

NEWS

SUMMER 2023 EDITION



BOLE

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UPCOMING MEETINGS.....

The FLC Board meets the second Monday of each month, 8 PM at the clubhouse. All members in good standing are invited to attend.

Summer meetings: July 10th, Aug 14th, Sept 11th

This is your community, please come and be involved.

UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

June 23rd	Open Mic Night
July 7th	Family Movie
July 15th	Ya Gotta Regatta
July 21st	Teen/Adult Movie Night
Aug. 5th	Pirate Treasure Hunt
Aug. 12th	Camp at the Lake
Aug. 19th	Cornhole Tournament
Aug. 26th	Adult Beach Party
Sept 23rd	Oktoberfest
TBD	Bonfire
Every Fri.	Friday Night Cocktails - 7 pm
Tues. & Wed.	Beach Volleyball - 7 & 8pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

2023 Forest Lakes Board Elections

In September, four seats on the Forest Lakes Board of Governors will be open. If you are interested and willing to serve as a board member, send in your application by Monday, July 31st.

See Page 10 of News Bole for application

BOARD OF GOVENORS.....

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

LAKE NEWS.....

Summer is here!

The beaches are open and the fun has begun. Happy Summer everyone!

We have so many fun summer events scheduled, and we hope you can get to enjoy many of them.

Spring flew by very fast, and we accomplished quite a bit. A truckload of fish were added to the lake at our fun fish stocking event. So all you anglers might want to see if you can catch a couple of them. Did you know there is a fishing club at our lake? If interested contact Randy Gutwein.

Two hundred trees were planted again this year. Besides being a great way to help with beautification of our lake, it helps save us a significant amount in taxes each year. To all the volunteers, who found the perfect place to plant them, after hitting many imperfect rock locations, and then going back to water them again and again, a great big thank you!

And let's not forget to thank the volunteers who came out at the end of April to clean the beaches in preparation for the summer. It looks great! It really is very important for our community to have the beach cleanup day. Not only is it so pleasant not to step on sticks, acorns and leaves with bare feet, it looks a lot nicer. Plus volunteers that do this each year save our community some pretty big bucks in landscaping costs. Congrats to Tara Dietz who won our drawing for half off dues for next year! Speaking of landscaping, thank you to all the gardeners who maintain our flower beds. I don't know about you, but when I come down the hill right before you get to Boardwalk Beach, I see the flowers with the American flag flying above, against a crisp blue sky and

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LAKE NEWS.....continued

our shimmering lake, it takes my breath away.

Also if you didn't hear about it, we also had our first Trivia Night, back in March. It was loads of fun. Learned some things, forgot most of it already. But I do remember it was great time. We heard that a lot of people also really enjoyed it, so we are definitely going to do that

again. Thank you to Sandi Wozniak as our master of ceremony. She brought her humor and teaching skills with her and kept our rowdy crowd in line.

All in all, this was not a bad start to the season. Wishing you all a fun, safe summer, filled with laughter and sunshine.

Boat, boats, boats, too many darn boats!!

I'm sorry to say, we have a boat problem. There are more boats at our beaches then there are proper places to store them. When looking through the racks, it hasn't escaped our notice that many of the boats do not have up-to-date stickers. I've seen a couple boats who's last boat tag predated the premiere of Game of Thrones.

In case some of you forgot; if your boat does not have a current tag on it, either register it, or remove it. It cannot be stored down at the beach indefinitely. It is unfair to members who do the right thing every year, and register their boats. Some of them are unable to find a proper place to store their boat. So please remove your boat if it is not registered. It has been mentioned that some people who access their boats often have some of the worst spots on the racks, while unregistered boats are taking up some prime real estate.

So in case you missed our plea, you **MUST** have a **CURRENT BOAT TAG!**

All boats without a current tag will be removed. It would be much appreciated if you would do it before we have to.

