

Forest Lake

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At Last!

Spring has finally arrived. Warmer weather brings out the hibernating Forest Lakers, in couples or singly, with their families, or just a dog or two, on bicycles, with strollers and wagons, or jogging by. People waving or stopping to chat and catch up on each others lives. This time of year I have to stop and remember our reasons for moving here. Though my husband now has to drive a greater distance to get to work, and our families are further away, it is worth it to live in a community where gangs do not run rampant, and neighbors seem to generally care for each other. We can swim and fish, go out on our boat, cook hot-dogs and marsh-

What's New...

*Ameritech Representative Peter DeYoung was at last month's Board meeting, and spoke about the upcoming Ameritech Senior Golf Tournament which is scheduled for July 13th thru the 19th. He addressed questions and concerns some members had about last years traffic problems, and he informed us of an agreement with the Lake County sheriff's office to provide heightened security along Highland Ave from Monday until Sunday which is when they will be using the lot. He will be at the next two meetings, so if you have any questions please plan on attending.

*Vicky O'Donnell has bravely volunteered to be the new Playground Equipment Committee. She has been a resident of this community for at least six years and has four children, which in this writer's eyes makes her very qualified for this job. Those of you with ideas, resources, ideas about resources, and would like to get involved in some brainstorming about Park improvement, please contact Vicky at 550-1619.

*New Buoys will be installed sometime soon at South Beach and Central Beach. Now we can put those milk bottles where they belong-in the recycling bin!!

Spring-time Decibels

Spring has Sprung. Among other things such as the little Buds on the trees (and the tiny pizzas and teeny chips to go with), windows will be open. Please be respectful of others when it comes to power tools and stereos. Construction projects before 8:00 a.m. on weekdays or before 9:00 a.m. on weekends are bad form. And a car's stereo blasting away at 100-plus decibels not only causes permanent hearing damage to those in the car (anything over 65 decibels does that), but is down-right rude to the rest of us. Besides, some of you should be embarrassed to let others know your taste in music. Occasional parties are a normal part of the life of social creatures such as humans so some excessive noise is expected now and again, but please be considerate of others. You're not alone on this planet.

The below ranting is only the "Cerebral Ruminations Attributable to Pat" 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 any FLCA member wishes to address this issue's subject(s), feel free to respond in writing. No unsigned correspondence or letter's from non-FLCA members are read, so save your postage. This applies to anything else anyone would care to share with the community at large. Requests for anonymity will be honored. Letters made from cut up magazines are a trifle unsettling.

The Smoking Lamp is Lit

In the immortal words of Gomer Pyle: Surprise, surprise, surprise. Only our wonderful democratic process could muck up an agreement previously reached by forty (40) of these United States and the tobacco industry. That's eighty (80) percent. Considering the populations of those states that agreement may represent ninety (90) percent of the people. Yet, once the Beltway Vacuum got wind of the money involved, they not only rendered the agreement unacceptable, they had already spent the money! You have to love it. What the tobacco companies really want is protection from future liability. Collectively they spend some six hundred million dollars (\$600,000,000) annually on legal fees. The way this writer (term used loosely) sees it, anyone who took up smoking in the last five (5) to ten (10) years is too mindless to be allowed to make decisions anyway and should therefore be barred from litigating on the grounds of obvious mental impairment. Kindergartners know that stuff is bad for you. Therefore, why not give the tobacco companies protection from anyone simple enough to have started smoking since 1990? And boost the price of a pack of cigarettes by \$1.20 per pack immediately rather than over a five (5) year period (young smokers to-be might think twice - or beg Daddy for a larger allowance - with a hefty jump in price). On the other hand if too many people avoid, die from, or give up the habit how will Washington ever balance the budget?

Hell's Bells

Well, Bell's Apple Orchard is apparently on its way to history. Seems the insurance company which invested in the orchard went into bankruptcy and another investor (surprise! a developer!) bought the land from the court. Can anybody guess what's going to happen to those trees? Can you say retail/residential? Question: When the last two developers are sitting around the world's last tree, sucking its oxygen and shooing their own grandchildren away the planet's final source of air, will they toss a coin or do paper/rock/scissors to decide which of them gets to bulldoze that last plant?

"Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you got till it's gone? They paved paradise and put up a parking lot." - Joni Mitchell, Big Yellow Taxi

SUCH A MEAL!!



Meals on Wheels needs volunteer drivers for this area (Ela/Lake Zurich and Wauconda/ Island Lake. The people getting the meals are VERY nice and VERY appreciative. If you can donate a little time (any legal driver may participate) please call Rusty Miller at 438-0303.

The RMS Titanic went down on April 15 (1912), income tax day in the United States. Coincidence or clever, last-minute deduction? You be the judge. (Hey, at least we got to capitalize on the tragedy, too!)

Spring Cleanup

Just another gentle reminder: Spring Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 9 (rain date: May 16). Please call Laura (A Woman's Work Is Never Done) Tegtmeier or at 438-3688 or Greg (Top) Hatz at 540-9427 to volunteer, or just show up at South Beach at 8:30 am (yes, AM) to volunteer. Boats without 1998 stickers affixed which are found during the cleanup will be removed and sold to FLCA members. Boats with 1998 stickers but attached to trees, bushes, fences, etc. and not the prescribed cables; will be removed and stored (at the owners' risk). If the beach where your boat is stored does not yet have a cable or sufficient cable, don't worry - be happy! **There will be adequate cables in place by April 25.** If we've been unable to get all the cables installed by that time, we'll reschedule the cut them loose day in order to afford everyone a minimum of two (2) weeks notice.

