

NOTICE TO FOREST LAKE RESIDENTS

FOREST LAKE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Not since December, 1994 have we experienced this !

**Water actually crossed the causeway ! causing the road to be closed
The good news is that the Dam held.**

DHEC has issued emergency orders to repair all dams in the State that failed or are in immediate danger of failing. We are happy to report that our dam is **NOT** one of them!

Fields inspections and initial assessments have been made by DHEC to all dams in the State. Again, ours is not in danger. This means that there is no immediate danger to citizen's health, safety and welfare. No immediate remedial measures are necessary. However, we have experienced a few problems and must get a detailed engineering report within the next 90 days. We are contacting DHEC recommended engineering firms to determine the full extent of the damage. Repairs of any slope failure require a professional engineer and a permit from DHEC.

What we have noticed from our own self-inspection is:

1. Slight erosion on the south end
2. Fallen trees on the emergency spillway
3. Concrete section of emergency spillway needs to be replaced

We will undertake repairs, once a professional engineering firm has been consulted and we have obtained the necessary permit. We fully intend to comply with all State Dam Safety regulations.

We would like to comment that the major upgrading of the dam surface done in 2006 (costing \$40,000) was the primary reason for the Dam holding. Only minor erosion and failure of a section of the emergency spillway occurred. Considering this was a “1,000 year event”, we were lucky.

In the meantime, we have started our routine **lowering of the lake** to allow for repairs to resident’s damaged retaining walls, docks, piers, boats, etc. We expect the lake will be down significantly in the next 3 weeks to allow for this.

A few other things have been taken care of recently, namely replacing the mulch around the 44 crepe myrtle trees that washed away on the causeway and cleaning and repairing our irrigation pump that was totally submerged. Some things have also been done that are not directly related to the flooding. A pump house is being added over the irrigation pump, the Boat Ramp sign at Knollwood Road has been replaced, and the Boat Ramp garden beds have been tilled and cultivated.

Here’s a photo of this historic event



This is about 3 feet higher than usual.

If you have any good photos please send them to fmcintyre@bellsouth.net

We wish everyone well and urge cooperation with your neighbors to get all the necessary repairs completed in our yards, docks, outbuildings, etc. It was certainly a traumatic event for many of us.

