



Forest Lake Newsletter

Forest Lake Community Association
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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, you will be asked to leave.

Newsletter

If you would like to see a special article in our newsletter, call Jim Petzold at 438-3567 or email it to him at: mrpetzold2@sbcglobal.net.



Flooding

Bill Kruckenberger, Ela Twp. Road Commissioner, attended the March FLCA meeting to discuss storm water runoff. Bill is working on the flooding problem on Valley. The drain tiles are about 70 years old and were probably destroyed when the sewers were installed 20 years ago. He also met with homeowners along Lakeside, Valley, Shady and Forest about installing curbing to deflect the flow of water from their homes. A 4" concrete curb will be installed at selected problem areas. The repaving of the streets will start in 2008 and, because of rising cost of blacktop will take 2 to 3 years to complete.

Discussion was had about the reduction of the 50ft. setback on Shady Lane and its impact on flooding in that area. It is our understanding that a motion was filed by Pam Newton to reduce the setback to 30ft., as the feeling was the 50ft. setback was too restrictive.

Mike Talbot, our County Board Representative, listened to some of our flooding problems. He

pointed out that the problems were caused when Forest Lake was developed in 1935 and they should have been rectified then. Since they weren't, they are not the responsibility of Lake County. Federal grant money is available to help improve drainage and reduce flooding. Limited funds are available and the first step is to fill out an application, including a description of the project. If anyone is interested in filling out an application for a federal grant, Mike Talbot would send the grant application to the appropriate federal agency.

Babysitters

We have members who would like to find local babysitters. If you are interested in babysitting, write a short paragraph with your qualifications and phone number and your name will be included in the next newsletter. FLCA will not recommend any sitters, it is up to you to meet with any sitter applicants and certify their quality/credentials. Potential sitters should send their names and phone numbers to mrpetzold2@sbcglobal.net.

Garden Walk

If you are interested in organizing a Forest Lake garden walk, contact a board member or attend the next meeting to set up the guidelines and a date.

Pictures of Forest Lake

Thank you Jerry Trahan and Iona Mathis for gathering pictures of Forest Lake. We are still looking for current and historic pictures and would like to have old and new pictures of houses in Forest Lake. These pictures will be available at our 75th anniversary party in 2010.

What goes in, stays in

Development can decrease the recharging of groundwater by increasing the impermeable surface area with buildings, roads and driveways. Instead of rainfall infiltrating into the aquifer, it runs off to lakes and streams. The storm water from roofs, driveways, parking lots and streets contains contaminants such as gasoline, oils, metals, road salt and bacteria which will end up either in our ground water, lake or streams. Fertilizers applied to lawns and other plants may also leach into our groundwater while the phosphorus may run off into our lake and streams. Any gasoline, oil, or chemical spills may, over many years, seep into our drinking

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water aquifer. It is important that we clean up spills and not pour leftover insect killer, fertilizers and chemicals in the corner of our backyards. SWALCO has hazardous waste pickup at designated locations throughout the year. For further information check out SWALCO.org. They will also take leftover paint and electronics on designated days.

Indian Creek

Representatives from Indian Creek Watershed attended the May FLCA meeting. Forest Lake is part of the Indian Creek watershed and the representatives made a presentation about the work they do and what we can do to help protect our watershed. If you are interested in representing Forest Lake in the project, attend the next board meeting. For more information visit www.indiancreekwp.org



FLCA Meetings

FLCA meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in the Community Center.

Board Members:

Chair: Steve Norman (Dues)	540-8857	Insurance & Legal: Vicki O'Donnell	550-1619
Vice Chairman: Steve Gray (Gov't Liaison)	438-7813	Lake Committee: Mike Doody	438-6224
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