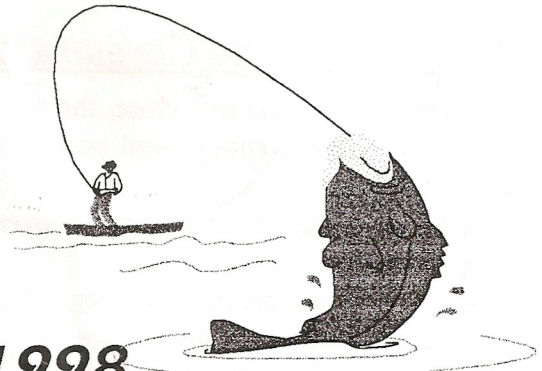


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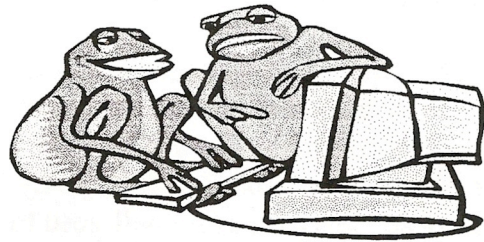
Hello again! I know it seems like everybody just received their newsletter (you did), and it feels like I just published it, (I did), but there were several things that were brought up at the last board meeting that need to be announced. 1999 Dues notices are going to be sent out soon, this year was a banner one for dues paid, about 75%, let's hope that 1999 will be even better. Remember, if you do not pay your dues, you are not an FLCA Member, and have no rights to use the beaches or parks. Our Association's Insurance only covers members of the Association, and non-members are on their own if some attorney spills hot coffee on themselves while walking on the beach, then falls in the lake and drowns. At the meeting, the board brought up a motion which was passed, for a \$5 increase in the dues, (which is less than 7% and extremely worth it if you take a look around where you live) and that will be voted on at the annual meeting in December.

We also discussed making this Winter's Cabin Fever Party into a Winter Carnival to be held at the same time as the Ice Fishing Derby (pray for ice this year, fisherpeople) Any and all ideas for making this year's event a fun one would be greatly appreciated, just show up at one of our most illuminating board meetings (second Tuesday of every month-8pm).

We are still collecting bids for the renovation of the Community Center, contact Mark Thorne (540-9078) if you know of anyone interested in this, we are hoping to have completion this spring. Meanwhile, as in past years Steve (Heads up) Norman will climb on up to the roof to retar and it will hopefully make it through another winter with minimal leaks.

Here is hoping everyone had a safe and enjoyable Labor Day, enjoy the rest of the summer!

HELP WANTED..



The FLCA is looking for interested parties to take over the jobs of computerizing, printing up, and sending out the 1999 Dues invoices. This would include installing Quickbooks Pro (to be paid for by the Committee) and the Association member's database on your computer, among other duties. The program requires windows 95 and 16 MB of RAM and a Pentium or better processor. Interested parties should contact Pat Lynn at 540-0859 for the specifics of the work involved.

Chris Rull

Letter from the Chairman...

As the summer draws to a close, the thoughts of your FLCA Board must turn to the topic of budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. No it's not quite as exciting as it sounds, but onward we go.

Once a year or so, we try to provide everyone with a general breakdown of how their monies are spent so.....

First, our potential annual revenues could be (if everyone pays) \$40,575.00 plus any additional donations dedicated to parks, Lake Etc. Unfortunately, only about 75% of you ante up each year and we can only budget about \$32,000.00.

Of monies collected, here is a breakdown of the "Top 10" expenditures:

<u>TASK</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>OF YOUR \$85.00</u>
Maintenance and Repairs Of Community Property i.e. Mowing, Snow Removal, Improvements etc.	40.6%	\$34.04
Liability Insurance For Association Members	26.0%	\$22.10
Utilities (Gas, Electric, Phone)	9.3%	\$7.91
Reserve Funds For Future Improvements	7.0%	\$5.95
Activities/Kids Parties	5.1%	\$4.34
Postage	4.0%	\$3.40
Printing Expense	2.5%	\$2.13
Vehicle/Boat Stickers	2.3%	\$1.96
Legal Counsel/Tax Preparation	1.6%	\$1.36
Office Supplies Etc.	0.8%	\$.68

Of course, more exact numbers are contained within the body of our budget and are available upon request and accompanied with a self addressed, stamped envelope sent to F.L.C.A. P.O. Box 314, Lake Zurich, IL 60047.

Looks like a pretty good deal for a paltry \$85.00 per year. Unfortunately, because some don't feel the urge to pay we again will need to provide for a slight increase to the 1999 dues of \$5.00 per year as costs continue to rise. Any dues increase represents a change to our by-laws and therefor must be ratified by association membership vote at our annual meeting in December.

See you there?

Steve

P.E.P. TALK

Greetings....Despite the low turn out we had at Tuesday night's meeting, it was a very informative evening. Topics of discussion included the following.....

The Craft Fair/Bake Sale we are having on November 7th and 8th

Sat. and Sun. from 9-5 .This event has the potential to raise quite a few \$\$\$\$\$ so

please show your support to the Community and think about volunteering a couple of hours either day to help. We are looking for at least 20 kindred spirits to lend a hand (Yes, this includes you Mark McGuire and Sammy Sosa fans also...hint hint!!)

