



Forest Lake Newsletter

Forest Lake Community Association
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From our Chairman

I wanted to take a moment and share some encouraging developments in the legal battle over the annexation of the sixteen lots at the southwestern corner of our community, as well as our efforts to incorporate Forest Lake.

On September 16th, our attorneys won a motion to prevent Hawthorn Woods from hearing the petition to annex their property and the sixteen lots in our subdivision pending a decision on our appeal. The owners of the homes in the new subdivision to our south have decided they no longer want to join Hawthorn Woods.

This has given rise to a new petition our attorneys filed this week to overturn the original approval to annex from June. We have a high degree of confidence in our chances to prevail. Should we prevail, we will have successfully protected our community from involuntary annexation – in this case. This brings us to the second item: incorporation.

Forest Lake will soon be surrounded by villages on all four borders, as the Dartmoor homeowners have expressed a desire to go to Kildeer. This makes us even more vulnerable to forced annexation. Once we are surrounded on all sides, any village with a boundary on our border can forcibly annex areas of sixty acres or less without any legal recourse. Our only protection going forward will be to become our own village.

This is a fairly complex process, which requires our community to file a petition in court to incorporate. If that petition is granted, we have the permission to put the question to a referendum in the next election cycle for all Forest Lake residents to vote on.

These topics are discussed in depth at every one of our monthly board meetings, which are held on the second Tuesday of every month. We encourage you to attend to educate yourselves, and to participate in the process. It is our hope that whatever the outcome may be, that any final decision will reflect the best interests of our community.

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

October Meeting

Our next FLCA meeting will be held on Tues. Oct. 13 at 7:30 in the Community Center.

Fall Leaves

Composting leaves is the best way to dispose of them in the fall. The easiest way to get rid of your leaves is to sharpen your mower blade and grind them up as you mow. Find an area of your yard and pile your leaves or build a square box, 3' X 4' or larger out of wood (shipping pallets are great) or fencing. Pile your leaves in the box and wait until next summer. Turn the

leaves with a pitchfork and add grass clippings and other yard waste. Turn again a couple of times with the pitchfork. In September, remove the fine compost and spread it on your garden, flower beds and lawn.

If you do choose to burn your leaves, which many of your neighbors frown upon because of allergies and the smell, wait until the wind is blowing toward your house, not theirs. Do not burn leaves that are wet, they smoke and smolder for hours. It is illegal to burn leaves on the blacktop roads or right of way; typically this means 15 feet from the road. It softens the blacktop and eventually causes potholes and cracking.

Venetian Night 2009

Venetian Night was held on September 9, and was a huge success. Approximately 15 boats were decorated with lights and decorative touches and many participants were dressed in costumes. Water balloons filled the air as some participants imbibed in "Spirit Water" or the fruit of the hops.

County Board Meets With Us

Our two new county board members, Aaron Lawlor (dist. 18) and Craig Taylor (dist. 19), met with the board at the September meeting to introduce themselves. They are replacing Pam Newton and Michael Talbot, who resigned from the Lake County Board recently. Feel free to email or call them if you have any questions or concerns about our county government.

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If you don't know which district you are in, call or email either or both board members.

Footpaths

The footpaths have been resurveyed and will be marked with bollards soon. Anything obstructing the paths will be removed and grass will be planted where it is needed. Our association will be responsible for mowing and maintenance of the footpaths. We look forward to using them soon.

75th Anniversary Celebration

We are looking for individuals to help organize a Forest Lake 75th Anniversary Celebration to be held in January or February at the Community Center. Responsibilities would include organizing the function, arranging for food, music, decorations, etc. If you are interested in helping, please call Steve Gray 438-7813.

Community Center Rental

Our Community Center, which is located at the corner of East and South Streets, is available for anniversary parties, weddings, birthdays, graduations etc. Rental cost is \$185. If you're interested, please call Tom Philippsen (540-8928) for availability.

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Street Paving

Ela Township has already paved some of the roads in Forest Lake and the plan is to complete the remaining ones next summer. Originally it was estimated that it would take 4 years but it will be complete in 3! Thank you, Ela Township Highway Department!

Rain Garden Progress

If you haven't seen our rain garden recently, it's worth a visit. It was planted in June of 2008 and has filled in nicely. Capturing rainwater runoff from our parking lot, it holds the water, allowing it to seep into the ground to replenish the aquifer. In addition, it is a beautiful flower garden. Consider creating one on your property. Our garden is located behind the Community Center—stop by and enjoy it. If you'd like additional information on rain gardens, please call Jill Hughes 719-2744.

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Halloween is Coming

The Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday, October 25 at 3:00pm. As before, a fire engine will lead the parade from the South Beach to the Community Center. Treats will be passed out to all. Children will choose a prize. We cannot wait to see all the costumes. This activity is limited to members and their children.

Stocking

The lake will be stocked with smallmouth bass and northern pike this fall. The money for stocking fish comes out of your dues. Even if you don't fish, a healthy lake needs a variety of fish for a balanced habitat.

Do you need a raft?

Wanted: Family to take ownership of a 6-barrel swimming raft. Good summer fun for children of all ages. Current owners would rather see another family take over the enjoyment rather

than destroy the raft. Contact Marianne at 847-494-1687 for details.



Rain Garden – June 2008



Rain Garden – July 2009

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