



# Forest Lake Newsletter

Forest Lake Community Association  
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flcaonline.org

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## **Fish Stocking**

On April 17, several residents visited Keystone Fish Hatcheries in Genoa. On April 21, the actual stocking took place in the lagoon, which Keystone Hatcheries says is the perfect brood area to stock.

We ordered 25 lbs of fathead minnows and 25 lbs of golden shiners. The hatchery estimated they put in over 20,000 baitfish. This is a critical step in lake stocking, providing not only a critical and easily available food source to the stocked fish, but to help establish a resident population of baitfish.

We put in 160 – 5"-8" largemouth bass, 160 smallmouth in the 5"-7" range and 174 walleyes in the 5"-7" range. The aerators will not be turned on this summer to facilitate water clarity. Hopefully we will get some weed cover in place. Stocking in the spring rather than the fall gives them a growing season and food availability in the form of bug life, pan fish fry, etc. so they have time get big enough to make it through the winter before going dormant.

Residents have been observed keeping big catfish (10-14 lb) on unattended setlines. Those fish are 8-10 years old. It's a shame to keep them out of our little lake even if caught legally. Please report unattended setlines to the DNR.



1995 50<sup>th</sup> FLCA Anniversary Parade

## **Next Meeting**

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

## **Annual Dues**

If you have not paid your 2010 annual dues, now is the time. The fee is \$150 per family, which includes one family beach pass, car window sticker. Send your check to FLCA, PO Box 314, Lake Zurich, IL.



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## **Our Lake Needs Help**

It has been determined recently by Lake County that Forest Lake is an impaired lake. The lake is safe for people and animals. The impairment is in the form of too much phosphate and the clarity of the water is poor. As a community, we need to recognize that our individual actions can directly affect the quality of the water in our lake. A detailed discussion of the problem took place at the April board meeting after a presentation given by Kelly Deem, a Water Quality Specialist from Lake County. She explained some of the many things that need to be addressed to restore our water quality to healthy, appropriate levels. Storm water runoff containing salt from our roads and driveways, and silt and phosphates from our lawns are degrading our water quality. Each of our homes is inside the watershed and what we do at home reflects directly in our lake.

The FLCA board has enrolled in a Voluntary Lake Monitoring Program. Some of the tasks consist of taking three water samples twice a month from various areas around the lake, secchi disk readings (water clarity), entering some data to a web site and perhaps mailing in the samples. Our initial goal is to get reliable data to compare with previous data. Kelly Deem has recommended that we keep the aerators turned off. When Lake County has reliable current data, they will help us implement water improvement practices to rehabilitate the lake, fish and wildlife habitat. For the entire report, visit: [www.lakecountyil.gov/health/want/beachlakeinfo.htm](http://www.lakecountyil.gov/health/want/beachlakeinfo.htm)

## **Lost a Ring?**

A ring was found in March near Overhill and Starry. If you lost one, call the Tufano's at 847-550-6726 and describe it.

## **Garage Sales**

We are currently looking for someone to organize a community garage sale. You can choose the date and work out the advertising details. Come to the next board meeting to put it on the calendar.

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### **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: 847/608-3100 or the Sheriff's office: 847-549-5200.



1985 50<sup>th</sup> FLCA Anniversary Pig Roast

### **Community Web Site**

As part of our website outreach project, we're launching a special "community resources" page for babysitters, home repair services, tree experts, consultants, auto or small engine repair: [forestlakeonline.org](http://forestlakeonline.org).

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.

### **Community Center Rental**

**Newsletter:** Jim Petzold [mrpetzold2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrpetzold2@sbcglobal.net)

#### **Board Members:**

Chairman: Steve Gray (Gov't Liaison)	438-7813
Activities: Laura Tegtmeier	438-3688
Treasurer: Maija Boriss (Landscape Beautification)	438-3114
Secretary: Jill Hughes (Government Liaison)	719-2744
Pat Lynn	438-0859

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](http://flcaonline.org)

### **Don't Hesitate Calling**

At 7am, May 1, a resident reported that the sewage lift station on Ravine Road was overflowing and running directly into the feeder creek. Lake County Dept. of Public Works was called and responded. One to two gallons per minute was running into the creek. A gasket had blown on a valve and it was fixed. Thank you for calling. Anyone seeing anything that may affect the quality of our lake water is encouraged to call the Lake County Dept. of Public Works emergency number: 847-336-1611.

### **Forest Lake Facebook Account**

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. 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.

Join our email news list by sending an email to [Notmonalisa@aol.com](mailto:Notmonalisa@aol.com) and put "Forest Lake Community Email List" in the subject line. This is proving to be a terrific tool to communicate and share information. The newsletter will continue to come out quarterly and Facebook is not intended to replace the FLCA website. Be assured that your email address will not be used for anything other than Forest Lake community updates, news and related messages.

### **Boat Storage:**

All boats that are stored on a beach or park without a current FLCA sticker will be removed and disposed of. If you need a boat sticker, call Steve Norman: 540-8857.

