

FOREST LAKE NEWS

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

website: www.forestlakesc.com

FALL 2014

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



NATURAL GAS EXTENDED

SCE&G has recently made natural gas available to our residents on Lakeshore Drive and those in Forest Lake West. Work will be completed in the next few weeks and we can call to obtain service. Getting the gas line to our house is free. A qualified contractor must then be contacted to install it inside your house.

A contractor has been recommended to evaluate whether certain appliances can be converted to gas. He is Mr. Mitch Little of Coastal Mechanical in Darlington, at telephone 662-2974. We have been told that this service is free..

SCE&G can be contacted at 1-877-775-7234. Their local representation is Mr. Ron Harrelson who can be contacted at 676-3627 (cell 992-7236)

THIS WILL BE THE LAST "PAPER" NEWSLETTER

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It will only be available in the future on our website. If you do not have Internet service please contact us.

REMINDERS

Boat permits are required and must be displayed on any boat on the lake.

Keys will be issued to members only for access to the lake.

Many people on-the-lake have not joined the association this year. We

would like your participation. Applications are on our website.

Speeders should be reported to Highway Patrol Dispatch at phone number 661-4705.

LAKE TO BE LOWERED

We will again lower the lake beginning the first week of the New Year. It will take about two weeks to drop and should allow people on the lake to make any necessary repairs to seawalls, or docks. It will be down for 2-3 weeks.

THE LAKE

Fish Restocking – we have added 3,500 bream last year. Please do not throw back catfish –there is an over-abundance of them.

Spraying of Weeds -. we have a regular spraying plan. This is a directed mostly in the western end of the lake.

CORMORANT CONTROL

The cormorants will be returning soon and we are committed to protecting the lake and our good fishing.



We have applied for and received permits from USDA and SCDNR to participate in a regional cormorant depredation program. An organized shoot will occur in late Fall.

For your information, one cormorant eats one pound of fish per day –that’s over 20 lbs. in the photo above!

DAM SAFETY

We are currently working with DHEC to determine what areas may be flooded in case of a dam break. A formal report has been filed. The classification of the Dam is one of “Significant Hazard” and we are discussing the correctness of this and other issues with DHEC.

A final cutting of the surface of the Dam will be done at the end of October.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership total for 2014 thus far is 269 –two less than last year.

We especially encourage those who live on the lake to join. We are surprised at the number (over two dozen) who have not joined this year. We believe those of us on the lake have a special stake in supporting the Association’s efforts in maintaining the lake. We would like your participation.

We will be maintaining an easy-to-read listing of all current members on our website for inspection. We appreciate the support and loyalty of the many residents who regularly join. Dues are mandatory in Forest Lake Pointe, The Colony at Forest Lake and Forest Lake Shores.



Visit us on
Facebook

FLHA is now on Facebook. Use our entire name to access us, i.e. Forest Lake Homeowners Association. We intend to use it as a tool for better communication and to post appropriate photos and comments. We encourage you to share your photos.

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

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.

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.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

2014 Board of Directors:

Bernard Williams, President	319-8070
Mark Buxton, Vice President	662-9592
Frank McIntyre, Secy/Treas.	629-9955
Brian Vesco	661-7246
Bob Ullerich	610-9941
Robin Hayes	992-4042
Rick Favaloro	314-225-6104
Bruce Fields	230-5686
David Bryant	615-4543

WANT TO JOIN?

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

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