



Forest Lake Newsletter

Forest Lake Community Association

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Membership Cards, Boat & Windshield Stickers

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. If you rent your home, please contact your landlord to obtain cards. As a reminder, all boats on the lake or stored on our beaches must have a boat sticker or they will be removed. This will be enforced all year so keep your stickers current.

Towing

Many vehicles from outside our community have been parked at the Community Center and our beaches. We are currently looking into having a towing company remove cars that do not have a Forest Lake sticker on the windshield.

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.

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Planting the Rain Garden at the Community Center

Rain Garden

The Rain Garden at the Community Center is complete. Some of you may have seen the front-page photos in the Lake Zurich Courier last month. If you'd like to view the garden, it is located behind the Community Center. The rain garden is designed to capture run-off from the building and parking lot and allow it to soak into the ground rather than run off into the stream. Wild flowers and grasses have been planted to help the water absorption and to beautify the area. For more information about developing a rain garden visit www.indiancreekwp.org

What Goes In, Stays In

Development decreases 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 water aquifer. It is important that we clean up spills and not pour leftover weed 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 www.swalco.org. SWALCO also accepts the new compact fluorescent light bulbs. As a reminder, these cannot be disposed of with your regular garbage, as they contain small amounts of mercury. SWALCO will also take leftover paint and electronics on designated days.

Ela Township also accepts batteries, paint, motor oil and electronics on the third Saturday of each month. For further information go their website: www.toi.org/elatownship/highway.asp.

Web Site

Don't forget to visit us at flcaonline.org to find out what is happening in our community, check out the pictures read past issues of newsletters and become informed about what is happening in our community.

Venetian Night

Our annual Venetian Night will be held on Sunday evening, 8/31 (rain date 9/1). Invite your family and neighbors to decorate a boat and join in the fun. The parade of boats will begin at dusk. If you don't have access to a boat, join us at one of the parks to cheer on the boaters. We're looking forward to once again seeing the parade of festive boats cruising the lake.

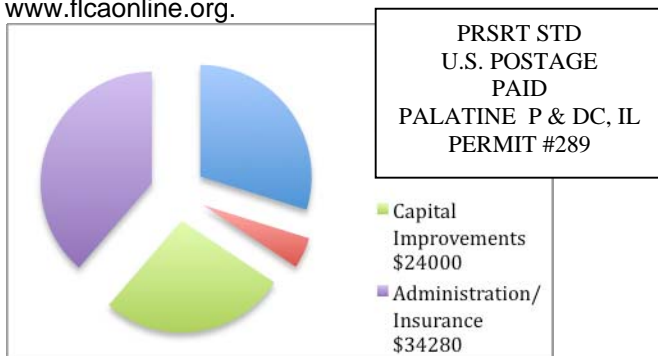
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Port-O-Potties

The cement pads have been poured for our port-a-potties. They will be moved onto the pads and evergreen trees will be planted to screen them.

Budget

Below is a pie graph of how our dues are budgeted for this year. If you have any questions, please attend the next board meeting or view this year's budget in its entirety on our website www.flcaonline.org.



Bottles and Cans

It may come as a surprise to some people but bottles and cans do not disappear when they are filled with water and sunk. They just move to the bottom and slowly work their way to the shore. Swimmers have seriously cut their feet on the glass, steel and aluminum. If you take it on the lake, take it from the lake. Also, please remember that our beaches are not ashtrays.

Tree Trimming

In order to keep our beaches and parks safe and attractive, tree trimming was completed during the past month. Approximately \$5000 was spent from the parks fund to remove dead trees and prune overhanging branches.

Unlicensed Motor Scooters

Riding unlicensed motor scooters on a public street is illegal in Illinois. If you see an illegal rider don't hesitate to call the Lake County Sherriff.

Garbage Contract

Ela Twp. is finalizing their proposed contract to put out a single contract for all unincorporated areas. The contract that we now have with Waste Management is better than the proposed contract. We are attempting to have the township not include Forest Lake in the contract.

Roads

The blacktop will be ground off and replaced on about 25% of the roads in Forest Lake this summer. Because of the increase in oil prices, Ela twp. cannot replace all the roads at the same time. All roads will be replaced over the next 4 years.

FLCA Meetings

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

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