Also, please check on your boat. So many of them are being stored upright and are filled with

stagnant water. Mosquitoes LOVE stagnant water! They lay eggs in any stagnant water. Mosquito eggs can be found in old tires, discarded toys, and even bottle caps that are filled with water. Little known fact, mosquitoes can breed several hundred new very hungry mosquitoes in a bottle cap filled with water. So that

large green puddle at the bottom of your row-boat is just asking for trouble. And I'm just putting it out there, we don't need any more mosquitoes around here. So please store it upside down into the rack.

Also please all boats and kayaks must be stored in the racks, not left on the beach.



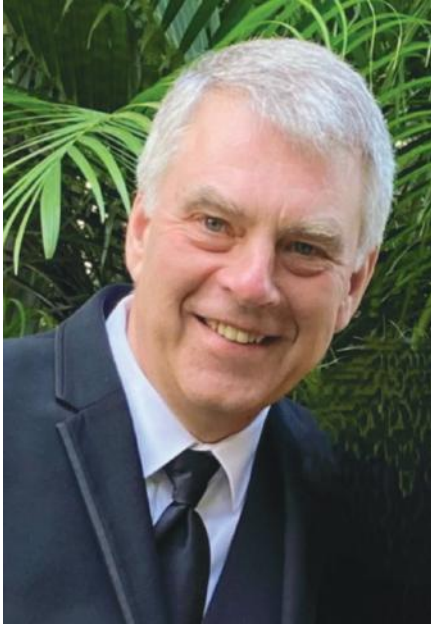


MORE LAKE NEWS.....

A Tribute to Luke Wolters

... Luke Wolters was our good friend and caring neighbor for all that knew him in Forest Lakes. For more than 16 years, he was a highly respected member of the Forest Lake Board of Governors... and a highly successful business entrepreneur for many in our area... But most of all, he was a proud and dedicated family man. He was truly a dynamic community leader... in whatever role we knew him, from whatever vantage point, he stood apart as someone very special!

His exceptional leadership abilities and charismatic personality were readily apparent... Luke was committed to doing whatever he could to make Forest Lakes a great place to live and raise a family. As the Club's treasurer, he had a gift for innovative thinking and perceptive planning, thus providing the kind of trustworthy financial leadership that insured the development of successful plans and implementation/oversight of yearly budgets... thus helping the Club achieve positive financial stability for years.



All the while, offering his time, personal hands-on service, and when needed extended mentoring and guidance to many Forest Lakes youths. He also coordinated the swim team championship meets... with the assistance of others helped to organize many annual Forest Lakes golf outings, spearheaded hundreds of lake improvement projects, volunteered his time, personal equipment, vehicles, and muscle for completion of countless difficult projects... saving the Club money, and with his brother Harrold, sold and personally delivered Christmas Trees at the Clubhouse to Forest Lake residents, and much, much more.

Luke's contributions were powerful and his work ethic more than remarkable... energy, commitment, integrity are all words that begin to capture the image of Luke. There should be more like him. But he was one of kind and will be sorely missed as a great friend and concerned neighbor to all of Forest Lakes.

Badge of Honor

The Forest Lakes Club badges are not just a collectible pin, they are beautiful, color coordinated accessories to add to your summer ensemble. They are tasteful reminders that you belong to a select and exclusive club. You can show them off, wear them proudly! Whether you or your (always accompanied by you) guests are sitting at the beach or fishing from the shore, you should be proudly displaying your badge. Think of them as a badge of honor. Nobody wants to disturb you

while you are relaxing at the lake and having a perfectly lovely time, just to ask you if you belong, and I'm sure you don't want us to. So please remember to always show off your badge.





Congratulations

2023
class of

and Best Wishes for
Your Next Adventure!



