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Annual Ox Roast

July 12, 2008

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PRESIDENT’S CORNER

It’s time to get involved! To keep the activities going at Forest Lake, it takes many, many volunteers. Please consider adding your name to the list of helpers. Don’t make the SAME people do it ALL the time. Opportunities abound to get involved! You can work on a committee, be a judge for a contest, chair an event, host a club, make coffee for Board meetings or Friday coffee hour, join Water Patrol, the Garden Club or Highway Pickup. Please call Paula Nowak, Director of Activities, if you can help out in any way.

A huge THANK YOU goes out to EVERYONE who has helped or participated in the numerous events and activities offered here at the Lake. Without YOU we wouldn’t be the active community that we have come to enjoy. Know that your efforts are appreciated.

Some of you may have noticed that the grass in some of the parks and common areas is no longer being mowed every week. This and several other cost saving practices have been discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors. The reasoning is simple. We want to live within our approved budget. It took us 13 years to approve a dues increase and we really don’t want to go there again for quite some time. Our employment list has grown, minimum wages have gone up, fuel for all our vehicles has skyrocketed, propane is on the rise and our cost of doing business is increasing constantly. You elected the Board to keep our community a great place to live, but to do it within an allotted budget.

With fall right around the corner, the busy rush of summer’s events will be replaced with projects involving preparations for the winter season. Hopefully this winter will not be as challenging as the last one. Several of our residents slipped and fell on ice suffering some extreme injuries. It has come to light that we really need to keep an eye out for our neighbors and friends here at the Lake. For those who live alone the danger of accidents is even worse because no one is keeping an eye on them. A new Forest Lake initiative is on the drawing board and will be announced shortly. It will assist in monitoring our friends and neighbors well-being on a daily basis.

FYI: Be aware that the DNR plans to monitor our lake on their jet skis this summer. Their main focus will be OWI (Operating While under the Influence) in addition to reckless boating behavior.

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### Coming Events

- **8/9** Board Meeting 9AM  
- **8/14** River Cruise and Dinner  
- **8/20** Picnic in the Park 5:45PM  
- **8/30-31** Craft Bazaar & Luncheon 9-4PM  
- **8/30** Fishing Contest 7-12PM  
- **9/9** Shipshewana Bus Trip  
- **9/13** Board Meeting 9AM  
- **9/17** Dinner Club IN THE PARK  
- **9/18** Highway Pick-Up 9AM  
- **9/27** Wine Tasting Party TBA  
- **10/11** Board Meeting 9AM  
- **10/15** Dinner Club 6PM  
- **10/18** Forest Lake Dinner Night Out  
- **10/25** Adult Halloween Party  
- **10/31** Trick or Treat in the Campground

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### Year-Round Trash Hours are:

**Sundays Noon to 2 PM**  
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THANK YOU, FRAN!

Fran Williams is certainly a role model of volunteerism. Since mid 1990 Fran has been at the helm of the Forest Lake Dinner Club. Her recipes could feed one or one hundred in the blink of an eye. Under her guidance the Dinner Club was able to purchase many enhancements to the Forest Lake Clubhouse from kitchen appliances to carpeting and picnic tables. Fran sponsored Adopt-a-Highway, Picnic in the Park, Friday Coffee Hour and the Ice Cream Social with Dinner Club funding. You could always count on her to make chili for the Poker Run, pop corn for the Ox Roast, sell tickets for ice cream sundaes, etc. Few can rival Fran’s generosity, spirit and service to the community that includes Forest Lake, Alger Methodist Church, the group home and Council for the Aging. Her food drives and mitten trees supported the needy in our township.

Unfortunately Fran has had some major health challenges this past year and has decided to move nearer to her family downstate. We already miss her laugh, her grace before meals, her willingness to lend a hand. Forest Lakers bid Fran farewell with deep appreciation and affection.
GARDEN CLUB PRAISE

Vee Wieferman and her Garden Club Gals (and Guys) did a wonderful job landscaping the front of the new pavilion along each side of the brick paver walkway. Plants were blooming on the day of the Ox Roast and were admired by all those attending. Thank you for all your hard work. And let us not forget those volunteers who maintain the gardens throughout the summer at the Clubhouse, Office, West End, Parks and Campground. You are appreciated!

