NEWS BOLE

SPRING 2023 EDITION

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UP COMING MEETINGS.....

The FLC Board meets the second Monday of each month. 8 pm at the clubhouse.

April 10th, May 8th, June 12th

This is your community, please come and be involved.

UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

April 1st	Fish Stocking
April 1st	Easter Egg Hunt
April 29th	Tree Planting
April 29th	Beach Cleanup
May 27th	Beach Opening
June 2nd	Friday Night Cocktails begin
TBD	Volleyball League starts
TBD	Kids End of School Beach Party
July 15	Ya Gotta Regatta

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

FLC Summer Job Openings:

The Forest Lakes Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2023 Summer season:

1. LIFEGUARD
2. SWIM INSTRUCTOR
3. MAINTENANCE

See website for application....

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BOARD OF GOVENORS.....

Board Position:	Name:	Election Year:
Chairman	Jeff Vincent	2024
Vice Chairman	Debbie Devenny	2024
Treasurer	Luke Wolters	2023
President	Gary Branning	2023
Vice President	Joe Watkins	2023
Secretary	Jared McCall	2023
Member	Greg Smith	2024

LAKE NEWS.....

After hearing:

What ever happened to the News Bole?

Why can't there be another News Bole?

I need something else to read, I want to read fun facts and little ditties about Forest Lakes? Like the News Bole use to have!

I need something to hang on my fridge under this old pizza magnet. Like the News Bole!

The News Bowl was a great tradition!

I looked forward to each new News Bole!

We loved the News Bole!

We want our News Bole!

It's Back!! We heard you!

The News Bole is here!!

Only different.

Instead of arriving in you mail box like the olden days, to save some big bucks and some trees, we are going to email it to you. You can read it there and perhaps print out at least the first page to hang on your fridge under that pizza magnet for easy reference. The first page will have the nuts and bolts, the sort of important stuff coming up.

The plan is that it will arrive seasonally, four times a year. (We shall see how that goes) With Events, Official Announcements, Lake News, Personal Announcements. Like who graduated this year. If you want to announce something, if appropriate it may appear in the next News Bowl.

Perhaps you want to be on Need a Helping Hand List. A list stating that you are available for babysitting, dog walking, cat sitting, yard clean up, snow shoveling, that sort of thing. You can email us and you will be listed in the next News Bole!!

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LAKE NEWS.....*continued*

In the News Bole you will find the lake rules and policies. Things like Forest Lakes election applications and the results of said elections. And any other general info that seems pertenent and comes this way may find its way into the beloved News Bole.

Maybe there can be a section with old pictures from around the lake from years gone by, that could be fun. If you have one you would like to share you can take a picture of your picture, or scan your old picture and email it on over. Or maybe new pictures can be included. Like the winners from the Cornhole Tornament or just a really nice shot of the lake. Send them on in.

Conceivably there can be an artical or two about the history of the lake. Or just fun facts like who has lived here the longest and how long has that been. How many generations of a particular family have been and are still here. These are things that I want to know. I also want to know where the other lake is. It is called Forest Lakes, I can only find one. Were they confused in the beginning? How did it get that name? Will the News Bole tell us? I hope it will. Time will tell.

It could be that there will be tips on how to spot and eliminate the dreaded spotted lantern flies or maybe someone knows how to get rid of those darn cave crickets. Or Perhaps just fun weird facts about snapping turtles.

If you have an idea or information for a short news blip, we welcome your input. And with your help who knows what this will grow into, and what kind of possible Pulitzer Prize winning publication this can become.

Looking forward to hearing your suggestions and bringing it all to you.

Your loyal staff at the News Bole.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS....

Forest Lakes Swim Team Registration - Swim Team Parent Meeting and Registration:

Wednesday April 19th at 7pm
upstairs at the clubhouse.

If you have any questions, please contact Molly McClung at forestlakesns@gmail.com or 908-295-9428

Forest Lakes Nursery School -

Pick up pre-school registration information, Tuesday, April 25th from 12:15 pm - 1 pm at the Forset Lakes Clubhouse.
You may also take a tour of the classroom.

If you have any question, please contact Molly McClung at Forestlakesns@gmail.com or 908-295-9428

The Recreation Committee wants to hear from you

This is already a close community. But our dream is to create fun parties and activities that will bring it closer. A place where neighbors can meet other neighbors. Have some laughs and hopefully connect and make some new friends. We try to schedule at least one event each month, some for families some for just the adults (because sometimes we just need a little break from those little ones). But we cant help noticing that sometimes the parties fall short and the turn out is not what we hoped for. We want to know why.

Why? What can we do to make these better? What do you want? What would you like to see happen?

Please if you have any suggestions for an event or maybe for what you think our standard fare is missing, we want to know. Please email us any ideas you have. Or if you would like to join the commitee the door is always open.