We spoke about the concerns (once again) of the costs of updating the Community Center Park. Please understand, the Community Park area is all of ours. We should want it to look the best it can and be as safe as possible. The reason the estimated budget is so high is because the square footage at this area well exceeds all the other beach parks. Take a look one day at the Park next to Ela Township (the white building on Rte 22 with the white fence. That park cost the Village \$27,000.00 installed. Just think about it. We are looking at a play area three times that size for \$37,000.00 and that also includes a sand box, park benches, picnic tables and litter receptacles, all installed with very little labor from the

residents and virtually no maintenance. Sounds pretty good . What we need are more people involved to make this whole project happen SUCCESSFULLY. A member did bring to the meeting some brochures showing some redwood park equipment that some residents who live near South Beach were interested in. The option of wooden equipment was also discussed and investigated several months ago. There are Pros and Cons with this type of equipment. It is cosmetically practical, and less expensive, however it requires heavy maintenance, encourages vandalism (has anyone looked at the wooden park benches down at the beaches lately?) and has safety concerns. The equipment from Miracle has the highest safety rating, it is accepted by the ADA, and has a 99 year guarantee .We have done our homework on all types of new park equipment, different companies have come out and measured all of the different park areas to see what could be fit in, we have also discussed the possibilities of keeping some old, and adding some new. It was voted on at the July Board meeting, that all of the Parks should be worked on equitably. However, it is virtually impossible to know just what it is that the residents are saying or have ideas to share, but won't come forth and present their own opinions.

Time for some good news. We now have a total of \$2 145.00 in the P.E.P.

Squad fund. Money that was brought in from last month's Boat Auction was voted on and decided that it should be dedicated to the P.E.P fund. Thank you F.L.C.A. Board for your support.

Thanks to Sara and Patty for being very instrumental in Tuesdays

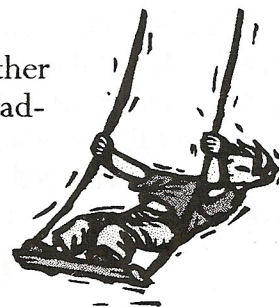
discussion. We appreciate the time you gave us. Hope to see you again next month (and please bring some neighbors!)

Please join us next month October 13 @ 7:00 p.m. for yet another fun filled night with the P.E.P. Squad. And also, please keep reading the newsletter. Any ?????'s feel free to call me @ 550-1619

sincerely,

Vicky O'Donnell and Jodi DeGeorge

P.E.P SQUAD

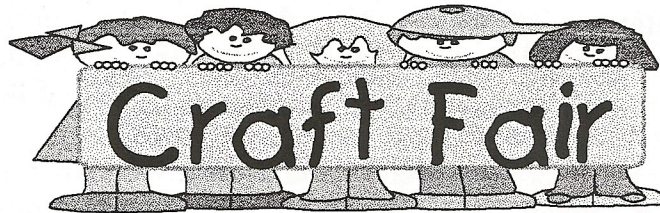


HALLOWEEN PARADE



Laura Tetgmeier has been working on making this year's Halloween Parade (set for Sunday, October 25th at 3pm. starting at South Beach and finishing up at the Community Center) just as successful as the previous years, but it is a hard job to undertake all by oneself. She has contacted the Lake Zurich Fire Department to ask if they will perhaps lead the parade with one of their engines, we have discussed a Costume Contest (Impartial Judges Needed!) and the date for decorating the Community Center is set for the evening of Friday the 23rd of

October. We also are in need of goodies, either baked or storebought. If you are interested in volunteering any of your time for any of the above, please give Laura (Boo-Hoo) a call at 438-3688.



Spaces are filling up fast for our upcoming Craft Fair/Bake Sale to be held November 7th and 8th at our Community Center. Participation is not restricted to Forest Lake residents, so if you know of anyone artsy in the area who is looking to make some extra Christmas money, have them contact myself (Jodi DeGeorge) at 726-8815 or Vicky O'Donnell at 550-1619 for a complete list of information. Deadline for reserving your 8'x5' space is October 13th. Raffles will be held throughout the day for donated craft items from our vendors, and there will be a snack bar available. Several people have called to volunteer their time to bake and help sell at the Bake Sale, and we can always use more help. Kids are most welcome to volunteer their time also. We have set an admission price of \$1.50 for adults, 12 and under free. All of the proceeds from the food sales, admission, and raffles will be put towards the Park equipment fund. Please mark your calendars for this pleasurable fundraising event. Hope to see you there!



So far, this fishing season has been a very good one, thanks to the stocking program, there have been record catches (for this lake anyway) of Bass, Northern and Crappie. On Saturday, I watched as two residents on the Middle East end of the Lake, caught a crappie on every cast, for a total of around 45 each in an hours time! They pledge their faith on Fuzzy Grubs, with a bit of Power Bait attached. One lucky strike brought in an eight pound Largemouth. I also spoke with some other fisher people in a boat who were using spinner bait to reel in as many as 11 Northern of assorted sizes during the day. The fish seem to prefer the artificial bait to real, though this editor did catch an 11 pound cat on her son's whale pole using a piece of Kraft American cheese. Go figure! _

Happy Fishing!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 13th, 7pm P.E.P Squad Meeting

Oct. 13th, 8pm F.L.C.A. Board Meeting

Oct. 23rd (evening) Halloween Decorating at the Community Center

Oct. 25th 3pm. Halloween Parade