



# Forest Lake Newsletter

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## **New Board Members**

We welcome Mike Vormittag and Mike Jennings to the FLCA Board. They have always had an interest in protecting and enhancing our lake and parks and will both work hard to enhance our community.

## **Run for the Troops**

The 3rd Annual Forest Lake Run for the Troops was a huge success! This year, we raised close to \$3,000 for Operation Support Our Troops America. We also collected 5 boxes of goodies for Ryan Burtis, a local airman serving in Afghanistan. A huge thank you to the Forest Lake Community Association for sponsoring this year's event. Also, thank you to our volunteers and neighbors that supported the event. It wouldn't have been possible without you! Hope to see you all again next year! - Megan McDowell



2014 – Run for Our Troops

## **Halloween Parade**

The annual Forest Lake Halloween Parade has taken place every year since 1939. This year the parade will step off on Sunday, October 26, at 3:00pm, from the South Beach and head to the Community Center. All children of dues paying Forest Lake Community Association members are invited to participate. We are anticipating that again this year the Lake Zurich Fire Department will lead the parade. See you there!

## **Boat Launch Upgrade**

We are looking at upgrading the boat launch to make it easier for members to launch their boats. Methods and installation options are being researched.

## **Aquatic Hitchhikers**

Aquatic hitchhikers have been a growing problem in many bodies of water, including Asian Carp and Zebra Mussels in Lake Michigan. If you launch your boat in another lake or river, please scrub it clean before

launching it in our lake, in order to eliminate the risk of unwanted species ending up in our lake. Similarly, do not set aquatic plants in the lake (i.e., grasses, water lilies), as some varieties can be highly invasive and overtake a lake. FLCA has recently planted recommended aquatic vegetation to improve the quality of the lake—these were purchased from a supplier who specializes in aquatic plants and will be beneficial to our lake.

## **Be Careful When Fertilizing**

Toledo's drinking water was recently contaminated by an algae bloom caused by phosphates in Lake Erie. Phosphates will not cause contamination of our drinking water but have caused algae blooms and excessive weed growth in our lake. As phosphates flow out of our lawns and lake, they cause rapid algae growth in other streams, rivers and lakes. Please use fertilizers that do not contain phosphates, which are available wherever you purchase your usual fertilizer

## **Slow Down!**

If you see cars speeding down our streets, do not hesitate to call the Lake County Sheriff: 847-377-4000 with the license number, if available. Note the time so that if there are patterns, the Sheriff can monitor.



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## **Website**

Check out our website: [flcaonline.org](http://flcaonline.org)

The website contains information about what is happening in Forest Lake, photos, documents, newsletters, information about the lake, new resident information and forms for renting the community center.

**Budget**

Any member who would like to see where your dues are spent can check out our budget on our website: [flcaonline.org](http://flcaonline.org)

**Fall Leaves**

Leaves, acorns and other yard waste can significantly contribute to the nitrogen and phosphorous levels in Forest Lake. Composting your leaves is a great way to dispose of them by turning them into a high quality fertilizer for your garden. Thoroughly mulching your leaves with a mulching lawnmower is the second-best option. Although some of the mulched pieces will find their way into the lake, they will also act as a natural fertilizer for your lawn. Learn more at [www.goodcompost.com](http://www.goodcompost.com).

If you do not compost, bagging your leaves and disposing them through curbside pickup is an option. Waste Management: (1-800-796-9696) offers yard waste pickup for \$2/mo from April through November. Many blowers have a mulching function, which can decrease the overall volume to less than half.

Burning leaves has a negative impact on our environment and some of our neighbors have

respiratory problems. If you burn, please be considerate of your neighbors and consider which way the wind is blowing. Burning leaves on the street is illegal in Lake County, as it damages the street, and may result in a fine.

**Garage Sales**

We are looking for someone to head up our community garage sales. Spring seems so far away yet fall/winter is the time to start thinking about selling some of those unwanted items. The person who organizes it will have the power to pick the date.

**FLCA Board Meeting**

All meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in our Community Center at the corner of South St. and East Street (23489 East St.). Come and join us on October 14.

**Wanted:**

Someone who would like to help with the flower gardens at our parks, specifically Steinken Park. If you are interested or would like more information, call Maija Boriss – 847-438-3114.

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