



# Forest Lake Newsletter

Forest Lake Community Association

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[flcaonline.org](http://flcaonline.org)

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## ***Incorporation?***

As summer slowly approaches, I feel it is important as the new Chairman of the Forest Lake Community Association (FLCA) to inform all homeowners in Forest Lake that potential changes to land use in areas adjacent to our subdivision are approaching rapidly.

These potential changes may permanently alter our status as an independent and unincorporated community. These changes would also bring substantially higher property taxes, and a loss of control over our own destiny.

It is with this issue in mind that I appeal to the residents of Forest Lake, as well as those owners who rent their homes in Forest Lake, not only to regularly attend our association board meetings at 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month, but to strongly consider current payment of your association dues as soon as possible if they are not paid already.

The regular payment of dues to the FLCA provides residents with many benefits: A beautiful and clean lake with a high quality fishery, a well-appointed community center available for rental, several well maintained parks and beaches, and family-oriented events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, the Halloween Party, and Breakfast with Santa.

In addition, the defense of our rights as a community, and to keep our taxes low, is only going to be possible through the retention of superior legal counsel. This costs money as well, and a community unified in the defense of its rights stands the best chance of success.

In closing, I would say that everything the FLCA has worked for in support of, and in service to, its residents is at risk. Your involvement at meetings and your commitment to support your community through payment of dues has never been more important than it is today.

## ***flcaonline.org***

Check out our website for a calendar, pictures and information about Forest Lake and topics of interest and concern to our residents.

## ***Save the Date – Venetian Night 2009***

The summer has hardly begun, but plans are underway for Venetian Night 2009 on Forest Lake. Venetian Night has traditionally been held on the Sunday before Labor

Day, and will fall on September 6th this year. The rain date is Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. We will gather at the south end of the lake just before the start time of 7pm. The boat parade typically lasts as long as battery power allows or until the mosquitoes force you to take refuge indoors. Spectators will want to bring their coolers, cameras and lawn chairs to the lakefront in time for the fun.

All new and current members are encouraged to participate. Consider decorating your boat, whether you have a yacht, raft, canoe, rowboat, paddle boat, pontoon or dinghy. Take this opportunity to be inspired and join in. Last year approximately 15 illuminated and decorated boats made waves during this annual evening of fun, camaraderie and community.

Visit our Facebook page to view photos from Venetian Nights of previous years. September is still a long way off, but we want to be sure you start making plans to join us on September 6<sup>th</sup> for this festive celebration of summer.

## ***Keeping In Touch With Your Neighbors***

The Forest Lake community has launched a Facebook Group—Forest Lake Community Neighbors-60047. This will be a terrific tool to communicate and share information and important community alerts will be posted or emailed to all members of the group. In addition, you will find the most recent items of interest there and it is the place to go to learn about upcoming events or share photos and messages of all things fun and interesting that pertain to Forest Lake. The newsletter will continue to come out quarterly and Facebook is not intended to replace the FLCA website. There is no expense associated with being a member and it will heighten our ability to communicate. Show your support by joining.

If you are a business owner and a Forest Lake community member you may want to make sure that your FB page includes a link to your business website and adjust your privacy setting to be viewed by all members of the group. Another advantage to being a member of the group is the ability to share information about yourself, ask questions about home repair, babysitters or perhaps note that you have a car or boat for sale. The possibilities are endless. Essentially, it is an electronic bulletin board that will only be viewed by members.

If you have not already joined Facebook, take a few minutes to do so. Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and join.

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Then copy/paste or type: Forest Lake Community Neighbors-60047 into the search bar on the top right side of the page. Click the link that says: Join this group.

If you do not want to join the Facebook Group but do want to receive messages through email, send an email to [Notmonalisa@aol.com](mailto:Notmonalisa@aol.com) and put "Forest Lake Community Email List" in the subject line. Be assured that your email address will not be used for anything other than Forest Lake community updates, news and related messages.

Questions or concerns should be directed to Marci Buerger, the Forest Lake Facebook page administrator, 847-438-9217 or email: [notmonalisa@aol.com](mailto:notmonalisa@aol.com).



**Carnival at the Community Center**

**Newsletter:** Jim Petzold

**Board Members:**

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**Community Center Rental**

Our Community Center is available for anniversary parties, weddings, birthdays, graduations etc. It is located in the southeast corner of Forest Lake at the corner of Forest Lake.

**Thank you Gregg & Mike**

Thank you Greg Dwiel and Mike Doody for repairing the merry-go-round. It has taken a long time and we appreciate all the time that you spent finding new bearings and installing them for our members kids.

**Summer is here**

It is time to get out and visit our parks and beaches. If you have paid your membership this year, go down and have a swim or enjoy a leisurely afternoon just sitting on a bench or blanket at the beach. Get some neighborhood kids together for a basketball or softball game at the Community Center. Get outside and enjoy the weather. If you have not paid yet, please refrain from using the beaches, park and lake until you do. Call Steve Norman (847-540-8857) if you have any questions about your status.

**Garden Walk**

Do you have a garden that you are proud of and you would like to see other gardens in Forest Lake? We are planning a garden walk on Saturday, July 11 at 2:00. We would like to have a garden walk so that all interested people can walk together from one house to another to see some of the things that others are doing in their yards. If you are interested, email Jim Petzold [mrpetzold2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrpetzold2@sbcglobal.net) and you will receive information.

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