MORE LAKE NEWS.....

Whats up with those pot holes??

Lately our local pot holes have started showing some style. Stylish fun yellow circles are now adorning them. An improved look and gets them some much needed notice. Love the color choice!

Unfortunately our entrance way pot holes are located in what seems to be no mans land - what is actually on tax records as a parking lot owned by a private owner and was never dedicated as a road. Andover Boro, where the property is located, won't take it over as a road, and despite great efforts, the FLC, Andover and Byram Townships haven't been able to get any cooperation on a solution - leaving us to navagate through what has becoming an ever changing and possibly dangerous obstacle course.

Hopefully a permanent and proper solution will be found before this new colorful look spreads and encourages other copycat wanna be pot holes to lay claim to the street, sporting other bright colors.

FAKE NEWS rendering of pot holes gone wild

TID BITS.....

Birdfeeder Vs. The Bear

Yes, the bears are are back in town, that means it is time for you to rethink that birdfeeder and how much you love it. Because it is no match for a 400 pound black bear. So it may be time to take it in.

Black bear populations and bear-human interactions are increasing in many areas, leading bears to become more accustomed to people as they seek out food. Bird feeders, garbage, compost, barbecues, fish smokers, and pet food lure bears into yards, porches, and even inside houses.

You can try bear proofing your beloved birdfeeder. One method for bear-proofing a feeder is to suspend it from a wire spanning the distance between buildings and/or sturdy trees. The feeder can be reached to refill by using a long pole with a hook or any long-reaching device. The height at which you hang feeder is critical. Unfortunately this method still won't keep out the squirrels

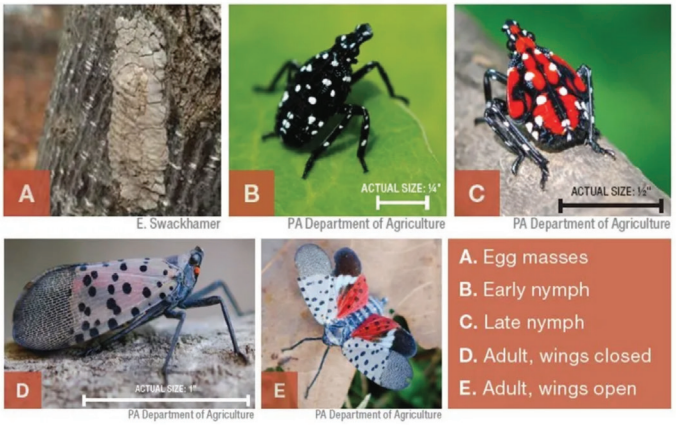
Attacks on humans are rare because bears are not all that interested in us, but they will protect their young and they may want your food. And bears are incredibly good at finding sources of that food, and they don't discriminate what they will or won't eat. If it's digestible, a black bear will eat it. That hunger tends to drive the interactions.

Please be careful and vigilent. Keep your garbage cans locked away till day of pick up. Don't leave feed out for other wildlife and strays. And rethink those birdfeeders. Or a hungry bear may snack on it and you may need to replace them often.

Spotting The Spotted Lantern Fly

The Spotted Lantern Fly is a serious invasive pest with a healthy appetite for plants and it can be a significant nuisance, affecting the quality of life and enjoyment of the outdoors. We had multiple sightings around the lake last season and FL residents did their part by killing as many as they could.

The eggs are laid in the fall and hatch in the spring. Egg masses are laid on many surfaces (trees, decks, rocks, etc.) and protected with a mud-like covering. After hatching, SLF goes through four nymphal stages called instars. Newly hatched nymphs are small (~1/8 inch) and can be hard to find. With each molt to the next instar, they roughly double in size. The first three instars are black with white spots. The last (fourth) instar is red with white dots and black stripes and roughly 1/2 inch long. Nymphs and adults are strong jumpers. SLF adults begin to emerge in July and remain active until they are killed by hard freeze in fall. Adults are large (about 1 inch) and highly mobile. Adults have black bodies. Their forewings are gray with black spots, and the tips are black with gray veins, while their hind wings are red, black, and white. Only the adults can fly.



However, because SLF adults walk more than fly, their wings often remain closed, leaving only the forewings visible. This makes them more difficult to identify from a distance, or when they are high in a tree.

The SLF is capable of much damage. Controling them is a major undertaking. But we can all try to help. If you see them, kill them. If you see an egg mass check online for the proper way to destroy it.
Check your property for any infestations.
Here is a link to Penn States web page that contains up to date information info about them.

https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly

Need a Helping Hand List!!!

This is a list of non-professional Forest Lakes residents who have made themselves available for services.
You must be a member to be listed here. FLC does not guarantee the accuracy of information or imply endorsement of anyone on this list.

