

FOREST LAKE NEWS

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

website: www.forestlakesc.com

To Our Friends & Neighbors

September, 2010

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

Membership information can be obtained from the association website at www.forestlakesc.com or by calling our Association Secretary, Gerry Braun(407-6730)

We got a Dock !



Thanks to the efforts of a Board member, Lee Daugherty, we have purchased and installed a floating dock. It is located at the Boat Ramp on Forest Lake Drive



between house numbers 3508 & 3516. We intend this to be an added benefit for association members. Further improvements to the entire boat landing are contemplated.

Rules for it's usage are being developed and we are currently testing to be sure all types and size boats on the lake can use it. It is also suggested that the boat launch at Lakeshore Drive and Knollwood be used sparingly because of the traffic hazard it produces for turning onto Lake Shore Drive.

CORMORANT CONTROL

We are continuing our efforts at controlling the cormorants. Our depredation permits are valid through the end of the year. Because of the negative impacts these birds have on our fish population, we are ready to take a stand again once they return. They seem to migrate to Forest Lake in October and stay through the late Spring. We will continue with the non-lethal means as well.

TURTLES, TURTLES, everywhere !

Little turtle heads are bobbing all over. One member of the association has counted 75 turtles on just one log in the water. More than one of us has caught one on our fishing line.

What the heck can we do?

A Board member has agreed to research this for us and find an acceptable solution. Turtle soup is not very popular here, but maybe we can come up with more options. Somebody must want them. Does anyone have any ideas?

We encourage fishing for as many catfish as you can catch. We are slightly overpopulated. One resident, Mr. Lavern Blohm has offered to clean any that you catch and take them to the Manna House to help feed the poor. Lavern lives at 3322 Forest Lake Drive.

THE DAM

An annual inspection of the dam by DHEC has occurred and only minor deficiencies were discovered. We are maintaining the surface of the dam by a professional contractor and we are taking heed of filling in any holes in the surface.

We have secured both sides of the Dam with new locks making it impassable to 4-wheelers and unwanted fishermen. Again, our dam is not an authorized area for fishing.

LAKE LOWERING

We generally consider lowering the lake about every 2-3 years. This is done for making retaining wall or dock repairs and to help with insect control. It is usually done in early January and remains lowered for about 3 weeks. If you have a need for any repairs to your property please call a Board member and let us know. We do not intend to lower the lake this year unless the need exists. Board members are listed at the end of this newsletter.

CALLING THE POLICE - a brief note

Due vandalism or other legal issues, residents will often call the local Police. We ask that when doing so, you also notify a member of the the Association Board as well. This prevents embarrassing situations and duplication of efforts. We maintain several contacts with the Police and try our best to act in a unified manner.

MEMBERSHIP

Total memberships received thus far for 2010 are **261**. This is a slight decrease over last year's total at this time. Despite numerous reminders, many resident's who typically join the association have not chosen to do so this year, or, perhaps have forgotten. We'd love to get the numbers up this year.

WANT TO JOIN ?

Membership application forms are available from our website. We also refer you to our letter on the website reciting the value of joining a homeowners association. We would appreciate your support.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

Problems still persist.

Illegal parking by our many contractors still continues. 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. 56-5-2510 (Article 19) of the Florence County traffic laws. Residents who use contractors are urged to remind them to make arrangements for off street parking.

Requesting the assistance of the Florence Sheriff's Department is encouraged. Please call the Sheriff's office at **665-2121**; ask for the front desk at extension 300 or 400. This applies to **speeding** incidents as well. Give the details of the violation you have observed, time of day, the street location, and anything else that would be helpful.

More information is posted on our two websites at

www.forestlakesc.com
www.forestlakeshores.com

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Greenberg's "Colony at Forest Lake"

Three homes are completed and an attractive brick entry off Stanley Drive has been installed. Under the terms of our agreement with them, membership in our association is mandatory. We will be contacting the developer and residents shortly.



Construction Approval Procedures

This is a reminder to all residents that our respective 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. For residents living in Forest Lake Shores the requirement is covered in paragraph 27, Outdoor Structures. (www.forestlakeshores.com) Again copies are available on our websites.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Three of our current Board members will be routinely rotating off the Board by the end of the year. We are interested in any nominations you may have. This is a great way to participate in the voice of your community. Associations are a big

part of how things get done. Our goal is to have residents from each of our communities or sub-divisions on the board. As you can see below, we need representation from Forest Lake West and Forest Lake South. Please consider serving and contact a Board member with your recommendations and/or concerns.

ANNUAL MEETING

What about mentioning that the Annual General Meeting will be held in Jan 2011

FINALLY,

Thank You to the family who routinely cleans up Lakeshore Drive – Great Volunteer Effort

Members of our current Board of Directors are listed below.

Thank you.

FOREST LAKE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Your 2010 Board of Directors:

1. **Larry Norris, *President*** **669-1258**
(Forest Lake)
2. **David Lawson, *Vice Pres.*** **615-3360**
Forest Lake Pointe)
3. **Gerry Braun, *Secretary*** **407-6730**
(Forest Lake Shores
4. **Lee Daugherty, *Treasurer*** **229-9393**
(Forest Lake)
5. **Will Carter** **319-6370**
6. **Patricia Blackmon** **669-0497**
(Forest Lake Shores)
7. **Lavern Blohm** **662-6425**
(Forest Lake)
8. **Burt Owens** **250-6644**
(Forest Lake)
9. **Penny Trask** **615-3424**
(Waterford)

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