



# Forest Lake Newsletter

Forest Lake Community Association  
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## **Lake Report**

A big thank you goes out to Nick Leonard, our new Lake Committee Chair, for the comprehensive report he presented at April's meeting. The complete report is available on our website, [www.flcaonline.org](http://www.flcaonline.org). To summarize, our lake is in good shape overall but certain areas need improvement. Our number one problem is our phosphate level, which is twice the EPA recommended level and causes the nasty blue-green algae blooms in July. This is a direct result of homeowners using phosphate-type fertilizers on their lawns. Even if you don't live on the lake, runoff will carry those phosphates into the lake. There are many non-phosphate fertilizers on the market and work well, if not better, than the phosphate-based ones. Ask for them at the store or request that your lawn service use them. Many communities have already banned phosphate-based fertilizers entirely.

The second area that needs improvement is our shoreline, parts of which need stabilization or rehabilitation. Shorelines should be stabilized with vegetation (grasses with deep roots), stone, broken concrete, or a retaining wall. Some of the steel retaining walls have rusted away and need replacement.

Another area where we can use improvement is lowering our chloride levels. The chloride levels are high due to the use of salt on the roadways, driveways and sidewalks. Please use a non-chloride ice melt and use as little salt as is necessary. The Elia Township Highway Department has installed a computer system on their trucks that has led to a 15-20% reduction in salt use on our roads. They are using a "Super mix"--a mixture of 70% salt brine, 20% beet juice and 10% chloride. This mix activates the salt quicker and keeps the salt on the roadway instead of bouncing off the streets. Next winter they will start pre-icing the streets before a predicted snowfall. All this will reduce the amount of chloride used in our watershed and lower the chloride levels in the lake.

Lastly, our lake has a high level of suspended sediment, caused by carp stirring up the silt. If you catch a carp, please remove it from the lake and dispose of it properly. If you are interested in organizing a carp derby, please let us know.

## **FLCA E-mail**

Join our email list by sending an email to [communications@flcaonline.org](mailto:communications@flcaonline.org) and put "Forest Lake Community Email List" in the subject line. This will enable you to keep abreast of current events and breaking news in Forest Lake.

## **2011 Summer Fishing Derby**

The summer fishing derby will be held on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 6am to 4pm and on June 12<sup>th</sup> from 6am to 2pm. The sound of an air horn will be the official end of the derby on both days. The derby is open to FLCA members and guests. From June 9<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup> you do not need a fishing license in Illinois. The rules will be posted on our website.

If you can volunteer to help out for several hours, help is needed at the sign-in and weigh tables. Please call Brad at 847-975-8793.

Thanks to the following businesses for their donations:

**Corners** at Rt 60/45 and Diamond Lake Road  
847-566-5770

**Lake Zurich Walmart**  
**Dave's Bait & Tackle** in Crystal Lake  
847-455-2040

**Salmon Shop**, NW Hwy, Palatine 847-934-4050  
**Anglers International**, Dundee Rd., Palatine  
847-991-3200

## **Boats Stored at Parks**

Boats without a current Forest Lake sticker will be removed from the beaches and parks. Be aware that all boats are required to have a State sticker and all persons over the age of 16 must have a fishing license. FLCA does not check or enforce the State regulations but the State has checked on Forest Lake.

## **Great Garage Sale Event**

A big 'Thank You' goes out to Kellie Poliquin for organizing the FLCA garage sale. Kellie put a lot of work into resurrecting this annual event.

## **Facts and Trivia**

Forest Lake is located at 42°12'28"N 88°3'13"W and is considered a CDP (Census Designated Place) by the US Census Bureau. It has a total area of 0.7 square miles, of which 0.6 square miles is land and 0.1 square miles is (8.70%) is water.

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**Swimming**

Swimming in Forest Lake is limited to members and guests accompanied by members. Bring your membership pass with you to the beaches and when using your boat. Be careful when you swim and never swim alone. The swimming areas are not marked and some areas near the beaches have drop-offs.



Flag Ceremony - 1968

**Easter Egg Hunt**

The Easter Egg Hunt was a great success. We had over 40 children participating and enjoying the hunt. They are all looking forward to Easter again next year.

**Lake County Newsletter**

Lake County has a monthly newsletter that is available online. It highlights events happening in our area, including road construction updates, health care information, and environmental news. If you would like to view the newsletter and sign up for future issues, go to:

<http://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin/ea?v=001uxu9h741ik0mpS60uZAKBg%3D%3D>

**Have you seen the otter lately?**

**Don't Put Up With Them**

If you see dogs running without leashes or creating a nuisance by excessive barking, do not hesitate to call the Lake County Sheriff (847) 377-4000 or Lake County Animal Control (847) 949-9925.

**Next Meeting**

The next FLCA board meeting will be Tuesday, July 12. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7:30pm, in the Community Center.

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