



Forest Lake Newsletter

Forest Lake Community Association

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Lake Report

Every 3-5 years a study is conducted by the Lake County Health Dept. to assess the quality of our lake. The most recent study, just released, shows the quality to be good but not excellent. There is little change from the last study, conducted in 2005. Our phosphorus levels are high, resulting in excess alga growth (the green water that suddenly appears on hot, still summer days) as well as undesirable aquatic weed growth.

Everyone can do their part to improve this by not using phosphorus fertilizers on their lawn. Once a lawn is established, no phosphorus is necessary to maintain it. There are many non-phosphorus fertilizers on the market. Please read the label when buying. This applies to all properties, not just those on the lake, as we are all part of the watershed. One might think, "I'm just one person-it's not going to make a difference. I want the best lawn on the block." In reality, every pound of fertilizer applied to a lawn which results in runoff into the lake results in 500 pounds (yes, 500 pounds) of plant growth. Please do your part to keep our lake healthy.



1966 Forest Lake Days

Community Center Rental

Reminder: Our Community Center is located in the southeast corner of Forest Lake and is available to rent by our members. The rental fee is \$185 and there is a refundable \$250 deposit. Prospective renters must appear at an FLCA board meeting at least a month before the event and payment (both

rental and deposit) is due one month prior to the rental. Check out the pictures on our website. Call Tom Philippsen for open dates. Now is the time to start thinking about family get-togethers and graduation parties.

Remember

When you are on the lake this summer, keep your trash in your boat. Secure it so it doesn't blow away. Some people have the false impression that when cans and bags are filled with water and sunk, they go away. I DON'T THINK SO!

When you get tired of your aquarium at home, don't dump your tank into the lake. Some lakes have had exotic species (like piranha) that have survived and reproduced. We have not had this problem – YET! Last year we had a weed introduced and it survived, hopefully it did not survive the winter. Please dump your aquarium into your compost pile.

Dues are due

The second billing for your annual dues should have arrived in your mailbox. Thanks to Cheryl Borre for all her time and effort in getting these out. If you did not receive a bill or misplaced yours, call Steve Norman 540-8857 and he will see to it that you receive a new one. They are private property, owned by the association, and are to be used by our members and accompanying guests. Only dues paying members are allowed to use our lake and parks.

The locks have been changed on the boat launch gate. If you need one and did not order one with your dues, please contact Mike Doody 438-6224 to obtain it.

Membership Cards

Please bring your FLCA membership cards with you when you are visiting our parks. Members will conduct random checks. If you do not have your card with you, you may be asked to leave.

Ice Fishing Derby

Thanks to Jim Tegtmeier for putting on another ice fishing derby. Despite the temperatures hovering around zero and a strong wind, we had about 20

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fishermen turn out for the day. Everyone had a great time and a few good-sized fish were caught.

Keep it in the Hood

Save the date of October 6 for a gala "Keep it in the Hood" get together. Any association members interested in displaying their products or promoting their services are being invited to do so. The open house will also be a great way to meet your neighbors and visit the Community Center. There will be a raffle and door prizes. More information will follow.

Second Annual Venetian Night

The second annual Venetian Night will be held on Sunday, September 2nd. Start planning now to decorate your boat, big or small, join the festivities

from one of our parks. More information will be in a future newsletter.

Lake County Report

Mike Adam from Lake County has completed a study of Forest Lake. He reported the lake is maintaining itself. The quality of the lake is good but could be better. The nutrients are coming from our watershed. One of our biggest problems is phosphorous. When fertilizing, use a non-phosphorous fertilizer. Once a lawn is established, no phosphorous is needed on a lawn. Every pound of fertilizer applied to a lawn and runs into our lake equates to 500 pounds of plant growth. It is not only the properties on the lake that is causing the problem but all properties on our watershed. Please do not use phosphorus when fertilizing.

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