Lenape Valley H.S. Graduates

Isabella Allen
Cameron Ecke
Victoria Elizabeth Erlemann
Lillian Marie Fejko
Christian Matthew Grauer
Brayden James Kane
Patrick Edward Leahy
Hanna Ann Reardon
Victoria Lillian Roth
James E. Shertz III
Christian William Vetter

Pope John H.S. Graduates

Christian Grauer
Jack Kelmer

*Please accept our sincere
apologies to anyone whose
name was accidentally
omitted from this list.*

8th Grade Graduates

James Bongiorno
Chris Gangi
Quinn McCall
Catherine McClarin
Peyton Noe
Jacob Schnetzer
Logan Stevenson
Skye Wittek



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!



TID BITS.....

Hummingbirds 101

I don't know about you but I just love hearing that unmistakable hum. I'm sitting out on my deck and I hear it, I slowly raise my head out from my book to spot the little, welcomed visitor: the ruby-throated hummingbird!

These birds, named for the humming sound their wings make in flight, are renowned for their small size, amazing energetic feats, and iridescent beauty. While more than 330 species of hummingbirds exist in the Americas, only the ruby-throated variety visits east of the Mississippi River. And I am happy to say they occasionally visit with me on my deck!

Some other fun facts:

- Hummers will eat insects and tiny spiders to obtain protein.
- Hummer nests are often re-used. Leave a nest in place. It is illegal to possess a nest without a permit
- Hummer predators include cats, larger birds, snakes, squirrels, praying mantises(!), and others.

Hummingbird populations are on the decline. There are many reasons for their recent decline including habitat loss, agrochemical use and forest fires.

Put your feeder out early, April 1st. Hummers typically return to NJ from Central America around mid-April. Feeders need to be cleaned and refilled with fresh nectar often.

Suspend your feeder from a moat-like 'ant cup', to thwart those pesky invaders.

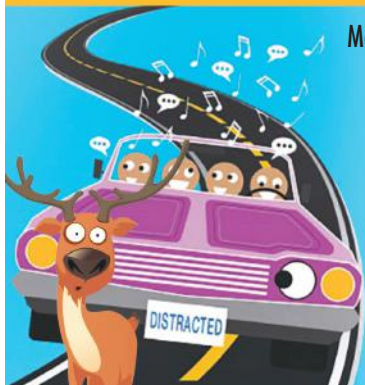
A homemade nectar recipe is very easy. Simply dissolve 1 cup of white cane sugar in 4 cups hot water. **DO NOT USE ANY OTHER type of SUGAR.** Do not use distilled water and **NO RED FOOD COLORING!** You can store fresh nectar in a refrigerator for up to a week.

Because they are still when feeding, they can become a target. The Audubon Society suggests placing feeders 10 to 15 feet from a place of shelter and at least 4 feet above the ground.



Hang in the shade if possible. Feeders can be hung in some sun, but avoid dawn-to-dusk sunlit areas. In hot weather, the liquid can pick up bacteria and can also ferment. In the extreme heat of July or August, the nectar can go bad in a couple of hours. Change the mixture every 4 days or so (more often if temperatures exceed 90°F). Change it immediately if it appears cloudy or if you see mold. Candida, the most common black mold found on hummingbird feeders, will infect a hummingbird's tongue causing the tongue to swell, to the point of not allowing the hummingbird to consume nectar. The end result is the hummingbird starves to death. So keep an eye on it and **CHANGE THE NECTAR OFTEN!!**

Keep Forest Lakes Roads Safe



Many of the roads around Forest Lakes are twisty, turny, hilly and all with blind spots. Many people and animals are out and about. Please bear this in mind while driving. Don't let yourself be distracted! Don't text, speed, cut the curves too close, or take a hill too fast. Someone can be on the other side. Follow the speed limit but also slow down for the blind areas.

Let's allow the walkers, bikers and critters to have safe roads.

Walk facing traffic and ride your bikes with traffic.

You can also attract hummingbirds with your garden plantings. Include blossoms with tubular shapes and bright colored flowers, such as trumpet vines and Canada lily.

