



Forest Lake Newsletter

Forest Lake Community Association
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October 2017

October Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on October 10th at 7:30. All meetings are held at our Community Center on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.



Halloween Parade

Mark your calendar and get your costumes ready! The Annual FLCA Halloween Parade will be held on Saturday, October 21 at 1:00 p.m. If you would like to participate in the parade, please meet at Steinken (South) Beach at 1:00. We will parade through Forest Lake to the Community Center where refreshments will be served. The event is open to children (12 and under) and their parents and must be a dues paid member. Rain date will be Sunday, October 22. Any changes will be posted on our website (flcaonline.org) and our Facebook page. Please contact Annie Vormittag with questions: annievormittag@yahoo.com or 847-334-0181. We hope to see you there!

Leaf Disposal This Fall

Leaves, acorns, and other yard waste can significantly contribute to the high nitrogen and phosphorous levels in Forest Lake. When you're cursing the blanket of leaves in your yard this fall, The Forest Lake Improvement Committee (FLIC) asks that you please consider your impact on the lake, particularly if you live on or near the shoreline or an inlet.

Composting

Composting your leaves is a great way to remove your leaves by turning them into high quality fertilizer for your garden. You can learn more at sites like www.goodcompost.com.

Bagging as Yard Waste

Bagging your leaves and disposing them through curb side pick-up completely removes their nutrients from the lake's watershed. Waste Management offers yard waste disposal for an additional \$2 a

month from April through November. Also, some leaf blowers have a mulching function which can decrease the overall volume of leaves by more than half.

Mulching

Thoroughly mulching your leaves with a mulching lawnmower decrease their ability to get into the lake, and will also act as a natural fertilizer for your lawn.

Burning leaves

Burning leaves has the largest negative impact on the lake. Burning breaks down the leaf structure and makes the nutrients readily available (no decomposition necessary) for excess algae and plant growth. Burning leaves at the curbside, close to the shoreline or close to an inlet gives the ash a direct path to the lake. Burning leaves along the street is illegal in Lake County and will result in a fine. **DO NOT BURN AT THE CURBSIDE OR CLOSE TO THE SHORELINE OR AN INLET.** Also, consider disposing the cool ash in the garbage to remove the nutrients from the lake's watershed.

DO NOT blow leaves directly into the lake or into the street

Leaves blown into the street **will** end up in the lake. The decomposing leaves create bottom "muck" and excess nutrients to the water. More than enough leaves end up in the lake from the wind - please don't add anymore.

Please do your part to keep Forest Lake beautiful!



Kids Movie Night was a big hit!

Thank you to all the families that attended our Kids Movie Night at the Community Center! We hope you all had a great time.

A huge thank you to Ted Anderson/Blue Wired Events (BlueWiredEvents.com) for donating his equipment/services and to the crew that put this fun event together: Bud Fugitt, Dustin Knoll and Anthony Garry! And thank you to Julie Garry, Greg Dwiel and Mike Vormittag for your help!



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BagBoard Tournament Results

Thank you to everyone that attended our 3rd Annual FLCA BagBoard Tournament! All of you make this a very special event and it wouldn't be possible without you!

Your generous donations raised \$1414.00 for Operation Support Our Troops - America. OSOT-America is one of the largest volunteer based military support organizations in the country. A non-profit organization that endeavors to provide comfort and care at home and away to our active duty military, families and veterans.... Thank you to Sue Liston/OSOT- America for spending the day with us! Congratulations to the 2017 Tournament Champions/Gold Medalists, Bud Fugitt and Dustin Knoll! Congratulations to our Silver Medalists as well, Joe Hartmann and Carl Vecchio! A huge thank you to Bud, Dustin, Joe, Carl and our 50/50 winner, Paul Krueger, for generously donating all of their winnings to OSOT-America!

