

FOREST LAKE NEWS

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

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To Our Friends & Neighbors

April 30, 2012

The FLHA Board is presenting here important news to help keep everyone updated and informed. We also take this opportunity to welcome any new residents to the community.

Many items of information are contained on the association website at www.forestlakesc.com.

IT MUST BE SPRING !

Everyone wants to fish, however.....



Everyone needs to be reading the sign –especially all those uninvited fishermen that have appeared lately. Please feel free to chase them away! Point

out that this is private property and they can be charged with trespassing. We should, of course avoid any confrontation. Call the police instead.

BOAT RAMP DEDICATION & PICNIC

We will be honoring one of our founders, Mrs. Foster “Verdie” Jeffords by dedicating the boat ramp her family has generously donated to our homeowner association.



Verdie worked diligently to have the area surrounding the lake become a Wildlife Sanctuary. This was officially done in the South Carolina legislature in the 1970's and continues to this day.

A permanent bronze plaque will be installed at the boat ramp location on Forest Lake Drive on May 19, 2012 with a ceremony honoring Verdie.

We will combine this with a Picnic at the Forest Lake boat ramp. We invite all our residents to attend. It will start at 11:00am. Please refer to our flyer.

PICNIC: May 19, 2012
TIME: 11:00 – 2:00
Forest Lake Drive Boat Ramp

DOCK & PIER REPAIRS

After inspection, numerous docks were determined to be dangerous and in need of repair or replacement. Many of you used the opportunity of the lake being lowered to make the necessary improvements. We would like to thank all those who tore down dangerous structures and repaired their docks and seawalls.

We are maintaining a list of responsible contractors who have done this type of work around the lake. We can pass on the following names:

John Gainey,
Lester Haley
Brian Vesco.

Please contact a Board Member for telephone numbers.

Welcome to new Board Members

Three new Board members were elected at our annual meeting in January. Welcome to **James Stepp** and **Mark Buxton** of Forest Lake West, **Jane Matthews** of Forest Lake South and **Kathy Maddy** of Lakeshore Drive.

NEW BOAT RAMP AT FOREST LAKE POINTE



The existing boat ramp has been upgraded and is now gated and useable. The slope of the ramp was also improved. An FLHA sign has been placed there and access to the lake will only be permitted by FLHA association members. Keys will be needed and are available. Please contact Frank McIntyre at 629-9955.

FISH RESTOCKING & WATER CONDITION

Despite the unexpected fish kill last August, the fish population remains

stable. We may plan to restock again in the next few months (after the cormorants leave).

We are also looking into ways to improve the oxygen level in the lake. Biologists have informed us that much more plant life needs to be introduced. We are learning exactly what types are best. This was a contributing factor in the fish kill.

CORMORANT POPULATION

The cormorant birds are beginning to return. Our depredation efforts will continue. Both Federal and SC State permits are in place. Identification numbers are on our website and the Sheriff's Office has been provided with copies of the permits.



Anyone interested in participating in a scheduled shoot should contact Lavern Blohm at 629-9999 for a copy of the permit and shooting rules.

NEW CAUSEWAY CONTRACTOR

Maintenance of the causeway and dam was put out for bid again in December, 2011.

Effective March 1, 2012 we are using Sterling Lawn Care of Florence. Its owner Chuck Sterling is very capable and fully insured. We expect the causeway and Knollwood boat ramp to once again be *up-to-par*.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

Speeding has become a major safety issue in most Forest Lake neighborhoods. Many of our residents who attempt to walk, run or bike on our streets cannot do so safely because of speeding cars. There have been a number of "near misses" when roadways are blocked and excessive speeds occur. Many of us feel our quality of life is being impacted. We have succeeded in getting Florence County to lower the speed limit to 25 or 30 MPH on all streets. Everyone is urged to drive responsibly and obey all speed laws.

Illegal parking is becoming a growing problem as well. Lawn care services and other contractors who park their trucks and trailers on the street are blocking traffic lanes and creating very hazardous driving conditions. This is a violation of Sec. 562510 (Article 19) of the Florence County traffic laws. Residents who use contractors are urged to remind them they need to follow the law and make arrangements for off street parking.

Requesting the assistance of the Florence Sheriff's Department is encouraged whenever we see any of our warnings or suggestions ignored. Please call Sheriff's

office at: **665-2121**; ask for the Front Desk at extension 300 or 400. Give the officer the details of the violation you have observed, time of day, the street location, and any thing else that would be helpful.

Construction Approval

This is a reminder to all residents that our covenants and restrictions call for approval by the board for any additions to your property. Please refer to our "Agreement and Restrictive Covenants" paragraphs 5-10. A copy is available on our website at www.forestlakesc.com.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Association membership numbers are below average at the moment. We would like to take this opportunity to remind residents who may have forgotten to please join us this year. It's one of the most positive ways to express your involvement in the community. Remember that use of the lake can be available to all who join. You will supporting maintenance of the Dam as well. We encourage you to join. Application forms are available on our website.

Members of our Board of Directors are listed below. We meet monthly. Any interested resident may attend. Please call a board member with your concerns or suggestions.

Thank you.

FOREST LAKE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Your 2012 Board of Directors:

David Lawson	President	615-3360
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Jon Bergrin	Treasurer	667-6413
Chris Morris	Member	292-0778
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Mark Buxton	Member	662-9592
Kathy Maddy	Member	413-1166
Frank McIntyre	Alternate	629-9955

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