

Double-Crested Cormorants:

This summer Forest Lake was visited daily by as many as 5 double-crested cormorants. These birds are expert divers and can swim under water from 8 to 20 feet and they can stay under water for as long as 30 seconds. The Great Lakes population of double-crested cormorants was devastated during the 1960s, primarily by the effects of DDT. In the early 1970s the species was placed on the list of threatened and endangered wildlife. In 1972, the double-crested cormorant was added to the list of species protected by the 1918 Migratory Bird Treaty. Today, the Great Lakes population of double-crested cormorants is at historic highs. Cormorants feed on many fish species with the adult birds eating about one pound of fish per day. There is no evidence that colonies of cormorants reduce local fish populations of catchable-size panfish or sportfish. (US Fish & Wildlife Service).

Pathways:

When Forest Lake was platted in 1935; pathways leading to the lake and other parts of our community were established between certain streets. FLCA is in the process of having these surveyed and maintained. Regular maintenance will assure that these pathways are open for all members of FLCA. For the location of the pathways, visit flcaonline.org and look at the map. We are also surveying and making pathways on the roadways that have never been developed along some of the outside boundaries of our community. A plat of these footpaths is found on our website: flcaonline.org. If you have any questions, please attend the next board meeting.

Our Community Center:

Our recently remodeled Community Center is located at the intersection of East and South Roads in the southeast corner of Forest Lake and is available for rental to all paid Association members.

The rental fee is \$185.00 with refundable \$250.00 deposit. Prospective renters must appear at an Association Board meeting at least a month prior to the event and payment (both rental and deposit) is due one (1) month prior to the rental. The deposit check is not cashed, but held until after the event.

Rental includes use of the building, the parking lot, basketball court, park, and baseball diamond for the day. The building has two (2) bathrooms (one of which is fitted for the handicapped), a full wet bar and a full kitchen with appliances. There are no pots, pans, silverware, utensils, etc. Folding tables (which seat eight) and chairs are also included.

To take a pictorial tour of the facilities, please visit our website: www.flcaonline.org. For reservations, contact Tom Philippsen at 540-8928.
