



# Forest Lake Newsletter

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## **Eagle Scout Project**

Kevin Hurley, from Boy Scout Troop 92, completed his Eagle Project at Erker Park over the summer. Kevin designed a conservation project to resolve drainage issues that were causing a mucky mess in the park. His project consisted of regrading the upper half of the park and placing 15 tons of stone to make a dry riverbed and boat pad. These improvements make the park a more enjoyable place for us all. Many thanks to the board members for their support in completing this project. A special thanks to Simpson & Sons, BoxCo and Hawthorn Gardens for their help with the project.



Eroded area in Erker Park before improvements.

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

Our annual children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 28, at 9:00am, at the Community Center Park. Children of currently paid members will be racing to find the many eggs concealed in the lawn. Bring your children and join in the festivities. Don't be late. The rain date for the hunt is Saturday, April 4, also at 9:00am.

## **Our Website**

Our website is available for everyone to see what is happening in Forest Lake. You will find meeting minutes, budgets, events, pictures, old documents, rules for renting the Community Center and lake management reports. You will find it at [flcaonline.org](http://flcaonline.org)

## **Be Careful Out There!**

As warmer temperatures and spring rains arrive the ice on the lake becomes extremely slippery and thin. Be

careful when walking on the lake. Just because you see someone walking on the ice, it doesn't mean that it is safe. Ice thickness varies from area to area and many parts will not support the weight of a small child and other parts will easily support a group of adults. Again, test the thickness with a portable drill.



Dry drainage area after improvements.



Boat storage area before improvements.

## **Phosphate Fertilizers – A No-No**

As spring approaches, many of us think of greening our lawns. If you are fertilizing, we strongly recommend the use of non-phosphate fertilizers, which are readily available in local stores. When phosphate fertilizers wash into the lake, they contribute to summer algae blooms and upset the chemical balance of the lake. FLCA has spent many hours and significant funds to improve the water quality of our lake. We need everyone's help to

maintain its good health. Libertyville, Vernon Hills, and 9 other Lake County towns have already banned lawn fertilizers containing phosphates. If you have a lawn company that fertilizes your lawn, please call them to verify that their fertilizer does not contain phosphates.

**Community Center Rental**

If you are interested in renting our community center for a special function, contact Steve Norman 847-540-8857 for available dates.

Information and costs are on our website (flcaonline.org).

**Fishing Derby**

Over 40 competitors were on the ice enjoying a warm, sunny day while waiting for that big strike. Many others enjoyed walking around the lake, talking to the fisherpersons and having a hotdog or brat. A special thanks to the Muller family, Todd, Katie and Roy, the Vormittags, Mike and Anne, John Harkness and Brad Etter for organizing the derby. A big thanks to Pam Harkness for the delicious pastries. The largest fish caught were a 15 1/2" bass by John W. and a 22.75" catfish. We want to thank those who supplied our prizes: Country Corners, Bobbers, Hackneys, Rock N Ribs, Anglers, Gilmer

Road House, Beelows, Chasers, Copper Fiddle, Sideouts, Anglers Int'l. and Brian Drommer.



2015 Fishing Derby

**Our Parks**

All five parks in Forest Lake are private property owned by our association. Our parks are open to all members and accompanied guests and are open from sunrise to sunset. FLCA pays for all maintenance of the parks, including repair of equipment, mowing, snow removal, insurance, tree trimming and sand at the beaches. We receive no governmental funding for this. They are private property. If you have not paid your dues you are potentially individually liable for any accidents or injuries that occur on any of our parks or lake.

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