

## Forest Lake Newsletter

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December 2017 Breakfast with Santa

We received an official letter from Santa letting us know that everyone who attended Breakfast with Santa made the Nice List! Congratulations to all and thank you for making it a festive and fun morning! It was great to see so many smiling faces and a wonderful way to start to the Christmas season.

A big thank you to Santa's favorite elf, Greg Dwiel, for putting this event together! And thank you to all of his amazing helpers: Sue Lalowski, Pam and Buzz Harkness, Kim and Roy Muller, Janet Kuszynski, Katie Muller, Paul Goodman, Lynn Dwiel, Mike Vormittag and Steve Norman. Your help with these events is greatly appreciated! Santa said you made the Nice List too! And last but not least, a huge thank you to Chuck Wendt! We can't say for what, but he did a fabulous job.



#### Thank you, Laura Tegtmeier!

Laura Tegtmeier has been a Forest Lake Community Association Board member for over 20 years and was also the Activities Chairman for many of those years. She was the person responsible for numerous events that were enjoyed by all!

Laura is stepping down to enjoy a well-deserved retirement. Her fellow Board Members, and the residents of the community, would like to express their wholehearted thanks for her time, talent and efforts for so many years. It is with great regret that we lose her as a member of the Board, but we wish her all the best in her retirement!



Thank you to those that have already paid their 2018 Forest Lake Community Association dues! This is a reminder for those who have not. 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.

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, 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 list of current dues paid members can be viewed at flcaonline.org as well as a breakdown of the 2018 FLCA Budget.

Again, 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!



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### John Harkness Sr. Memorial Fishing Derby

Winter is here and that means it's time for our Annual John Harkness Sr. Memorial Fishing Derby. Put on your Parka and long underwear and join us on Saturday February 10, 2018. Registration opens at 5:30 AM, derby is from 6:00 AM– 3:00 PM, center of lake near sandbar. Registration fee is \$10 per person, \$20 per family (10 yrs. & under are free). All State of Illinois regulations apply, including possession of a valid Illinois Fishing License (2018 Licenses can be purchased at <u>www.dnr.state.il.us</u>). We strongly encourage the practice of *catch and release* on Forest Lake.

Registration is required *prior* to any fish being caught.

Must be a current dues paid member (or guest of participating member with ID). Association dues may be paid by check at registration.

\* Food/Prizes will be distributed at 3:00pm (Winners *MUST* be present).

A full list of rules/details and changes due to weather can be viewed on our Facebook page and website (flcaonline.org).



Cabo Wabo Beach Party

Have you had enough of the cold weather and are looking for a way to beat the winter blues? Then come out and join us for our Cabo Wabo Beach Party!

Grab your flip flops and limbo on over to the Forest Lake Community Center on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 from 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM. We'll provide the food, fun and margaritas. **New this year will be live**  music from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM! Bring your quarters for games and feel free to pack a cooler with your favorite beverage. The event is open to dues paid members, 21 and over, and there is no charge. Non-dues paid members can attend for a fee of \$200.00. <u>Please make your reservation via e-mail:</u> <u>chair@flcaonline.org by 2/21/18, a limited number of</u> <u>spaces are available (your name, address, phone #</u> <u>and number of adults attending).</u> You don't want to miss this event!



Looking for the quickest way to find out about Community Events, get recommendations, sell an item or find a babysitter? Join the Forest Lake Community Neighbors-60047 Facebook page! It's a closed group for Forest Lake Community Association members (you must be dues current). Send a request on Facebook directly from the groups page. Renters and those whose Facebook name is different than their legal name of record, please send a private message to Marci Karber Buerger, and include your address.



### Easter Egg Hunt

Spring will soon be on its way and that means it's almost time for our Easter Egg Hunt! Join us at the Community Center for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 10:00 AM. We will have crafts for the kids, refreshments and a visit from the Easter Bunny following the egg hunt. <u>Please make your reservation via e-mail:</u> <u>chair@flcaonline.org by 3/14/18 (your name, address, phone # and number of your children attending).</u> The event is open to children 12 and under and must be a dues paid member. There is no charge but a limited number of spaces are available. We look forward to seeing you there!



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### Crime in Forest Lake

In recent months, we have endured a rash of vandalism, theft and individuals driving recklessly in our community. The latest instance took place Christmas weekend. Three vehicles tore up the ball field behind the Forest Lake Community Center. The vehicles involved were a black Honda Pilot, a black Jeep (with a small plow in front) and a black Dodge Durango (with a loud exhaust). These same vehicles damaged several resident's lawns and were driving recklessly throughout the neighborhood. The Lake County Sheriff's Department was called and they have increased patrols. They also need OUR assistance to prevent, detect and investigate these crimes. We need to work together to stop these criminal acts and keep our neighborhood a safe place to call home.

*If you see something, say something*. If these acts are not reported to the LCSD, they will continue and escalate. The reckless driving on our streets is beyond dangerous. If you are witness to any criminal activity, please call 911 immediately. Do not put yourself in harm's way, but try and provide useful information to the dispatcher (license plate numbers, car model and color, descriptions of suspects, etc.). If you have any information regarding crime in our community, you can also contact the Lake County Sheriff's Department at 847-549-5200.

If you are interested in organizing or participating in a Neighborhood Watch Program, please attend the next FLCA Board meeting. It will be held at the Community Center on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.



### Winter Lake Safety

Winter is here and that brings an abundance of activity to our beautiful Forest Lake! Skating, sledding, ice fishing, dog walking, snowmobiling, hockey and even ice golf. All great fun but please remember to play it safe when on the ice. Ice is rarely the same thickness across a body of water and changes often. Always check the ice thickness and be sure to avoid areas that have cracks or moving water. We also ask that those operating snowmobiles, ATV's, golf carts, etc., use extra caution on the lake and be aware of those enjoying the many activities mentioned. Please use your lights when operating at night and when visibility is restricted. For those that may be new to the community, the lake, parks and beaches are for dues paid members of the FLCA. All guests must be accompanied by a member if using any of the facilities. Enjoy and be safe!



February 10 – Ice Fishing Derby March 3 – Cabo Wabo Beach Party March 24 – Easter Egg Hunt Our next newsletter will be published in late April





#### 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

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