The Forest Lake Annual Garden Walk was held on July 21, 2008. Thirty four ladies toured 9 beautiful gardens in our area. Lunch followed at Hank’s with dessert provided by the Forest Lake Garden Club.

After a brief discussion the group decided to go to Stone Cottage Gardens in Gladwin for next year’s Garden Walk. A suggestion was also made for having a spring plant exchange in Forest Lake. Some of the more mature gardens would benefit from some thinning and there are some new gardeners who would love a snip or two of plants that they admired on the Garden Walk. It would be a good idea to photograph your plant in bloom now because when spring arrives it is not always easy to picture it in its glory.

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FOREST LAKE DAM

As required by law, a contract for the complete inspection of the dam and its outlet has been entered into with a licensed civil engineering firm. Some aspects of the inspection have begun and will continue into the summer. If any deficiencies are identified, steps will be taken to insure their correction.

It should be noted that new oak timbers were obtained during the winter months and maintenance personnel constructed new stop blocks. Approximately fifty percent of the old stop blocks were replaced with new.

Arenac County recently obtained a grant from the federal office of Homeland Security for the training of certain selected personnel to identify and assess areas, facilities and structures that might become targets of terrorists, criminals or natural disasters. The assessment teams would be required to identify security problems with respect to the entity being assessed and propose remedies for those problems in a report back to the authorities, including the county sheriff and the coordinator of Homeland Security for Arenac County.

The Forest Lake Dam has been identified as a critical structure, primarily because of the catastrophic effect on downstream inhabitants should the dam be breached. Consequently, the assessment process will be carried out with respect to the dam within the next couple of months. Two Forest Lake personnel have been trained and will be a part of the assessment team.

John Alt, Director

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2008 Boat Parade Winners

The Forest Lake Boat Parade took place on July 5th. There were 9 boats entered for judging and several just for the ride. Vaughn and Judy Bateman with “Christmas in July” claimed first place. Second place went to LeRoy and Judy Fenwick with the rock band “Kiss”. John and Barb Willim and family took 3rd place with the “Red Wings”. Honorable mention went to Gerald and Rose Caruana with “Tiny Bubbles’. Many thanks to our volunteer judges!

Next year there will be a “NO THEME” boat parade again. We are going to try something different and include the spectators by allowing them to vote.
HEARTFELT THANKS

Bill Sawyer, our resident sign maker, is another of our selfless volunteers. A former director, a member of the finance committee, and a skilled wood carver, Bill shares his time and talents as the need arises. Thanks to Bill there are signs on the new pavilion and directional signs throughout Forest Lake. Your efforts on our behalf are appreciated, Bill!

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathy to the families of Forest Lake property owners:

Rosario Fresta
Harold Groulx
Fulbert Kosmider

Coffee and Donuts on Fridays has been a success thanks to the many volunteers that host it each month. Sign up for a turn in the Clubhouse.

Help Wanted

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OX ROAST THANK YOU

This year’s Ox Roast, our annual picnic sponsored by the FLPOA and held immediately following the Annual Meeting, was the best ever! The planning for this event takes place months before and keeps chairperson, Gary and his committee crew very busy.

The day started very early for some volunteers when at 4:30 AM the charcoal fires were started and 350 pounds of beef was skewered onto the spits. The grilling crew remained at work until 620 dinners were served at 1 PM. It took 70 additional volunteers to cover the raffles, the games for adults and children, the serving of the meal, the cakewalk, the free popcorn and tattoos for the kids, the Forest Lake merchandise table and the clean up.

This event is the biggest undertaking of the year and heartfelt thanks go to all of you who help make it such a success. Some of these volunteers have worked this event for many years. How about giving them a break by volunteering to help out next year? Contact Gary at 836-2603.

