



# Forest Lake Newsletter

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## **Great Job Bill!**

We want to thank Bill Krukenberg and his crew for all the work they did in cleaning up the trees and branches that we hauled to the street after the July 11 storm. Ela Township Highway Department made at least three trips on every street cleaning up debris and everything was cleaned up and mulched within 2 days.

## **Strings on the Beaches?**

The strings that you see on the beaches are intended to keep the geese away. You may move them aside when you use the beach but please replace them before you leave. If you live on the lake, you can also place them on your lakefront, about 10 inches above the ground, to keep the geese from calling your home their home. They can also be put up on your piers. Geese can sometimes pollute lakes with their droppings.

## **Venetian Night**

Join us on Sunday, September 4, at 7:00pm for Venetian Night. Rain date is September 5. Decorate your boat, fill your cooler and join the other boats circling the lake. If you don't have a boat, join other FLCA members celebrating on the beaches. A great time will be had by all.

## **Save the Date**

We are planning a community get-together, on the order of an Oktoberfest, for Saturday, October 15th at the Community Center. Beer & brats, with attendees bringing an appetizer, salad, or dessert—similar to what we did for the 75th anniversary party last summer. We are in the planning stages, so please come to the next FLCA meeting to give your input, ideas, and to volunteer...or call Laura Tegtmeier [847] 438-3688.

## **Halloween Parade**

The FLCA Halloween parade starts at the South Beach on October 30, at 3:00pm. We will have a fire truck leading the parade to the Community Center, followed by the children of FLCA members dressed in costume. After the parade, refreshments will be served.

## **Power Failure**

When you have a power failure, don't wait until your neighbors call to report it. Write down Commonwealth Edison's phone number in your book and add them as a contact on your cell phone. They don't know your electricity is off until you call. If only one person calls

they don't know the extent of the outage. If everyone calls then they know there is a problem. If there is a downed power line, first call 911 and then Commonwealth Edison. They need to know. Do not assume that someone else called. 1-800-Edison1 (1-800-334-7661)

## **Pick it up**

While most of our neighbors are responsible pet owners, there are exceptions. Please clean up after your dog, as "canine fecal matter contains pollutants, contaminants and bacteria that are harmful to people, pets and the environment." Among the hazards found in dog feces are E. coli, salmonella, giardia, cryptosporidium, roundworm and hookworm. (Tribune, July 29, 2011)

## **Burning Leaves**

Burning leaves on the roads and the right-of-way is illegal. If you see anyone burning illegally, feel free to call the Lake County Sheriff. Do not burn wet leaves that can smolder for days and check the wind direction so the smoke does not go into your neighbors' windows. The best way to deal with leaves is to sharpen your mower blade, shred them and let them decompose naturally, creating free fertilizer. You can also start a compost pile and use the mulch around your yard. For more information, go to: <http://www.goodcompost.com/how-to-compost-leaves-the-easy-way.html>

## **Mosquitoes**

I'm sure we don't all need to be reminded that the mosquitoes have been brutal this year. Mosquitoes need still water to breed and the best way to get rid of them is in the larval stage. Please be sure there is no standing water in your gutters, boats, or other open containers in your yard. Water in birdbaths should be changed frequently.

## **Next Meeting**

The next FLCA board meeting will be Tuesday, September 13. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Community Center.

## **The Forest with a Lake**

Anonymous Submitted by a Resident

I love to walk my dog on warm summer mornings around the neighborhood. Heading down the street, I look toward the lake, framed in the beauty of the towering trees that

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cradle it, and I sometimes have to pinch myself. What a magnificent sight! I think about how in days gone by this was a vacation place, where families would travel from the city to enjoy a weekend or two, or maybe even a whole week or more! They would relax, go fishing, swimming, barbeque or just float lazily in a boat on the lake. They were the pioneers who embraced the vision of Arthur T. McIntosh and made these woods their own. They created a community where life slowed down and neighbors had time to visit with each other. The time was short before they had to go back home to the grind. But I don't have to go back home. . . I am home.



At times I just gaze up at the trees, and I wonder what they

know. I imagine all they have seen, some of them here for a hundred years or more. I love trees, old and young. That's why I love this place. That's why I moved to Forest Lake - the forest with a lake. What better name could Hilding N. Johnson have given it? I do worry, at times, when I see so many trees being cut down, if we'll always be able to live up to our name.

With over 600 homes in our little unincorporated corner of a piece-of-pie shaped locale, we are like a tiny town. Over the years, outsiders have tried to make their way in, tried to take away our autonomy and our low taxes. But we have prevailed. We have kept our freedom from the intrusion of bigger government. Our board is fiercely defensive of our modest slice of heaven. I am so grateful that we have these people in place volunteering their time, some for more than 20 years, who love it here, too. They understand the value of keeping us small and preserving our independence.

The recent effort to annex a portion of our southern border, frightening our resident neighbors who own the affected homes, was a challenge for our "town" to face. It took our resources and time, and with them an unrelenting spirit. The fight was hard and it made us think about how one day we may need to redefine ourselves - perhaps by becoming a "real" town. But we'll stick together, us Forest Lakers, because, after all, in the words of James Taylor's song, "You settled down and you built a town and made it live. . . come what may, it's our town".

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