier at 439-3688. If you have never attended this bit of mass-hysteria, don't be concerned about time; it doesn't take too much out of your day as this event will probably end about 9:05.

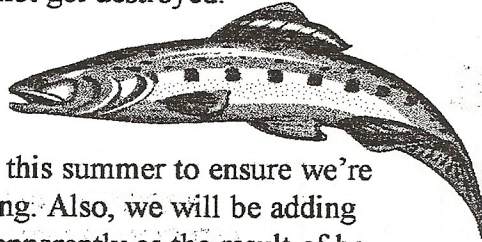


Spring Cleanup



We need your help on this one! Spring Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th. Please bring your rakes and a wheelbarrow if you have one. The more neighbors we get, the quicker we can get the job done. We provide donuts and soft drinks for those who help out. Please call Greg (Mr Clean-Mr Clean) Hatz at 540-9427, or Laura (A Women's Work Is Never Done) Tetgemier at 438-3688 to volunteer. Rain date is Saturday May 16th. As a follow-up notice: Boats (not houses from the subdivisions mentioned in "It's Only Money") which are found during the cleanup without 1998 stickers will be removed and sold to FLCA members. Boats with 1998 but attached to trees, bushes, fences, etc. and not the prescribed cables, will be removed. If the beach where your boat is stored does not yet have a cable, please make arrangements by calling Pat (Ahoy There!) Lynn at 438-0859 so your chain or lock does not get destroyed.

Early Census



We'll be doing a lake survey this summer to ensure we're on the right track with stocking. Also, we will be adding forage (flat-head minnows --apparently as the result of being delivered by a minnow obstetrician with slippery fins-- "Oops, dropped another!"). We will be waiting with baited breath (ouch!) for the survey results, prior to adding Wall-eyes (versus Door-eyes. Or is Wall-eye the result of sitting too long in the corner at school?)

(It's Only Money cont.)

against the ravages of the venial sin of Gentlemen's Clubs. The ongoing costs of a new regulatory agency to register dancers (and probably to ensure their tattoos were licensed) isn't going to be free or cheap. There have already been significant costs incurred as a result of every elected, appointed, full-time, part-time, and waste of time county employee associated with just creating the new dirty dancing regulations. There's sure to be enormous costs incurred in defense of a law many legal scholars say will not pass Constitutional muster. Thank goodness our County Board has our priorities straight and flushes money down the deepest hole where it will do the least amount of good.

Obviously these dens of inequities don't belong across the street from grade schools - everyone knows sex education belongs in pool halls. On the other hand we've been told for years the infamous comprehensive development plan for Lake County was near completion. Meanwhile we're told one person builds a house on our lake and is told the foundation must be three (3) feet above the water level while nameless Developer Du Juor is apparently allowed to build houses on the lake with basements allegedly below the water level. It seems the county can regulate overnight when it comes to some screechy minority's concept of Victorian morality dictating the behavior of others while allowing uncontrolled development to render Lake County (and Forest Lake) uninhabitable.

Of course it could be argued the government knows what's best for us all and should be involved in the minutiae of our lives. Perhaps the county could start settling debates between spouses by outlawing certain past-times ("Sorry, Sir, your wife doesn't want you going bowling with the guys so Friday night league play has been outlawed except for months without R's in them and then only with a County Board approved and registered purple bowling ball. You'd better stay home and get those dishes done.") Or perhaps one fine day the county will step in and legislate how we decorate our homes ("Sorry ma'am those curtains violate our tacky code. You'll have to install shades.") and maybe even use our tax dollars for fashion police ("Halt! You can't wear white after Labor Day!"). (cont. next page)

El No-No

Yes, El Nino canceled the Annual Ice Fishing Derby. You would think that hot air wouldn't need to travel all the way across the Pacific to warm this community (see Board meeting schedule). The disappointed can always sit on ice cube trays in their kitchen and fish for fish sticks in their freezer. Better luck next year (although I am sure the fish are breathing-or whatever they do-more easily).



