



Forest Lake Community Association

Quarterly Newsletter

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Security Concerns/Porta Potty Problems

Remember that survey that was included in the 2002 FLCA dues notice? The number one request of the residents was to have "porta potties" put at the parks and beaches. In April, the Board responded to this request by having a "porta potty" installed at the Community Center park on a trial basis. The response was so positive that "porta potties" were soon added to the remaining parks and beaches and were intended to remain there through the early Fall.

However, this story is not all that happy! What started out as a good faith effort to respond to the wishes of the residents, has turned into somewhat of a controversy due to the horrible behavior of some miscreants and various other concerns of some residents.

Included in this newsletter is a very short questionnaire concerning the future of the "porta potties" at the parks. Please take 2 minutes to **complete the questionnaire and mail it back to the Community Association by July 19th**. If you don't want to go the paper route, you can also send your response via email to : chairperson@flcaonline.org. *This is not Chicago, so please only one vote per household.*

If you witness any criminal or suspicious activity at our parks or beaches, call the **Lake County Sheriff at the non-emergency # (847) 549-5200**. The FLCA is attempting to establish a dialogue with the Lake County Sheriff to get recommendations on dealing with some of the vandalism and other problems that we've recently experienced.

NEED A BABYSITTER?

The following teens have asked to advertise their babysitting services in the FLCA Newsletter.

Meagan Biondi - 438-7511

I'm 14 years old and have completed a babysitting course. I'm also CPR certified and have over 3 years of babysitting experience.

Katie Muller - 438-4148 or GirlyPearl2000@aol.com

Are you looking for a reliable, mature, responsible, loving babysitter? Good, you've found one! My name is Katie Muller and I'm 14 years old. I've completed the Lake Zurich Fire/Police Depts. 8 week course and also Child and Adult CPR. I love being around children and especially love infants (don't worry - I can change diapers!). I'm available on weekends and also during the week until about 10p.m.

Jessica Borre - 438-3138

I'm 11 years old and have completed the Good Shepherd babysitting course. I'm a responsible person and love kids!

Katie and Kelly Schinler - 540-5818

Katie is 15 and sister Kelly is 13. They're both registered heart savers by the Red Cross and have about 4 years child care and 3 years infant care experience.

If any other neighborhood teens would like to have their names included in the babysitter's list, please contact Amy Crary at (847) 726-0714 or email information to tacrary@aol.com.

FLCA BASICS

Did you know that the FLCA maintains the parks, the Community Center, the lake, the parking lots and organizes various events throughout the year?

The Association is composed of volunteers who give of their time and talents to keep Forest Lake livable. To that end, the Association's Board has never hesitated to call upon the various denizens of the community when deemed necessary.

As there are approximately 650 homes in the community and no taxing body to finance it's upkeep; there is a small, annual fee assessed to each home. Only through this assessment and the efforts of the residents, can Forest Lake be kept alive.

For the calendar year 2002, the dues are only \$105.00 which includes a beach pass and one car sticker. Additional car stickers are \$1.00 each, boat stickers are \$5.00 each (boats tied up at the beaches without stickers are removed) and a boat launch key is \$1.00. A mere pittance and a terrific return on investment.

SPRING CLEAN UP



Many thanks to those of you who came out for the annual Spring Clean-Up! As promised, all boats that were improperly stored (i.e. those without a 2002 sticker, numbered 01-25) at Steinken Beach were removed to Luttrell Park. All boats without a 2002 sticker were removed from Luttrell Park. All these boats are sitting up close to the parking lot for a short time until they are collected by Waste Management. If you think your boat may be in this pile, make sure that you come to the July board meeting and bring \$50.00 to claim it. All these abandoned boats will be disposed of by August 15, 2002.

New Park Equipment



By now you've surely noticed the great new picnic benches at all the parks. Also added this year are new basketball hoops at the Community Center park. Hats off to Vicki O'Donnell, Pat De George and their trusty helpers for acquiring and assembling this great new park equipment! Thanks also to residents Mike Mc Murray and Bob Kiernan of King's Towing for hauling this new stuff to the parks for us, and for digging the holes for the basketball hoops!

Luttrell Park

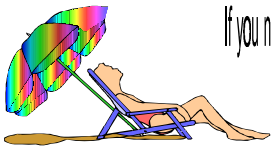


If you've been by Luttrell Park within the past few weeks you'll notice that it's really shaping up! FLCA member Rob Albright volunteered to spearhead the renovations at Luttrell to make it more attractive, safe and usable by both fisherman and swimmers. Many thanks to Rob for taking on this cause and helping the community!

Remember, **Luttrell is the only beach from which you can fish.** There should be absolutely no fishing done from any of the other beaches (including the dock at West Beach). Luttrell is also the only beach that welcomes dogs (please always make sure that you clean up after your furry friends!). **Dogs are not allowed on any of the other beaches.** This is not a Forest Lake rule, but a Health Department rule. Please be considerate of others and follow these few, simple rules!