We are trying to put together a list of babysitters, dog walkers etc. to be included in future NewsBoles.
If you would like your name and cell number included, please send it to forestlakesclub@yahoo.com.
Please be advised that your numbers will be made public.

Babysitters

NAME	AGE	TELEPHONE	CERTIFIED
Your Name	19	999.999.9999	Red Cross, CPR

Dog Walkers and Pet Sitters

NAME	AGE	TELEPHONE	SPECIALTY
Your Name	20	999.999.9999	Dog walker

ETC.

If you would like your name to be added/removed/changed please contact: forestlakesclub@yahoo.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS SPRING AT FOREST LAKES.....

2023 FLC VOLLEYBALL LEAUGE

The 2023 Forest Lakes Club Volleyball League is here! League will start the week of June 4th or 11th depending on how many teams we have.

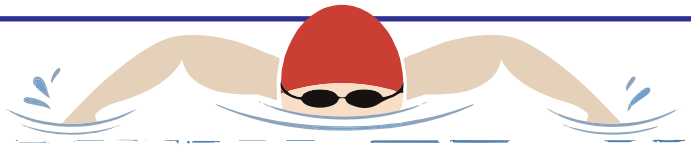
The league is co-ed. A team is six players and a minimum of two players must be female. Games are Monday and Tuesday nights at either 7:00 P.M. or 8:00 P.M.

Please contact Kevin Campbell if you are interested in playing and are not currently on a team! New players are always welcome.

Due to insurance company policy, all participants must sign a release form. All participants must be "active members in good standing."

If you are interested in being on a team or forming a team to call Kevin Campbell at 973-600-9398.

FOREST LAKES



SWIM TEAM

IS NOW REGISTERING NEW & RETURNING SWIMMERS FOR THE 2023 SUMMER SEASON!

Forest Lakes Swim Team is open to any child 5-18 years of age who can swim 25 meters and whose family are active members in good standing of the Forest Lakes Club.

Swim Team practice begins once school is out of session (date TBD) and generally concludes the last week in July/1st week of August with Championships. Practice is Monday-Friday for 45-60 minutes, generally in the morning or early afternoon depending on age bracket.

A final practice schedule will be made available in early June once registration is closed. There are usually 2 swim meets per week, 1/2 home and 1/2 away in neighboring town lakes/pools. Going on vacation and can't make every practice or every meet? Don't fret! It may still be possible to participate!

If you would like any information regarding our Team, please contact: Molly McClung at Forestlakesns@gmail.com or 908-295-9428

Forest Lakes Club remains the life-force of this community. Many activities and organizations were established and operated by our volunteer members. We aim to sustain the community spirit on which the Lake was founded. Without a doubt, there is something for everyone in Forest Lakes!

Come meet, greet and
help move in our
new fish neighbors.
At our **Annual Fish Stocking!**
Saturday April 1st
at 10 am, Boardwalk Beach.

Members only. Please bring your own 5 gallon bucket to help put the fish in the lake.

FOLLOWED BY THE ANNUAL

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday April 1st - 2pm
at Main Beach

In case of inclement weather, the hunt
will be held on Sunday, April 2nd
at 1:00 pm, at Main Beach.

Bring your own basket.
Special Appearance by the Easter Bunny!

ANNUAL BEACH CLEAN UP

for the **love** of our Lake
PLEASE Volunteer!

We need your help!
To save money each year we ask volunteers to ready our lake for the new season. Amazing community members who can pitch in and rake out last years leaves and debris from our beaches and other areas.

If you spend 4 hours cleaning up the beach areas, you will be entered into a contest where you can **WIN 1/2 OFF** your club membership.

SAT. APRIL 29th 10:30am • Meet at Main Beach
If you can, please bring rakes and other helpful tools

Forest Lakes Annual Tree Planting

Planting the seedling is one of the activities that helps the club maintain our "farmland assessment" for the property around the lake. This assessment saves the club thousands in property taxes. We have 200 very small seedlings approximately 8 - 12 inches to plant.

Time spent amongst trees is never wasted time.
- Katrina Mayer

Pick up at
Debbie Devenny's garage
179 Forest Lakes Dr.
(rain or shine)

April 29th - 9am - 10:30am

Opening Day!

Saturday, May 27th

Hot Dog Cart from 12:00 - 3:30 p.m. at Main Beach.

Friday Night Cocktails

At Boardwalk Beach, beginning June 2nd at 7:00 pm • for Members 21+
Weather permitting • BYOB and bring an app or desert to share.

Great way to shake off the work week and kick off the weekend!

FOREST LAKES CLUB POLICIES

SWIMMING & BEACH RULES

LIFGUARDS

When lifeguards are on duty….

