Newsletter



Gone, But Not Forgotten!

For better or worse, this newsletter is back! You'll learn to like it. Or not.

Apologies for the lengthy hiatus and shortness of this issue, but time is precious everywhere and volunteers even more dear. If anyone would care to assume the responsibility for producing this quarterly, please call Steve Norman at 540-8857.

It's that time again!

The 2001 annual dues are a paltry \$100.00 (\$95.00 if paid by 12/31/

2000) and include a personalized beach pass and one car sticker. The sticker permits the member to park in Association lots without being towed and the pass entitles the bearer to use the lake, beaches, and parks and is required for renting the Community Center and participation in Association events such as the Halloween Parade, Breakfast with Santa and the Easter Egg Hunt. An additional benefit is liability insurance coverage in the event of a lake-related catastrophe (unpaid homeowners may be individually held liable).

These dues are used to maintain the lake, parks and other common property and to fund community events such as the fishing derbies and those listed above. Also, due to the recent influx of surrounding new homes and their potential interlopers, the Board has budgeted money for sporadic patrols by a professional security firm to enforce these rules. Sun bathers (no Speedos, please), etc., without beach passes will be evicted. Or, for a second offense, summarily executed. Boats found on Association property without a 2001 sticker will be removed and locked up. The fee for retrieving unstickered boats is \$25.00 and may take days to accomplish.

Additional car stickers are \$1.00 each, boat stickers are \$5.00 each and boat launch keys are \$1.00 each.

Included with the dues notices is a survey. Please fill it out and return it with the dues payment. Returning the survey without a payment is a wasted stamp as it will not be read.

If you CANNOT pay your dues or have questions call Pat Lynn at 438-0859.

Water, Water Everywhere...

...and nowhere to park a boat. As the South Beach is the most popular beach and room is at a premium, there will again only be twenty-five (25) boats allowed. There will, therefore, again be a lottery immediately before the January Meeting (01/10/2001). Be there in person or by proxy and have your dues paid in order to participate. Any boat

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parked at the South Beach which was not one of the lucky 25 will be towed and locked up and it will cost \$25.00 to retrieve. When returning your dues payment, indicate your desire to participate in the lottery on the invoice (**BOTH** copies of which are to be returned - whether or not you're participating). You'll receive your car sticker(s), beach pass, and be entered into the drawing. All participants will receive their boat stickers at the conclusion of the lottery. For the sake of fairness, only one South Beach pass will be permitted per household.

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O'Donnell and her roughriding PEP Squad, Forest Lake is now the proud recipient of new playground equipment courtesy of our own elected officials.

Vicki enrolled Forest Lake's County Board Member: Pam O. Newton (whose great, great, great, grandfather, Sir Isaac O. Newton, invented gravity) in her quest. Pam, in turn, enlisted the aid of State Representative Mark Boubiean (please excuse the spelling) and Ela Township Supervisor Bob Greever, who expedited the equipment's installation.

While everyone else was busy handing tax money to gambling and liquor distributorship interest(s), Mark worked an item into the budget for Forest Lake's playground equipment.

A hearty thanks to Vicki, Pam, Bob and Mark!

Annual Meeting

Immediately following the December 14, 2000 meeting, the Association will hold the 2000 annual meeting at which many exciting events will occur:

- Nomination/Election of (new) Board Members.
- Votes on any motioned changes to the FLCA by-laws.
- Voting on proposed 2001 dues increase to \$100.00 per year.

If you would like a voice in your community AND are a currently paid Association member, please attend this important meeting.

Chow Time!



Once again, during his busiest season, the Board has come through and scored face time from the jolly one himself: Santa Claus. The Annual Breakfast With Santa will take place on Saturday, December 9, at 9:00 a.m. At the Community Center. The cost is \$3.00 per child and is open to all dues-paid members, ONLY. Volunteer help is GREATLY appreciated. Please call Laura (Jingle All The Way, Hey!) Tegtmeier at 438-3688 if you can help in any way.

Rocks in the Yard

Anyone with decorative (or protective) rocks, pungee sticks, concertina wire, etc., on the edges of their property is asked to move them inward, away from the street, for the Winter season. Should a snow plow be damaged, or something worse happen, from hitting a snow-covered boulder, the homeowner is distinctly, wholly, and uniquely liable.