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(It's Only Money cont.)

Before any readers get their shorts in a bind (look behind for Fashion Police, it's certain hinder-binders are against code), please realize there is development and there is development. When done conscientiously it can be a good thing. When it's done in a way that ignores the existence of all other human beings it can be devastation (ever heard of Easter Island?). It's a matter of responsibility and some builders have the big "R" and some don't. If ALL developers were responsible and had a sense of community (some these builders can actually be found living in Forest Lake) a lot of regulation would be unnecessary. We probably wouldn't even need (supported by our tax dollars) the various agencies (such as Storm Water Management, Decorator Police, etc.) that were established in response to rampant, irresponsible development.

We're not promoting a strip joint on every corner (although you'd have to appreciate the convenience) and a dancer in every pot. But we feel we need a County Board which spends its time and our resources judiciously, not hustling around creating hypocritical morality laws. The county should simply zone those establishments for industrial parks and leave it at that. Not create a pile of expensive, onerous, and possibly unconstitutional regulations and regulators to micro-manage every facet of county and personal life - however deviant (see FLCA Board meeting). There are far more important issues the county should be undertaking.

Alas, before anyone asks, the author does not go to the Gentlemen's Clubs in question - those cover charges are NOT for the budget-conscious

- Insincerely, Pat (Editor-At-Large)

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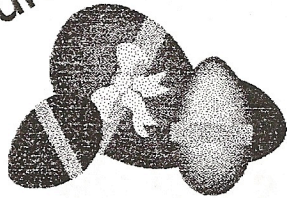
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KID'S PAGE

A page for the younger Forest

Lakers....

Easter Egg Hunt!



Where: Community Center

When : April 14th 9:00 am

Why :: For the fun of it!!

Be there!!!!!!!!!!

Spring Park Clean-up, Saturday
May 9th. Starts at 8:30 am.
More fun than cleaning your
room!!! Donuts and drinks provided.
We will meet at South Park, bring
your parents!!

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

A very Happy Birthday
to Jessica Borbely
who turns 11 this month on the 17th.
Have a good one Jess !

Answers to Densa Quiz

1. Do they have a 4th of July in England?
Yes, also a 6th, 7th, 8th-etc.
2. How many Birthdays does the average man have? *Only one (each year!)*
3. Some months have 31 days, how many have 28? *All the months have at least 28 days!*
4. How many outs in an inning? *6*
5. Is it legal for a man in California to marry his widows sister? *No, that would mean he was deceased.*
6. Divide 30 by $\frac{1}{2}$ and add 10. What is the answer?
7. If there are 3 apples, and you take away 2, how many do you have? *You have 2 because that is many you took!*
8. A doctor gives you 3 pills, and tells you to take one every half hour, how many minutes do the pills last? *60 minutes.*
9. How many animals of each sex did Moses take on the Ark? *0, NOAH had the ark!*
10. A clerk in the butcher shop is 5 feet, 10 inches tall, his shoes are size 11, what does he weigh? *Meat!*
11. How many 2 cent stamps are in a dozen? *12!*

Congratulations to Abby Harkness who won a Stinky the Skunk Beanie Baby !!

Thanks for all who tried!!



WAY TO GO !!

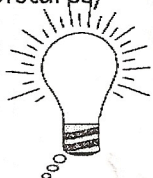
Lauren LaJeunesse got a perfect score of 100% on her Social Studies Test last month. "Go Lauren, go Lauren, go-go-go Lauren!!

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Upcoming Events

April 11	Easter Egg Hunt
May 9	Spring Clean-Up
May 16	Spring Clean-Up (Rain Date)
July 17 - 18	Annual Garage Sale
July 17 - 19	P. G. A. Tournament

THE NEXT FLCA BOARD MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL
14. IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT
8:00 P.M.