



Forest Lake Newsletter

Forest Lake Community Association
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Happy Anniversary to Forest Lake

This year marks the 75th anniversary of our community. Arthur MacIntosh developed Forest Lake in 1935 as a vacation community and families would travel from Chicago to spend the weekend, week or summer. They would socialize with their friends and neighbors and work together to build and maintain their summer homes. They worked hard and partied hard, as is evidenced by some of the pictures that survive from those early years. The Forest Lake Community Association is planning a late summer event to celebrate our 75 years. If you would like to help with planning, please contact Laura Tegmeier at 438-3688.



Winners of the 2010 Ice Fishing Contest

Ice Fishing Derby Results

This year's ice fishing derby was a huge success. There were 55 registered anglers with over 100 total in attendance. It was felt that one of the major factors of success was the extreme icy surface, which kept snowmobiles off the lake, resulting in larger fish brought up on tip-ups. Jigging brought up many pan fish, too.

Prizes were awarded to the winners: **Bluegill/Crappie:** 1st Brad Michael 7 ½ " bluegill, 2nd Joey Gurskis 7 ½ " bluegill, 3rd Justin Rutherford 7 ½ " bluegill. **Crappie/Striper:** 1st Todd Thomas 10" striper, 2nd Jarrett Prather 10" crappie. 3rd Todd Thomas 9 ¾ " crappie. **Walleye:** 1st Roy Muller 21 ½ ". **Large/Smallmouth Bass:** 1st John Harkness 19 ½" largemouth, 2nd David Michael 18 ¼" largemouth, 3rd Brad Michael 16 ½" largemouth. **Northern/ Musky:** 1st Brad Michael 44" musky, *2nd John Harkness 28" northern, 3rd KC Allen 26" northern.

The prizes included rods, tackle, gift certificates, cash, lifelike fish pins and much useful fishing paraphernalia. Thank you Country Corners (Mundelein), Salmon Shop (Palatine), and Anglers International for your generous donations! Among the participants was a guest of Chuck and Gina's, Bob Gurskis, who works for the popular Midwest Outdoors magazine. He featured Brad Michael, with his 44" musky, on the March 2010 cover of the Illinois section! The name and location of our lake

was kept confidential. We ask you to do the same if boasting about Brad's fine catch. Otherwise you can come out and police the lake for non-resident poachers!

Special thanks go out to the Muller family for helping Chuck and Gina with this event. And let's not forget the Forest Lake Community Association who welcomes and supports community events such as these! Be watching for the summer fishing derby signs!

Foo-foo on Phosphates

With spring here, many of us will be looking to apply that early round of fertilizers to our lawn. Please do not use fertilizers containing phosphates. The inevitable runoff causes algae blooms and can lead to the destruction of the lake. Even if you don't live on our lake, the phosphates cause problems downstream where your runoff meets streams and rivers and lakes. There are other lawn care products available and, though they may cost a little more, you will be helping to keep our lake in top condition. The problem is so acute that Minnesota has banned the use of phosphates on turf (lawns), as has Libertyville and other local communities.
www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=18C.60
www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/horticulture/dg3338.html

Rain Barrels

The Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District is again selling rain barrels, at a price much less than found at garden centers. Rain barrels are used to collect rainwater from your downspouts to be used to water your plants and replenish the aquifer rather than washing away into storm sewers. They do have screens to keep mosquitoes out. Also, you may notice your plants grow better after a thunderstorm—that is because lightning contains nitrogen—a natural plant fertilizer. Information can be found on the FLCA website: flcaonline.org

Bicycle Safety

We want our children to learn that when they are on bicycles, they are drivers and must obey the same traffic rules as other drivers. As parents, it is important that they are trained in how to keep their bikes in good working order and how to drive them safely, to guard against accidents. As drivers, it is our responsibility to drive on our streets in a safe and responsible manner, aware of others using the same roadways for walking and riding. Children should be taught to always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle. If, under 16, it is the law in Illinois.

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 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.

Next Meeting

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

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Annual Dues

If you have not paid your 2009 annual dues now is the time. The fee is \$150 per family, which includes one car window sticker. Boat stickers are \$25.00 and boat launch keys are \$2.00. These extra fees merely cover costs. Send your check to FLCA, PO Box 314, Lake Zurich, IL.



Largest Musky category

Members Only

As a reminder, only FLCA dues paying members, or guests accompanied by members, are allowed to fish our lake. If you see trespassers on the lake, please call the DNR or the Sheriff's office.

Community Web Site

As part of our website outreach project, we're launching a

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special "community resources" page for babysitters, home repair services, tree experts, consultants, auto or small engine repair.

This is a great opportunity to promote your business or service and let your neighbors know that you're right around the corner. If you live in the community and have a business or service you want posted please contact Doug Howard at 847-540-0581. We will not recommend any business on the list, but we want you to be aware of businesses owned by FLCA members.

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 us your questions.

Community Center Rental

The Community Center is available to rent for birthday parties, graduations, family reunions, etc. If you are interested in renting the Community Center call Tom Philippsen: 847-540-8928. Details of renting are available on our website: flcaonline.org

Thank You

We received a letter from Fred Hille, who asked that we share with you.

"To all the good people of Forest Lake, I just want to thank all of the adults and kids that came out in the snowstorm and helped me get my car out of a small ditch on February 9. It was amazing to me to see all of the generous support, effort, and time.

Thank you all very much and I am proud to live in a community that puts people first.

Fred Hille"

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