IL DNR News

Gardeners are reminded that the purchase, sale or planting of Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*), and purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) or any varieties of these plants is prohibited in Illinois. These plant species are highly invasive and cause harm to Illinois ecosystems by crowding out native plant species. Though these plants may sometimes be found for sale in Illinois nurseries, they should not be purchased or planted in your home landscape. You may find varieties of other types of purple loosestrife (*Lythrum virgatum*) at your local nursery and they are legal.



If you need a place to let your dog run, check out the new dog area at the Lakewood Forest Preserve in Wauconda.

Beach Etiquette

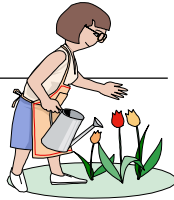
While you're concentrating on being safe at the beaches, don't forget to keep the beaches clean. There are trash containers at each park, and it does not take much effort to walk over to the barrel and throw your trash away. Your mother doesn't work here!

Remember to bring your beach pass with

you when ever you are enjoying one of our beaches. Our random security patrol may ask you to show your pass, and you certainly don't want to have to go back home to get it! Please don't give these guys a hard time - they're just doing what we've contracted them to do.

Any dues-paying member is in their right to question anyone at the beach who is not familiar to them. If you run into a problem

with people using the beach who are not members, the best course of action is to politely inform them that the beaches are private property open to Forest Lake Community Association members only (like the signs say), and request that they leave. If they refuse to leave they are considered to be trespassing, and contacting the Lake County Sheriff (using the non-emergency number 847-549-5200) is your only recourse.



Please help us care for the plantings at the neighborhood entrances and parks by providing them with water whenever possible. This is especially important during this time of hot weather and little rain.

LADIES GAME NIGHT HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST. MAYBE WE'LL TRY AGAIN IN THE FALL??

Community Center Rentals

The rental fee is \$185.00 and there is a refundable \$200.00 deposit. Prospective renters must appear at an Association Board meeting at least a month prior to the event and

payment (both rental and deposit) are due one (1) month prior to the rental. Contact Tom Phillipsen at (847) 540-8928 for more info, or check out the FLCA web site (FLCAonline.org) For your convenience, dates that have already been reserved are now posted on the web site.

Bi-Weekly Garbage.

Waste Management *IS* picking up garbage on Tuesdays thru Labor Day (**no** recyclables). Should anyone *want* yard waste pick up, call 800.964.8988.

The cost is \$60.65 for the season, which runs from 04/01/2002 thru 11/30/2002.

This entitles the customer to any combination of two containers (bags or 32 gallon cans) per pick up. Additional yard waste requires stickers costing \$1.85 each.

(It is illegal to haul yard waste to landfills in Illinois.)

Budget and Dues Payment



A record 75% of Forest Lake residents have paid their dues this year! The Association accounts have more money now than we've had since before the lake was dredged eight years ago.

Kudos go out to Treasurer, Steve Bennett for doing such a great job managing the Association finances!

If you want to see exactly how your dues are spent, check out the 2002 budget at www.flcaonline.org. If you're new to Forest Lake and would like information on the community association, please contact Steve Norman or Pat Lynn.

Lake News



Fisherman - please help maintain a healthy fish population in the lake by catching and then releasing all fish except carp and pan fish (blue gills, crappies..).

In an effort to further reduce the carp population in the lake, we will try netting some time later this summer. The Board has given approval for the use of one or 2 gas powered boats for this project. So, if you see a couple of guys tooling around in boats with nets, you'll know what they're up to.

A fishing derby to help decrease the carp population is in the works. A date for the Carp-O-Thon will be announced soon. This

will be a great opportunity for us to help clear up the water in the lake. The problem with the carp is that they like to stir up the mud in the bottom of the lake and disturb any weeds or other aquatic plants before they have a chance to get growing. Consequently, the plants can't get enough sunlight to grow and we end up with a muddy lake full of carp.

The goal of the Carp-O-Thon is to get rid of as many of these little (some of them aren't so little) buggers that we can, get more dues-paying residents interested in the lake, and most importantly, to have some fun!

Keep checking the Forest Lake web page and look for signs at the entrances for more details.

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Upcoming Events

Community Center Maint.
July Board Meeting 7:30pm
August Board Meeting 7:30pm
September Board Meeting 7:30pm
October Board Meeting 7:30pm
October 27 Fallowen Parade 3:00pm
November 12 LCA Board Meeting 7:30pm
November 19 LCA Board Meeting 7:30pm
December 6 Breakfast With Santa
* = Date not 100% firm
Check the web site (www.FLCAOnline.org) or look for signs closer to the event's date(s).

Board Members:

Steve Isenhardt,
Marta Dvorak, Chair, Environmental
Major Secretary
Laura Tegoni, Government Liaison
Patricia Wirth, Partnership, Web Site,
Dave Johnson, Committee Chair
Jodi DeGroot, Member at Large
7205 Santa
Pat DeGroot, Chair
Vicki O'Leary, Insurance
Tom Phillips, Community Center Rentals

All Association meetings take place in the Community Center at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.
More information and a full color version of all F.L.C.A. documents can be found on the Association's website at: www.FLCAOnline.org