To many, these tiny fliers are an inspiring sign of hope and good luck. I hope the next time you see one of our tiny neighbors he will bring you some luck and a mountain of joy. Enjoy hummingbird season!



MAKING WAVES.....



Hanna Reardon
Lenape Valley Regional
High School Valedictorian
and Class President 2023
Heading to Fairfield
University in Connecticut in
the Fall



Jack Kelmer
Pope John High School
Class of 2023
Heading to University of
New Hampshire to study
Civil engineering

Making Waves is an area where we put announcements from you. About something you want to celebrate and share with our community. Who had a baby, or graduated, or got engaged or who in your family is going to compete in the Summer Olympics in Paris in 2024. We are looking for that sort of thing. If you email us your little bit of news, we would love to share it in upcoming editions of the News Bole.

Need a Helping Hand?

This is a list of non-professional Forest Lakes members 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.

Babysitters

NAME	AGE	TELEPHONE	CERTIFIED
Noelle Casperson	19	908-914-1869	CPR
Laci Rosenfeld	19	973-919-0397	Sitter Certified
Anna Rosenfeld	17	570-213-2223	CPR

Dog Walkers and Pet Sitters

NAME	AGE	TELEPHONE	SPECIALTY
Noelle Casperson	19	908-914-1869	Dog walker



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

NEWS FOREST LAKES CLUB BOLE

The Fall edition is coming up soon

- Do you want to announce something? Let us do that for you.
- Want to be listed in the Need a Helping Hand list? Tell us.
- We welcome your input for upcoming article ideas.
- Got some old photos of the lake showing days gone by, or perhaps an interesting new one? We would love to include some in future issues.

Please have submissions in by Sept. 4th
Email us at: forestlakesclub@yahoo.com



The Recreation Committee wants to hear from you

We strive to create fun parties and activities that will bring our community closer. We're always hoping for larger turnouts.

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

Please email forestlakesclub@yahoo.com any ideas or suggestions.

Or if you would like to join the committee, the door is always open.



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



Photo credit Lauren Rod

Lemonade anyone?

A new business popped up in our neighborhood. Two sweet and very professional kiddos, Olivia & Ben Rodriguez, opened up a lemonade stand the other day by the clubhouse. It was a huge success. They plan to donate the money they raised to the Forest Lakes Preschool. Many people stopped by to enjoy a glass of delicious lemonade and tasty snacks. Keep an eye out for them, they hope to set up shop again in July. Good luck to these young entrepreneurs.



FOREST LAKES SWIM TEAM

Home Meets

**Come cheer on the swim team and
grab some dinner while you're
there!**

July 6th
July 10th
July 20th

6:00 pm @ Cove Beach

Friday Night Cocktails



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

At Boardwalk Beach, 7:00 pm
for Members 21+ • Weather permitting
BYOB & bring an app or dessert to share.

Summer MOVIE NIGHTS

Join us on the beach!



**Movies
TBD**

Movies Start at Dusk

Family Nights - July 7th and August 4th
Teen/Adult Nights - July 21st and August 18th

Movies are free for members and guests of members.
Bring your own chair/blankets, snacks, and drinks.

FLC GOLF OUTING

July 8th 2023

Tee times start @ 10am

Farmstead Golf CC

**Format is red,
white, and blue**

**Sign up as groups
of 4 or singles**

Flcgolfouting@gmail.com

\$110
includes
fees, food,
prizes, and
beer

Call:

Joe at 973-464-4300

or

Alex at 973-271-2575

**All entries and
monies must be
received by July 1st**



Watch your toes

Those pesky rocks and stumps at Main Beach keep rearing their hard, sharp surfaces and are again attacking unsuspecting toes. It was reported that they started up again this season causing a few injuries.



The board heard about it and had the lifeguards spring into action and re-paint them a lovely shade of red. Hopefully making them more noticeable. Unfortunately sand keeps covering them and wearing the paint away. So until a better solution can be found, watch your toes.

