



# Forest Lake Newsletter

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## **Annual Dues**

By now everyone should have received their annual dues notices in the mail. As you'll see, the Board has elected not to raise the dues this coming year. Yearly dues will remain at \$150, which includes one car sticker. Additional stickers are \$1.00 and boat stickers are \$25. If you pay your dues by January 1, there is a \$10 discount. While we realize these economic times are tough for many, the dues are our only source of income and are used for upkeep of the lake, beaches, parks and community center. Most condominium dues are \$150 a month or higher. If you did not receive an invoice in the mail, contact Jill Hughes at 847-719-2744. A copy of our annual budget will be posted on the website once it is approved.



Christmas Bazaar 1972

## **Teamwork**

Spearheaded by Nick Leonard and assisted by willing volunteers, Erker Park is sporting a brand-new waterfront deck. The old, warping wood was replaced and the shoreline was rehabilitated and stabilized with riprap and cobble over high-quality fabric, to limit erosion. Yellow flag irises were donated and planted along the shoreline to add color and further help stabilization. Removal of the invasive buckthorn will be completed by the end of the year. A follow-up project is being planned to address the erosion issues on the south side of the park. Volunteers for this project included Nick Leonard, Greg Dwiell, Steve McDowell, Scott Kretsmeir, Rich McCullough, Aaron Towne and Steve Libby. Plants were donated by Frank McCoy and planted by Maija Boriss and Scott Kretsmeir (who just happened to be at the park). A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped on this project.

The Forest Lake Improvement Committee (FLIC) plans to rehabilitate one of the lakefront parks each year. If you would like to help with your local park, please contact Nick Leonard at [LakeChair@FLCAOnline.org](mailto:LakeChair@FLCAOnline.org). The next park to be chosen will depend upon the amount of interest (and help) from area residents.

## **Flcaonline.org**

If you'd like to access newsletters, minutes, lake reports or see pictures of current events, check out [www.flcaonline.org](http://www.flcaonline.org). You will also find a list of small businesses that are owned by members of FLCA. If you would like to post your small business, email Doug Howard at [doug@alternateapproach.net](mailto:doug@alternateapproach.net).

## **Ice Fishing Derby**

This year's ice fishing derby will be held the weekend of Jan. 28, 29. Details will be posted on the website soon.

## **Halloween Parade**

Despite the threat of rain, which thankfully held off, the Halloween Parade was a great success. Approximately 85 "ghosts and goblins," along with their families, paraded to the Community Center for treats and prizes. Laura Tegtmeier would like to thank everyone who pitched in to help, especially Kathy O'Halloran, Nancy Stark, and the gal with the "orange hair." In addition, thanks to Greg Dwiell and Rich McCullough for their help decorating, i.e., swinging from the ceiling putting up the big spider, etc. And of course, a big THANK YOU to the Lake Zurich Fire Department for continuing to support Forest Lake every year with its awesome truck and crew!

## **Breakfast with Santa**

Breakfast with Santa is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, at 9:00am. This is the only children's party that requires reservations, as we want to make sure there are enough breakfast goodies for everyone. In the last several years, many reservations have come in very late and that makes it REALLY difficult to plan. Signs go up the weekend prior to the event as a reminder, but please try to call as early as you can (Laura Tegtmeier 847/ 438-3688). There is a nominal fee of \$3.00 for children (parents are free). When leaving a reservation, specify how many children and how many adults will be attending. If you would like to help with decorating, please come to the Community Center on Friday night, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00p.m. There may be adult beverages involved!

## **Water**

The construction that you have been seeing at Melody Lane and Old McHenry Road is to connect 76 properties in Forest Lake to the Aqua Illinois well in Hawthorn Woods. Most of these properties are currently on a private well that the county owns and maintains. The county cannot meet the new regulations from the State of Illinois and is shifting the responsibility of maintaining the water standards to Aqua Illinois. Owners of all properties involved have been notified and are aware of this change.

## **Help Mark the Roads**

Bill Krukenberg has mentioned in the Ela Township Newsletter that it helps, during snow plowing, to have the roads marked by residents. This is especially helpful during major snowstorms like last year's blizzard. If you are concerned about a plow digging up your grass or hitting a curb, put one or more reflectors on a flexible pole along the edge of the road. They are available at Casper True Value Hardware or Home Depot.

## **"Tired of Winter Blues" Party**

We are planning an adult "Tired of Winter Blues" party at the end of January or February at the Community Center. Beer and brats will be provided and attendees will be asked to bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. We are in the planning stages and are looking for volunteers. If you are available to help, please call Laura Tegtmeier at 847- 438-3688.

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**Thin Ice**

It's that time of year to remind you to be careful on the ice. Drill a hole to check the thickness of the ice, which should be at least 6 inches. If you see others on the ice, it doesn't mean that it is thick enough. The ice will be thinner at the inlets and channel where the water is flowing. Check any area if you are not sure. Also, if your dog drops something on the ice, it will eventually end up in the water where we swim. It does not go away on its own.



**Christmas 1965**

**Pictures**

We are looking for pictures of Forest Lake residents enjoying recent events in the community. Select pictures will be posted on the website and may be put in the Ela Township Museum

collection. Please email your pictures to [mrpetzold2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrpetzold2@sbcglobal.net) and be sure to include names, type of event, and year.

**Community Center Rental**

If you are interested in renting the Community Center for the Holidays, a birthday party, or that special event, call Tom Philippsen at 847/540-8928 and remember to attend the next meeting to finalize arrangements. If you are not familiar with the Community Center, it is located in the southeast corner of Forest Lake at the intersection of South and East Roads. The Community Center is equipped with a bar, full kitchen, tables and chairs.

**Facebook**

For breaking news and updates, join our Facebook group. Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), copy/paste or type Forest Lake Community Neighbors-60047 into the search bar on the top right side of the page. Click the Join This Group link.

**Thank You**

Joe and Katie on Arbor Lane would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the dozens of compassionate Forest Lake neighbors that were a part of a search and rescue mission to find their lost puppy, Ruby. The entire story is on our website.

**Next Meeting**

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

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