

FOREST LAKE NEWS

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

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CORMORANT MANAGEMENT

The FLHA Board plans to pursue an ongoing program of cormorant management. This will be done in large part by non-lethal noisemakers which should reduce the number of cormorants on our lake. There may be times however, when lethal methods will be necessary.

All the wildlife management professionals we have talked to agree that the USDA Cormorant Depredation Program is currently the best option we have to preserve the ecological balance of our lake. If we are successful, we should see our fish population grow and once again enjoy recreational fishing. We believe that complete success will be a long term matter but will help preserve property values for all Forest Lake residents.

We appreciate your patience.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our membership total so far this year is 186. The total for 2007 was 279. We hope to exceed that number this year and hope to reach the 300 mark for 2008. We need your help to get there.

Reminders are being sent out to those residents who have not joined so far. We encourage your participation and remind you that membership application forms are available from our website.

ABANDONED HOUSE

3358 Forest Lake Drive

We are happy to report that the property has been substantially improved. The abandoned vehicle was removed, and trees and bushes trimmed. This was done by the County to bring the property in conformance with County Codes.

The homeowner has been billed by the County for the services.

ANNUAL PICNIC

We have made plans to have our annual picnic a little earlier this year to avoid the extreme heat we experienced last year. Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, May 3, 2008**. A separate newsletter will be sent out in April. The location will be the same –the boat ramp area on Lakeshore Drive.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

The crepe myrtle trees on the causeway are scheduled to be pruned shortly. Wire cages that protect them from the beavers will be inspected. Weeding and mulching will take place as well.

Our three boat ramps will be inspected and any debris cleaned out.

MOVED-IN or MOVED-OUT?

We would like to remind residents that our best source of knowledge as to who has moved in or out of the neighborhood 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.

FLOOD INSURANCE

If you are experiencing demands for Flood Insurance by your lender, please let us know. We can offer some help. Most of our homes are NOT in a flood zone. However, according to a new map produced by FEMA we are being shown as within a flood plane. For most of us this is not true and various onerous procedures have to be followed to get "excused" out of the so called Flood Zone. Frank McIntyre is willing to help you understand the procedures and get the necessary forms. Please give him a call at 629-9955.

HAIL DAMAGE ?

A resident in Forest Lake West has asked that we canvas all residents to see if anyone experienced hail damage last Spring, i.e., during the months of April or May 2007. If you have, please contact Pat Rose at 662-6411

INSPECTION OF DAM

The Forest Lake dam is required to be inspected by DHEC every three years. It will come up again this year and we will

report the results. We keep the surface mowed and trim any trees that start to grow. We also keep the spillway area cleared of any tree stumps and check the drain areas regularly. We have no plans to lower the lake this year.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

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