In those months before the Ox Roast, Gary acquires donations for raffle prizes from local businesses. A big thank you goes out to Gary and the following businesses: The Peg Board, Oberdick Photography, Delicate Designs, Matthews, Home Depot, The Camp, The Willow Tree, Hallmark/ACE, Alger Market, Salon & Beyond, Bitport.net, Narski’s Market, M33 Supply, ACE Standish, Apple Valley Golf, Hank’s, Dean’s Bait Shop, Glen’s Market, Radio Shack Standish, Mac’s Restaurant, Chiropractic Center in West Branch, Ann’s Hair Affair, Edgewood Greens Golf, Miss Michelle’s, MJ’s in Sterling, Sequin Lumber, Wal-Mart, Forwards Corp., McTaggart’s, Cabin Life Magazine. In addition, some items were donated by Forest Lake residents bringing the total to 60 raffle prizes!

THANK YOU ALL!
BOARD WELCOME AND FAREWELL

The Annual Meeting was held on July 12, 2008. With 3 candidates and 3 seats open for the election, the results were not surprising! The Board is pleased to have incumbent Directors Cathy Brown and Paula Nowak back to work. Newcomer Gary Schoenherr was elected and will be Director of Maintenance and Building Permits. For a complete listing of director assignments, see page 3.

Gary and wife Gail became full-time residents of Forest Lake in 2005. Previous to joining the Board, Gary served on the pavilion building committee, the Forest Lake budget committee and the committee that has developed a projected maintenance schedule for Forest Lake buildings and properties. Welcome to the Board, Gary!

With a welcome comes a farewell to Director John Wieferman. John has handled Legal, Insurance, Liens and Foreclosures for the Board for most of his 7-year tenure. He will be greatly missed. Watch for John out on the golf course. He shot a “hole-in-one” on July 3rd at Apple Valley Golf Course in West Branch. Congratulations, John!

WATER PATROL VOLUNTEERS

Forest Lake Water Patrol is always looking for a “few good men” or women! You don’t even need to own a boat to join Water Patrol. A few hours a few times during the summer is all it takes!

A hearty thank you goes out to this year’s volunteers:

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Mike Nichol, Director
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Sail with the gang on the River Queen of Oscoda on Thursday, AUGUST 14th. We will leave at 3 PM SHARP from the dock located six miles west of Oscoda on River Road. This is a 2 hour narrated river cruise. Cost is $10 per person. Dinner will follow at Desi’s, a Mexican American restaurant. Meet at the Clubhouse to carpool. Contact Trudy Redmond at 836-2771 for more info and to sign up ASAP.

- Picnic in the Park on AUGUST 20th in the Pavilion at 5:45 PM. Bring a dish to pass and your meat to cook on grill.

- Fishing Contest on AUGUST 30th from 7 to Noon. Contact Ron Morgan for details at 734-755-8252.

- Craft Show on Labor Day Weekend, AUGUST 30th and 31st. Lunch, bake sale items and Forest Lake Merchandise are also available to purchase. Fee for table space. For more details, contact Gary and Carol Kilgus at 989-942-4402.

- Music in the Park with hot dog ($1) and corn ($1) roast following the craft show on Saturday, AUGUST 30th from 5PM to ?? For more details, contact Guy and Diana Hunter at 836-2078.

- Shipshewana, Indiana, bus trip to the largest Flea Market in the Midwest featuring Amish goods and quilt auctions. SEPTEMBER 9th. Fee of $70 per person includes snacks & beverage on the bus with 2 or 3 movies, full course dinner in Middlebury. 40-passenger deluxe motor coach leaves Saginaw at 6 AM sharp. A pick up might be made in Bay City if there are enough people to warrant it. Call Paula Nowak at 836-6111 to sign up ASAP.

- Dinner Club will have its SEPTEMBER 17th dinner in the park under the Pavilion. Join us at 6 PM for potluck.

