

FOREST LAKE NEWS

Forest Lake Homeowners Association - P.O. Box 12284 - Florence, SC 29504

website: www.forestlakesc.com

NOVEMBER, 2012

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

We are presenting here an update of recent association activities. We also take this opportunity to welcome all those new to the community

THEY'RE COMING BACK!

The cormorants will be returning soon and we are committed to protecting the lake and the good fishing many of us enjoy.



The FLHA Board has applied for and received permits from USDA and SCDNR to participate in a regional cormorant depredation program.

The permits require that we use a two phase process to solve this problem. Phase one consists of using noise makers to scare the birds away as they attempt to feed on our fish. If and when this fails. Phase two is to use shotguns to eliminate

some of the birds. Hopefully this will cause the remaining birds to go elsewhere. If Phase two occurs, it will be done legally and safely by experienced hunters over open water and monitored by DNR agents.

TRESPASSING ?

If you see any boat without a sticker that looks like this (below) please contact us. They are trespassing.



Boat permits are required and must be displayed on any boat on the lake. Rest assured that action will be taken against any person found trespassing on the lake

Please call our Lake Advocate, Chris Morris at 601-0472.

MEMORIAL DEDICATION

On May 19, 2012 an area on the lake was dedicated to Mrs. Verdie Jeffords wife of a co-founder of the lake Foster Jeffords. She worked tirelessly to preserve the wildlife around the lake and a bronze plaque was put up in her honor. It is permanently located at the boat ramp on Forest Lake Drive.



THE LAKE

Fish Restocking – we have scheduled bass and shellcrackers to be added this Fall. They will be picked up soon.

Spraying of Weeds -. we have a regular spraying plan. This is a directed mostly in the western end of the lake. A new spraying motor for our boat has been approved and will allow the job to be done easier and quicker.

Dock Repairs - Over a dozen people complied with our recent inspection of unsafe docks, piers and walls. Many have been repaired, replaced or torn

down. We feel the lake is much safer now and thank those for their efforts.

Dam Inspection - we are required to have the Dam inspected every two years. This will be done in February 2013 by DHEC. Any deficiencies or safety concerns will be pointed out and corrected. A final cutting of the surface of the Dam will be done before this.

Lake Lowering - we try to lower the lake every two or three years. Nothing is scheduled for the year 2013.



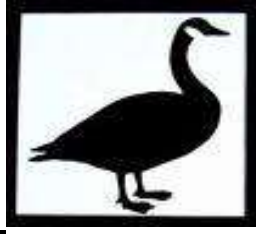
FLHA is now on Facebook. Take a look. We intend to use it as a tool to post photos for public viewing.

We have discovered that many residents have wonderful photos of scenes around the lake. Hopefully this will encourage you to share them with everyone.

The procedures for getting the photos on Facebook will be to email them to one of our Board Members, Frank McIntyre, who will review and approve them and then post them. Please contact him at fmcintyre@bellsouth.net.

So far, about 8 photos appear on the site. If lots more are received, we intend to create categories to file them in, such as Animals, Birds, Fish, Boating, Sunsets, Special Events, etc.

CHRISTMAS GOOSE ORDERS



For the holiday season, most of our neighborhoods display a Christmas lawn decoration –a Canadian Goose. They are handmade by a local craftsman and painted in red and green holiday colors. They have become part of a very impressive display of holiday spirit and we encourage everyone's participation.

If you would like to order a holiday goose, please contact Frank McIntyre at **629-9955**. He has a sample one for your inspection as well. The cost is **\$85.00**. Your family name in large white vinyl letters can be added for \$10.00.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership for the year thus far is about the same as last year.

We have attempted to contact residents this year who live on the water and who have chosen NOT to join the Association. Despite our best efforts, we notice that there are still 10 houses on the lake on Lakeshore Drive and 12 houses on the lake on Forest Lake Drive that have not joined. We find this surprising and have asked them to help us understand.

We believe those of us on the lake have a special stake in supporting the Association's efforts in maintaining the lake.

Residents in our newest addition to the Forest Lake Community, The Colony at Forest Lake, are required to be members. This was agreed to by the developer, Philip Greenberg and will be adhered to.

2013 ANNUAL MEETING

We are pleased to announce that plans have been finalized for our annual homeowner's meeting. We will be sending out formal notices to everyone in late December or early January.

If you would like to mark your calendar, please note that it will be held on

Thursday, **January 31, 2013**, 7:00pm

St. Luke Lutheran Church, Cherokee Dr.

If there are topics or concerns you would like to bring up, please contact a Board member in advance.

MOVED-IN or MOVED-OUT?

Our best source of knowledge as to who has moved into the neighborhood or moved out is **you!**

If you have new neighbors, or just lost one, we would appreciate your telling us. We can then update our records and be sure to keep them informed.

Please contact a board member below.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

2012 Board of Directors:

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| David Lawson, President | 615-3360 |
| Burt Owens, Vice President | 250-6644 |
| Gerry Braun, Secretary | 407-6730 |
| Jon Bergrin, Treasurer | 667-6413 |
| Chris Morris | 292-0778 |
| James Stepp | 661-2809 |
| Kathy Maddy | 413-1166 |
| Mark Buxton | 662-9592 |
| Jane Matthews | 662-8352 |
| Frank McIntyre | 629-9955 |

Three (3) of our Board Members will be rotating off at the end of the year. Membership on the Board is for a period of three (3) years.

If you are interested in serving, or know of a neighbor who is, we would appreciate hearing from you.



WANT TO JOIN?

Membership applications are available on our website, www.forestlakesc.com
We would appreciate your support.

IMPORTANT

DATES :

November 22, 2012



December 25, 2012



January 1, 2013



January 31, 2013 – Annual Meeting

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