Steve Libby	682-8036
Lake Committee: Lou DiNicola	
Parks Committee: Pat DeGeorge	726-8815
Vice Chairman: Steve Norman (Dues)	540-8857
Angie Schroeder	719-2688
Community Center Rentals: Tom Philippsen	540-8928
Brian Drommer	847-7078

### ***The Aerators Have Been Turned Off***

On May 25 we took a second set of data from Forest Lake in association with the Lake County Health Department.

With the aerators turned off, the water clarity was 4 feet on May 5 and has improved to 7 feet on May 25. Both readings were taken with no rainfall in the past 48 hours. Similar readings from 2006, (the last year measurements were taken with the aerators on) yielded clarity in the 2 foot range. On May 25 dissolved oxygen from 20 readings around the lake averaged 8.58 on a scale of 10. Anything over 5 is considered good, so having the aerators off is not affecting the oxygen content of the water. With the aerators off, we are hoping to minimize stirring up the sediment. Disturbing the sediment releases trapped phosphates and feeds the algae blooms we see in the summer. Also, a cloudy lake will not grow aquatic plants very well, and aquatic

vegetation is a major key to a healthy ecosystem.

We are seeing some aquatic plant growth starting to take place. An invasive weed called curlyleaf pondweed is present along our shores along with some desirable aquatic plants. Curlyleaf pondweed is undesirable because it starts growing under the ice and thrives in cold water ([http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/CURLYLEAF\\_PONDWEED.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/CURLYLEAF_PONDWEED.pdf)). It soaks up a lot of phosphates and dies off in warm water (around July). It decays and releases its trapped phosphates just in time to promote a summer algae bloom. The desirable aquatic plants grow when the water gets warmer, soak up phosphates, and die off in the fall. Their decomposition takes place too late for algae to bloom, and their released phosphates settle back into the sediment. If you see curlyleaf pondweed along your shore, please rake it out in June after it has absorbed maximum phosphates. Dispose of it with your lawn waste or add it to your compost pile.

## *FLCA Diamond Jubilee*

Forest Lake was founded 75 years ago in 1935. While summer in FL is always an anxiously anticipated season, this summer promises to be extra special. Saturday, July 31, 2010, 1 PM at the community center has been designated as the date, place and time for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Forest Lake. Festivities are being planned and you are invited to participate. Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, join us for this special opportunity to meet or get reacquainted with your neighbors at this party. Don't miss out on the fun and excitement.

If you possess talents or skill and wish to contribute we need your help. Please call Laura Tegtmeier, (847) 438-3688, so we can best utilize your skill.

Volunteer opportunities include supervising/helping with:

- Food & Drink
  - Pig Roasting
  - Other supplemental foods
- Decorations
- Children's activities (including rainy day activities)
- Set-up
- Clean up
- Security/ Tickets / Cashier
- Entertainment /Games
- Photographers/Videographers
- Adult activities (volleyball, softball or other)
- First Aid
- Traffic/parking management and strategy

Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$3.00 per adult, \$2.00 per child or \$10.00 per family through July 15. Tickets may be purchased after July 15 and "at-the-door" for \$6.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child or \$20.00 per family.

In keeping with tradition at FL, there will be a pig roast, soft drinks and kegs of beer, but we are requesting that everyone bring a dish to share and feel free to BYOB if you have more exacting tastes.

Please fill out the details on the back side of this paper and send payment in by July 15, 2010.

Your prompt response is appreciated.

# *FLCA Diamond Jubilee*

**Reservations:** Fill out the attached form for center for you and your family if you are attending the Diamond Jubilee on Saturday, July 31, 2010, 1 PM at the community center.

Number of adults over 21 that will attend. \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Name:

Name:

Name:

Number of children in your family that will attend. \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Age:

Name:

Age:

Name:

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Total amount enclosed: \$

Items you are bringing to share:

\_\_\_ Salad

\_\_\_ Dessert

\_\_\_ Appetizer

\* Volunteers are not required to bring food items, but any dishes offered to share are welcome.

\*\* If you have not volunteered to help, please provide enough food for approximately 10 people.

We need your help with jobs listed below, so please consider volunteering. It's a wonderful opportunity to contribute. Please indicate which jobs you would like to volunteer for. Indicate your preference with the numbers 1-3, with 1 being your first choice.

\_\_\_ Decorations

\_\_\_ Set-up

\_\_\_ Security/ Tickets / Cashier

\_\_\_ Photographers/Videographers

\_\_\_ First Aid

\_\_\_ Children's activities (including rainy day activities)

\_\_\_ Clean up

\_\_\_ Entertainment

\_\_\_ Adult activities (volleyball, softball or other)

\_\_\_ Traffic/parking, management and strategy

We look forward to hearing from volunteers ASAP. All attendees are expected to send payment by July 15<sup>th</sup> to:

Forest Lake 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party  
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