

FOREST LAKE

Homeowners Association

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Re: FOREST LAKE UPDATE

Dear Forest Lake Residents:

Your board volunteers have already been addressing many issues this year, an update of which follows.

Dam: We finally received the DHEC permit to repair the dam. The contractor started this week. He anticipates it taking about 3+ weeks. DHEC is **requiring** us to keep the water level low during repairs and until after their final inspection. If you have a large stable boat such as a pontoon that could be used to help add/remove boards to the spillway, please let me know.

Spillway: Robin Hayes, a recent Board Member, will be adding a gate to one of the spillways for better water level control in the future. Thanks Robin!

Fish kill: According to the DNR, the recent fish kill was a natural phenomenon (thank you Dr. Bolick for checking on this).

Crime: Please report crime information that you do not mind being disseminated to this email address. I have worked with one of our neighborhoods to install hidden cameras that read license plates (this was **not** paid for with FL-HOA funds). This information will not be shared except for law enforcement investigations. Several other people have asked me about how to do it for their neighborhood. You can find more information at the following link: <http://www.reconyx.com/>

Membership: At this point in the year, we have more members in the Association than we have ever had before! If you have not joined for 2017, click here: <http://www.forestlakesc.com/Home/Join>

Speed Bumps: Mike Morgan and Tom Levine are still working on it.

Land masses (floating islands) blocking lots after hurricane: Several longtime homeowners came to the last board meeting and explained that during the history of the lake, on multiple occasions, homeowners have individually or working with neighbors personally paid to have landmasses adjacent to their properties removed. The Association currently does not have the funds to move all of the landmasses affecting homeowners. A motion was made at the last board meeting to pay for the removal of one of the smaller masses, but the motion failed. Those opposed did not want to start a new precedent that may be very costly going forward and did not want to divert potential funds that may be used to rebuild our dam repair fund. This issue may be revisited

later. The board does favor taking preventive actions to try to stop/slow the growth of landmasses in the future. If you have a landmass affecting your property, you may want to reach out to your neighbors while the water is low to address the problem. You may also contact Tom Levine for contractor contact information and quotes the board obtained. Thank you Tom for your research on this controversial and complicated issue!

Floating dock at the Forest Lake Drive boat ramp: Repairs are planned.

Attached is a current board list.

Respectfully,

FOREST LAKE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Sam McCown, President



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