SAT. JULY 15th

YA GOTTA REGATTA

Rain
Date
7/16

12:30 - 6 pm

SAND, SUN & LOTS OF FUN

*Please bring a side or dessert to share.
Club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs.*

- Kayak Race • Swim The Lake • Duck, Candy & Egg Toss
- Limbo & Sand Castle Building Competitions
- Ice Cream Eating Contest
- Much, Much More!

Members Only



FOREST LAKES ANNUAL PIRATE TREASURE HUNT

AUGUST 5TH

10:30

@ MAIN BEACH

**CHILDREN TEN
AND UNDER
MEMBERS ONLY**



**BRING A BUCKET
TO COLLECT YER
GEMS**



Photo credit Anthony Muoio

Recent additions to the lake

A mute swan couple recently set up house at our lake. You may have seen them and their cygnets out and about. They are interesting and beautiful to watch. As the name implies, they are the least vocal of swans, but by no means mute. They are not a native bird, introduced to the Northeastern US in the late 19th century as ornaments on the ponds of wealthy estates. Mute swans reportedly mate for life, are very intelligent, and highly aggressive about defending their young. Which I guess is warranted; since the first time I saw them there were five, but sadly now only three cygnets. I personally saw them give our local geese a run for their money several times. Let's root for their three remaining offspring.

Beefsteak Fundraiser Dinner

The Byram Township Historical Society presents an all-you-can-eat Beefsteak Fundraiser dinner, Oktoberfest-style under a Big Top Tent! Profits will go towards BTHS and Byram Recreation. We are grateful to early ticket purchasers who will receive free raffle ticket(s)!

September 8th
begins at 6:30 at CO Johnson Field
\$65.00 per person.



Friendly faces hanging out on the Boardwalk diving board, 1990!

SUN. AUG. 19th - 10am

3rd Annual



CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT at Cove Beach

Fun to compete or just to watch

The club is providing hamburgers, hot dogs and lemonade.

Please bring a side dish to share.

Contact Jack Quirk to join via text or phone to 973-960-0052

SUN. AUGUST 26th - 8pm



Main Beach
CLUBHOUSE
IF RAIN

Must Be 21

The club is providing main dish.
Please bring a side dish to share.

Always a good time.

DJ • CORNHOLE

BYOB



2023 Forest Lakes Club Board Elections

In September four seats on the Forest Lakes Board of Governors will be open. All four (4) positions must be filled for the club to function properly. Anyone who is interested and willing to serve as a board member must complete the application form below, along with a brief statement indicating why you would like to serve on the board. Your statement of why you want to serve on the board will be published on the Forest Lakes website and as part of an email blast to all residents. Please submit both items to the Club Manager before 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 31, 2023.

You may place your application in the mail chute at the Clubhouse or mail to:

**Dorothy Gorman, Club Manager
Forest Lakes Club
P.O. Box 394
Andover, New Jersey 07821**

Please email forestlakesclub@yahoo.com to confirm that your application was received.

FOREST LAKES BOARD OF GOVERNORS NOMINATION APPLICATION

Name:.....

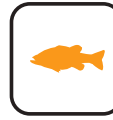
Address:.....

Phone:..... Date:.....

I hereby submit my application for the Forest Lakes Board of Governors in the general election to be held on Monday, September 11, 2023 at the Forest Lakes Clubhouse. Being an "Active Member" in good standing, I fulfill the qualifications for candidacy. I understand that this application must be submitted to Dorothy Gorman, Club Manager, before 6:00 pm on Monday, July 31, 2023.



FOREST LAKES CLUB POLICIES



SWIMMING & BEACH RULES

LIFEGUARDS

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.
- The docks at cove are closed during swim team practice and meets.
- 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.
- No fishing is allowed inside of designated swimming areas, including after hours.

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

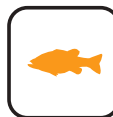
ATTENTION BOAT OWNERS

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. This includes blowing leaves onto lake property.

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