Mind Your Mutt

So, you've bought your dream house and decided a dog would be a perfect pet. There is no denying the value of a pet for humans - whether for pleasure or fine dining. There is, as with all things, a downside to pet-ownership. With the privilege to own a pet comes (an even greater) responsibility. There are many responsible pet owners. They can be seen walking/jogging/skating with their dog(s) while toting the ubiquitous scooper and/or baggie (hopefully with the fold-lock-top: but that's another story and not for a family-oriented newsletter).

Then there are others who apparently feel their responsibility ends with a rabies shot. Those owners should understand that dogs are NOT allowed at the parks and/or beaches (with the exception of Luttrell Park, by the Forest Lake Tavern). The reasons for this should be obvious: Though you may feel your dog is the nicest canine ever to use three or more legs, bear in mind Jeffrey Dahmer's Mom thought the same of him (same number of legs, too). Even if your dog was cloned from Lassie, Rin Tin Tin, and Mother Theresa it doesn't matter. If ONE owner is allowed to let their dog roam the parks, then ALL owners have the same right. It takes just ONE ill-trained, high-strung, or in-bred dog or tail-pulling or crying baby to lead to catastrophe. Then we ALL get sued. Oddly enough, those who would let their dogs gallivant in the parks also seem to be those less likely to clean up after their charges. It's uniquely American to assume all manner of Rights and Privileges, yet proceed in utter denial of the attendant Responsibilities.

By County ordinance, ALL dog owners are required to scoop the poop. Common sense dictates no dog should be allowed to do its business anywhere but the owner's property, anyway. It's your dog after all. It's also County law that NO dog be off leash when not at home. Please note: in Forest Lake all dogs caught leaving a mess on the streets/easements or in the parks/beaches or found unleashed will become a new chapter in the next FLCA cookbook. All owners will be summarily executed.

YOU assumed the freedom of pet ownership, NOW accept the responsibility.

Welcome

Welcome to the Neighborhood Megan
and Gavin Jones.

Easter EGGSTRAVAGANZA

This year's Easter Egg Hunt was a tremendous success , thanks to special people like Melissa Michaels, Dominic Tufano, and their kids, who helped Laura (Peter Cottontail-Herself) Tetgemier to set up, and then clean up after the short but oh-so-sweet festivities. The event began promptly at 9:00 am, and the eggs were all picked up by 9:04, the 3 and under group taking the longest. I believe we set a record for attendance, with at least 81 children participating. Thank you to all who came, and lent a hand. If anyone is interested in helping out with future events, please do not hesitate to call Laura at 438-3688. She is always looking for motivated people to get involved.

Dedication

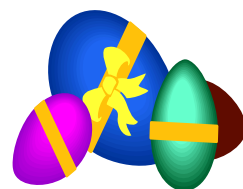
After a year of hard work, the 76,000 square foot auditorium and multipurpose building of the Quentin Road Bible Baptist Church has been completed. On Sunday, May 3rd, the Church will be holding it's New building Dedication Ceremony from 2:00pm until 4:00pm There will be special performances by the 200 voice choir of the Quentin Road Baptist Church, the kindergarten Choir of the

Quentin Road Baptist School, and the Old Lighthouse Redemption Choir from the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago. Refreshments and guided tours will be given after the service. The church is located at 60 Quentin Road, just South of Old McHenry Road. For more information, you may call the church at 438-4494

GARAGE SALE

This years Community Garage Sale date has been changed because of the conflicting date with the Ameritech Senior Open. The new date will be July 24th thru the 25th. Any questions, please call Jane Edgington at 438-3543

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Papers Please!

Anyone traveling North this season should be aware that Wisconsin, in an attempt to keep F.I.B.s (Farging Illinois Bastages) - the single biggest source of the state's revenue- from entering, has closed its borders this year. The following projects involving lane closures either under way or about to begin are: I94 from the Illinois line to the Kenosha/Racine county border, I90 from the Illinois border to Madison, and Route 12 from the Illinois border. And just in case you thought you could take Highway 45 North to go camping this year and then head West, be aware that in the infinite wisdom of Cheese Headedness, they're also closing lanes on I94 between Milwaukee and Waukesha. All these lane closures at the same time can only be labeled anti-Illinois and a Republican conspiracy.

Yes, It Does Grow On

Yard waste that is. If you're not into burning or have an over-abundance of wet, soggy, mulching yuck from last year because of the El Nino Effect there is an environmentally friendly solution. The long, brown Yard Bags can be bought at the local hardware and grocery stores and will hold quite a few leaves, sticks and body parts. You'll need to call Lake Zurich Disposal (438-6763) for special stickers to affix to these bags. They cost \$1.00 each and can be mailed to you and will appear on your next bill. The special pick-ups for yard waste are every Friday (unless there was a holiday during the week in which case the pick-up is Saturday - this is also true of garbage), from April through November.