

# Forest Lake Newsletter

Forest Lake Community Association P.O. Box 314 Lake Zurich, Illinois 60047 www.flcaonline.org

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## 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. We are also surveying and making pathways on the roadways along some of the outside boundaries of our community. A plat of these footpaths is found on our website: www.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 is available for rental to all paid Association members.

The rental fee is \$185.00 with a refundable \$250.00 deposit. If you would like to rent the Community Center, please attend an Association Board meeting at least a month prior to the event. 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 handicap accessible), a full wet bar and a full kitchen with appliances. There are no pots, pans, silverware, utensils, etc. Ten folding tables (which seat eight each) and chairs catchable-size panfish or sportfish. (US Fish & Wildlife Service). are also included. To take a pictorial tour of the facilities, please visit our website: <u>www.flcaonline.org</u>. For reservations, contact Tom Philippsen at 540-8928.

Note: Additional improvements to the outside areas are slated for this summer.

Note 2: The dumpster at the Community Center is not for your convenience. It is placed there for the use of members who are renting the Community Center for a private function.

## Easter Egg Hunt

We want to thank Patty Kearnen, Sharon Redina and Laura Tegtmeier for organizing an outstanding Easter Egg Hunt. We are looking forward to next year's hunt. If you have little ones or enjoy watching the hunt, plan on attending a few weeks before Easter.

### **Double-Crested Cormorants**

These birds are expert divers and can swim under water from 8 to 20 feet and 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

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## Slow Down!

Maximum size boats and motors allowed on Forest Lake will be discussed at the December meeting for a possible change in the bylaws limiting them. There is no "Need for Speed" on Forest Lake. Wakes are not allowed on the lake and speed is a danger for swimmers and the shoreline. If you have such a boat or are contemplating buying one, please control the speed of your watercraft. There is no hurry to get around the lake. Just because a boat will go fast doesn't mean it has to go fast.

#### Meetings:

The FLCA Board meetings are held at 7:30 on the second Tuesday of each month in the Community Center. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

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#### Garage Shopping:

It has not happened in Forest Lake, that we know of, but we recommend keeping your garage door closed. People have been known to enter garages and "Shop" for their needs and take items home. This is not to be confused with a garage sale.

#### **Board Members:**

Chair: Steve Norman540-8857Vice-chair (dues): Mark Thorne540-9078Treasurer: Maija Boriss438-3114Parks Committee: Pat DeGeorge726-8815Newsletter: Pat Lynn438-0859Community Center Rentals: Tom Philippsen 540-8928

#### **Boat Stickers**

Boat stickers must be displayed on all boats used on our lake or stored at the beaches. Boats without current stickers affixed by June 1 will be considered abandoned and removed from our property. There is a limit of 3 boats per household. Storage of boat trailers is not permitted at any of our parks.

#### Dues

We are sometimes asked what dues are used for. They go to cover a variety of expenses, such as maintaining our parks and beaches (mowing, mulch, tree trimming) and Community Center (cleaning, utilities). They also go for major projects such as fish stocking and lake dredging. A major expense has always been property and liability insurance to comer our common areas. The board is very careful in spending the monies that are received – always obtaining several quotes and negotiating the best prices. If you would like more detailed information, our budget can be found on www.flcaonline.org.

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