Many thanks to Bob Kearnan/Alpine Bag Company and Carrie Glass/Peapod, for their very generous donations and continued support for this event!! Another big thank you to the following businesses that donated raffle prizes: Peapod, Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants, Wilson Sporting Goods, Lake Zurich American Legion, Wauconda American Legion, Scoreboard, Mariano's, Chasers Sports Bar & Grill, Raceway Car Wash, Consume, Orchard Prime Meats, 7-Eleven, Rosati's, Beelow's, Costco, Jewel, Learning Express Toys, La Malinche Bar & Grill and Gilmer Road House.

And to the wonderful volunteers that make this event happen, THANK YOU!! Katie Muller, Sue Lalowski, Greg Dwiel, Kim and Roy Muller, Buzz and Pam Harkness, Janet Kuszynski, Traci Willney, Mike Vormittag, Vicki Harkness and Kenny Wendt. And thank you to everyone that helped tear down and clean up!

Boat Stickers

All boats stored at the parks must have Forest Lake boat stickers or risk being disposed. Contact Greg Dwiel for info.



Community Garage Sale

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's annual garage sale—it was a tremendous success. Keep an eye on spring newsletter or FLCA Facebook page for information on next year's sale—next May or June!



Special Thanks

Our sincere thanks to resident Tomasz Wakmundzki for volunteering his services to clean the playground equipment at the community center. Contributions from generous people like Tomasz make Forest Lake a great community!



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FLCA Dues

In a Community Association, every member of the association (the homeowner) is responsible for their small part of keeping the organization up and running efficiently by paying their association dues in a timely manner. Our dues are minimal in comparison to nearby communities/subdivisions that don't offer anything close to what we have here.

A homeowner's lack of paying dues impacts our community and our property values. If our lake, parks, beaches, etc. are not maintained, it will affect us all whether you use them or not. If the lake were a cesspool (as it was many years ago), the parks were overgrown with weeds and the Community Center was in disrepair, our wonderful community would suffer immensely as would the value of our homes. Also, if a homeowner refuses to contribute their fair share of the responsibility of maintaining these vital areas of our community, they forfeit their right to use the lake, beaches, parks, Community Center and attend Community Events. This IS enforceable by our by-laws. The annual dues cover everything from snow removal to liability insurance for the lake as all residents are responsible should tragedy strike. Our community incurs a multitude of expenses to keep it up and running, expenses that **every resident benefits from**. Please be a responsible homeowner and do your part. A breakdown of the FLCA budget can be viewed at flcaonline.org.

A huge thank you to all of those that do their part and to the many volunteers that donate their time and services to our community! You make Forest Lake a wonderful place to live!

Forest Lake Little Library

Thank you to the 4-H Club members that built and donated a little library to the Forest Lake community. It is located near the entrance of the Community Center. Please come visit the little library, take a book to read or donate a book. Happy reading.



Zoning Violations

If you notice uncut grass, garbage in yard, building without a permit or other neighborhood nuisances please be neighborly at try to resolve with your neighbor, sometimes it can be resolved very quickly and you might make a new friend in the process. Let's keep Forest Lake friendly! If issue remains unresolved contact Lake County at 847-377-2600.



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Safety on Our Streets

There have been numerous complaints regarding drivers not stopping at stop signs, speeding and reckless driving in the neighborhood. For the safety of all, obey the stop signs and speed limit. There are many children, walkers, runners, bicyclists, etc. on the street, as well as children and pets playing in yards that may be near the street. Please reduce your speed and drive cautiously. Driving at lower speeds enables drivers to stop within a shorter distance.

If you need to report an incident, please contact the Lake County Sheriff's Office: 847-549-5200

Community Center Rental

Our Community Center is available to rent for a minimal charge for dues paying members. If you need more space for a gathering, contact Steve Norman: 847-540-8857. The Community Center is located at 23489 N. East Rd. (the southeast corner of Forest Lake). You will find the rules to rent the center on our website: flcaonline.org



Save the Date!

Breakfast with Santa will be held on December 9th at 9:00 am. Details will be listed in our next Newsletter along with the date for our Cabo Wabo Beach Party. Events are also listed on our website: flcaonline.org and the Forest Lake Community Neighbors Facebook page.

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