- The Lifeguards and the Beach Manager are in charge of the beaches when on duty.
- The lifeguards may remove any swimmer from the water for failing to comply with the rules or creating a danger to themselves or others.
- The Beach Manager or Lifeguards may close the beach area or portion thereof, for such times as are necessary for maintenance and repair, special events, lightning storms and safety of the membership.
- Lifeguard responsibility is for swimmers in the "Designated Swimming Areas" ONLY.
- Those swimmers that swim outside the "Designated Swimming Areas," do so at their own risk.
- Swimmers wishing to swim outside the "Designated Swimming Areas" cannot access the Lake through the "Designated Swimming Areas" unless specifically noted. (*See the "Recommended Locations for Accessing Unguarded Areas of the Lake") -

Beaches Open @ 11:00 am
When lifeguards are not on duty follow the rules posted on back of lifeguard chair!

BEACHES/SWIMMING

- Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult or a responsible supervisor at all times while on the beach. A responsible supervisor must be 16 years of age or older.
- Toddlers must be attended to by an adult while in the water.
- Non-swimmers are not allowed beyond the rope.
- Swimmers of all abilities may use personal floatation devices such as swimmies, life preservers, tubes, etc., inside the ropes.
- The use of rafts is not permitted inside the ropes.
- Flotation devices may not be used in deep water to access the raft by non-swimmers.
- No pushing or shoving on the rafts or docks.
- No diving off the back of the rafts or docks (out of sight of the lifeguard).
- No swimming under or behind the rafts or docks.
- No fishing from any dock at Cove Beach during swim team practice
- Loud, foul or abusive language and disruptive conduct is not permitted. The beaches are intended for family fun and relaxation.
- Glass containers are not permitted in beach areas.
- No Smoking on the beach
- No swimming when lifeguard is off duty.

BOATS

- All Boats and kayaks, MUST enter and return to shore outside of the "Designated Swim Areas"

Thank you.
The Forest Lakes Board of Governors

ATTENTION BOAT OWNERS
If you have your boat docked anywhere at Forest Lakes – in the boat racks or along the lake perimeter, you MUST have a CURRENT BOAT TAG. The Board will soon be inspecting ALL boats to see if boat tags are affixed.
If you don't have a current tag call Dorothy Gorman at 973-786-5111.

FOREST LAKES CLUB POLICIES

DESIGNATED SWIM AREAS

-Main Beach – As designated by roped areas.

-Cove Beach – From the beach to the last swim team lane line. The back of the left dock is considered outside the swim area and the far ladder on the left swim team dock can be used when swimming across the lake.

-Harbor View – This beach is unguarded and there is no defined swim area.

-Boardwalk - As designated by roped areas.

RECOMMENDED LOCATIONS

FOR ACCESSING UNGUARDED AREAS OF THE LAKE

-Main Beach – Enter/return area is off the volleyball court area

-Cove Beach – Enter/return area is at the end of the left swim team dock. The ladder on the left swim team dock CAN be used to enter and return to Cove Beach from an open water swim.

-Harbor View Beach – Enter/return at any point

-Boardwalk Beach – Swimmers with or without flotation devices must enter/return anywhere to the right of the "Designated Swimming Area."

NO DUMPING

We've noticed lately that there is an increase in dumping on Forest Lakes property near the Lake.

A reminder to all that dumping on Forest Lakes property is strictly prohibited.

The dumping of any type of material, including: grass clippings, brush, logs, trees, tires, trash, old wood, construction materials, branches, leaves, etc., is prohibited and AGAINST THE LAW.

WE NEED YOUR HELP - don't dump, or if you see someone dumping on lake property, please report it to the Byram police immediately.

Dumping on the lake property is harmful to our beautiful environment, looks terrible and, in the long run, lowers the value of all of our homes.

DOG POLICY

NO DOGS (OR ANY DOMESTIC PETS) WILL BE ALLOWED ON OUR BEACHES OR TO SWIM IN THE WATERS AT FOREST LAKES.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG BUT DO NOT PUT DOG WASTE IN BEACH TRASH CANS, AS IT MAY ATTRACT OTHER ANIMALS. PLEASE DISPOSE OF WASTE AT HOME.

Byram Township and Andover Township **LEASH LAWS** require dogs to be on leashes at all times outside of their owner's residence (code 87.12 for Byram Twp., Chapter 20-21 for Andover Twp.).

GUEST POLICY

A **GUEST** is a non-Forest Lakes resident that comes to the beach occasionally and is **ALWAYS** accompanied by a member in good standing. One exception is that SENIORS do not need to accompany guests

The guest policy was not set up to give friends complementary membership. It is there to enhance your membership experience.

Also, active members of the Forest Lakes Club may not extend guest privileges to non-member Forest Lakes residents.

Thank you.
The Forest Lakes
Board of Governors