- Wine Tasting Party on SEPTEMBER 27th at the Forest Lake Clubhouse. Bring your favorite wine or unique beer to share along with a snack or appetizer. Time to be announced.

- Forest Lake Night Out will be held on OCTOBER 18th at the Huron Breeze Golf Club in AuGres. $20 per person ALL INCLUSIVE. Cocktails 5:30 / Dinner 6:00. Entrée choices: Walleye, Prime Rib, Pecan Chicken, Shrimp Fettuccine Alfredo. Reservations, payment in full and entrée choices will be required in October.

- Adult Halloween Party will be on OCTOBER 25th from 7 to 10 PM in the Forest Lake Clubhouse. Must be over 18 to attend. $3 per person. BYOB and snacks. Dancing, music, games, 50-50 and more. Costumes not required, but prizes will be awarded.

- Watch the FLIC, FLIP, FLYERS, Bulletin Board, Website and Emails for dates and times of events. All events are subject to change and cancellation. If you’d like to be put on an email Forest Lake reminder list, write PaulaNowak1334@aol.com. If you would like to see an event here at the Lake, let us know.
LIENS AND FORECLOSURES

Presently our attorneys Kerr, Russel & Weber are working on 17 delinquent property owner cases. Of these, defaults have been taken on 4 of them, 5 are in negotiation for deeds in lieu of foreclosure, two are in payment plans, three cases are still not served, two have paid their arrearage and one is awaiting filing for a default. As soon as we obtain service on the remaining unserved parties, our attorneys will proceed with foreclosure and sheriff sale.

John Wieferman, Director

DOG COMPLAINTS

There have been a number of calls to Security complaining of dogs running loose in the neighborhood. There is a Forest Lake restriction against this and a State of Michigan Leash Law that requires all dogs to be on a controlled leash when not on private property. Please keep your dogs on leashes when off your property. A number of people also take dogs to our beaches that are posted “No Dogs on Beach”. This is both a safety and sanitary issue. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sam Dautermann, Director

REFUSE SITE

All units at the Forest Lake storage area are required to have a current FLPOA sticker. This is necessary so owners can be notified in case of a problem at the storage site. Units without storage sticker will be considered abandoned and disposed of according to Michigan law.

Chuck Manning, Director

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LAKE ECOLOGY & FISH STOCKING

Water samples were taken at key areas around the lake on May 28th and June 30th. All testing came back within the acceptable limits.

Aquatic Nuisance in West Branch treated the lake for weeds on June 26th. They will monitor the lake and advise us if any spot treatments are needed.

Last fall after the lake was lowered, the maintenance crew installed gabion baskets on each side of the west end boat ramp. They also reworked the large rocks at the bottom of the ramp. When the lake is lowered this fall gabion baskets will be placed behind the fenced in area of the rental docks. Weather permitting, work will continue on the gabion baskets at Whippoorwill Park.

On May 28th, 450 hybrid Bluegills were added to the lake from the Rose City Trout Farm.

Gary Jeffery, Director

ARENAC COUNTY
ORV UPDATE

According to the Arenac County Independent, Arenac County may be adopting House Bill 4323. Under House Bill 4323, Northern Michigan counties have been given the authority to introduce local ordinances, making it legal to drive off-road vehicles on the “far-right side” of the road at a speed limit of 25 mph.

The bill was just signed by Governor Granholm. The Arenac County Board of Commissioners decided not to make a premature decision to approve any new ordinances, because there could be possible changes. Once the County adopts the ORV ordinance, each Township is in, unless they choose to opt out. If after one year, a county does not adopt such an ordinance, a Township may do so independently.

There will be changes for some members of the 2008/2009 Forest Lake Snowplow Club. Details to follow in the Fall FLIP.

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The printed copy of the current quarterly listing will be posted on the bulletin board and available for pickup at the Forest Lake business office. A copy of the printed listing will be sent to all those listing property, if they enclose a stamped, self addressed #10 (legal size) envelope. This listing will expire in December, 2008.

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