

FOREST LAKE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

December, 2018

Dear Forest Lake area neighbor,

This has been an eventful year for your homeowner's association. Several impactful, long term decisions were made earlier this year at the annual meeting. Dues were raised for the first time in many years for both residents on and off of the lake. The increase was modest, reasonable, and when compared to other area neighborhoods, many without a lake, the dues are still a bargain. It was also decided that going forward dues paying membership will be mandatory for new residents of Forest Lake Drive, Mears Drive, Gulf Cove, and Lakeshore Drive households, effective April 1, 2018. Changes were made to the governing documents, and the amendments were filed with Florence County making them available in the public record. The intent is to gradually expand membership in the association, thereby lessening the financial burden on everyone, and thereby avoid the need for more substantial increases in the annual dues.

The newly modified spillway, and gate system for the Dam worked extremely well when utilized in preparation for hurricanes Florence, and Michael earlier this fall. The lake was able to be lowered much more safely, and quickly than before. This has been a very wet year, and the investment in dam repairs over the last several years has paid dividends.

This year also brought an inconvenience for residents when Knollwood Drive was closed for a little over a month to allow DOT to widen and resurface the roadway near its intersection with Cashua Drive. We are also living with the widening of Cashua Drive and the beginning of widening Alligator Road. I know we will all be glad when the area road projects are completed.

Please take a moment to thank those who work tirelessly to make our neighborhoods a better place to live. All of the residents who serve on the board do so voluntarily, spending many hours in an effort to improve the lake and surrounding areas. There are also other volunteers who assist with other administrative tasks, without whom this association could not function.

It has been my pleasure to serve on the board these past three years, and an honor to serve as your president this year. I hope that you will consider volunteering to serve on the board. We will soon have three vacancies on the board that must be filled at the annual meeting next month on **January 29, 2019** (more on that meeting enclosed). We also welcome those that are interested in serving as an alternate on the board.

Respectfully,

Harry S. Allen, IV



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