



Forest Lake Newsletter

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Seasonal Greetings

As the winter season sets in and we gather with family and friends for the Holidays, I think this is an especially important time to reflect upon what we value most, and how to preserve and strengthen what we value in the future.

Forest Lake is a wonderful community. The bounty of natural assets we are entrusted to preserve and protect only become more valuable over time as the rumble of bulldozers and the encroachment of strip mall suburban sprawl grows nearer to us. In spite of it all, we have managed to improve the value of our community with the generous support of the association membership.

Investments made in our lake continue to improve water quality, vegetation, and fishery. Our community center serves as an outstanding venue for events and our parks offer a more family friendly environment with the addition of screened bathroom facilities. Further improvements to the beaches will be required by law beginning next year. We will enter the final phase of the footpath reestablishment in the spring, offering residents easier and safer lake access.

We are implementing a more modern, multi-channel, and professional communication toolset, including a Facebook page (Forest Lake Community Neighbors - 60047) and a newly designed website soon to be launched. This is in an effort to meet the growing need to communicate more effectively with each other. We have added nearly 300 new homes, and as many as 700 more residents to Forest Lake in the last ten years. In a nutshell, we are growing up.

Part of growing up will require us to seriously consider, plan and act in the best interests of the community as a whole – so that we preserve the right to govern ourselves. Our legal efforts to halt the process of annexation of the southwestern corner of Forest Lake to Hawthorn Woods did not prevail in court. Dartmoor Homes now has the permission to hear the question as soon as their next board meeting in January. The fact that we are now vulnerable to annexation by neighboring towns with higher taxes, stricter zoning, and a different outlook on how we should be allowed to conduct our lives in our homes is evidence enough that we need to at least consider the question of incorporating Forest Lake as its own village.

As you celebrate the Holiday season, please take some time to consider the reasons why we enjoy living in

Forest Lake and what the failure to preserve and protect our way of life might mean for our daily lives. We thank you for your support, and wish you all the best this Holiday season.

Thin Ice

It is time to remind you not go onto the ice without checking it first. Take a battery drill out with you and drill a hole in the ice to check its thickness. Some areas will be thinner than others so check often. You need 6 inches or more to be safe.



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Forest Lake Facebook Account

If you have not already joined Facebook, take a few minutes to do so. Go to www.facebook.com and join. 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.

This is proving to be a terrific tool to communicate and share information. Important community alerts are posted or all members of the group. In addition, you will find the most recent items of interest and it is the place to share photos and messages of all things fun and interesting that pertain to Forest Lake. 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 newsletter will continue to come out quarterly and Facebook is not intended to replace the FLCA website. 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 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.

2010 Forest Lake Annual Ice Fishing Derby

This year's Ice Fishing Derby will be hosted by Chuck Redina, Gina Glomski and Roy & Kim Muller. Remember, it is limited to dues paying members and their guests. It will be held Saturday, January 30th from 7am- 5pm and Sunday January 31st from 7am- 3pm. Prizes will be awarded Sunday at 3:15pm. Every child 12 and under who registers will be awarded a prize just for entering! Registration and check in will be located in the center of the lake just north of Central Beach. Admission for awards participation is still only \$5.00 per person and \$10.00 per family! There will be coffee and hot cocoa and the grill will be going from Noon to 3 on Saturday. Many grilling items will be provided while quantities last. You're welcome to bring your own. Side dishes, chips, desserts would be appreciated. Additional volunteers are encouraged to join us!

Further information, including derby rules and categories will be in printable format as soon as possible at www.flcaonline.org or email momskiG@comcast.net or call 847-540-6316.

Next Meeting

The next FLCA board meeting will be January 12, the second Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 in the Community Center.

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Board Members:

Chairman: Steve Gray (Gov't Liaison)	438-7813
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Pat Lynn	438-0859
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Is your car locked?

Five cars have been stolen recently. All were left unlocked with the keys in the ignition. Do not leave your car, lawn tractor, snowmobile or ATV parked with the key in the ignition. If your vehicle is gone, please call 1-847-549-5200.

Thank You Mike

Mike Doody has resigned from the board. Thank you Mike for all your work on the board and being in charge of maintaining a healthy balance of fish and plants in our lake for many years.

Valley and Lakeside

If you are wondering what is going on at the corner of Valley and Lakeside, Bill Krukenberg, our Ela Township Road Commissioner, has obtained a grant to correct a storm water drainage problem. A vault is being buried at the corner to collect silt as the storm water flows through it. The water will then go through a buried pipe and into the lake. The silt that collects in the vault will be cleaned out regularly to keep it out of our lake. Bill has been instrumental in solving many of our storm water flooding problems. As time and money permits, he will continue this. Thank you Bill for all your efforts.

Newsletter

If you have an article that you would like to see in the newsletter, email mrpetzold2@sbcglobal.net. If you are new to Forest Lake and have a question about our community, please email and we will attempt to answer your questions.

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