

NEWS



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FALL 2024 EDITION

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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.

Fall meetings: Oct 14th, Nov 11th & Dec 9th

UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

Sept 28th	Cornhole
TBD	Bon Fire
Oct. 26st	Halloween Adult Party
Oct. 27th	Halloween Kids Party
TBD	Movie Night
TBD	Wreath Decorating
Dec. 1st	Tree Lighting

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

2024 Board Election results

On Monday Sept. 9, three seats were filled for the Forest Lakes Board of Governors. We had three candidates, and we thank them all for vying for the job.

Congratulations and welcome to Eric Dietz to the FLC table. And thank you to Debbie Devenny and Greg Smith for volunteering again. We appreciate your commitment to serve and desire to help Forest Lakes remain an exceptional place to call home and raise a family.

A big thank you to our outgoing chairman, Jeff Vincent, for all the time and service you devoted to FLC through the years. Your contributions were very much appreciated.

NURSERY SCHOOL.....

On September 10th, our Forest Lakes Nursery School opened its doors to 15 bright-eyed 3 - 4 year olds this school season.

LAKE NEWS.....

Pack away the sunscreen

Sadly, the warm, delightful and sometimes hot and sticky days of summer have come to an end. We hope you got to enjoy many fun days at the lake with friends and family. Even though summer flew by, we were able to squeeze quite a few fun events into it.



We started at the end of June with Open Mic Night. It is always fun and entertaining to watch our local talent perform. We successfully raised \$1500 for the swim team. Between the two age groups, there were about ten groups who performed for a large, enthusiastic and supportive crowd.

Once again, the successful FLC Golf Outing took place at Farmstead Golf Country Club. Thank you to all the participants and congrats to our winners.

Even with a smaller staff of lifeguards this season, our annual Ya Gotta Regatta was so much fun! Participants of all ages competed in all sorts of events. It was a beautiful day with lots of laughs, great food, and many, many prizes given out.

Ahoy mateys and a hearty Yo-ho-ho!! This year's Forest Lakes pirate treasure hunt was a sparkling success! The kids had a grand old time discovering

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hidden treasures including genuine gemstones of all kinds! After the pirates found their loot, they could reference the National Geographic gemology sheet to see which gems they uncovered. Before they went in search of treasure they made Captain Hook souvenirs, received a pirate hat and sparkling necklaces to wear, walked the plank, and got their very first pirate tattoos (the stick-on kind of course!). It was a beautiful morning having fun with friends and little learning too!

It was a gorgeous night under the stars at the annual lake campout. In the evening kids enjoyed getting their faces painted and some arts and crafts. We played a few games and had a scavenger hunt. In between the games, kids ran around with their walkie-talkies and played with

glow-in-the-dark hula hoops and sticks. And of course sitting around the campfire talking and telling stories is always one of the highlights of camping out.

The Adult Beach party was a resounding success again this year. It was a beautiful night to get together with friends and neighbors. Everyone enjoyed some fine tunes, good food and many laughs.

The Forest Lakes swim team had another fun and successful swim season. We had about fifty swimmers this year, many of whom achieved personal goals. The team ended the season with five wins and two losses. At the Walkkill Valley Swim Conference we took fifth place overall. Thank you to all our supporters. In the upcoming 2025 swim season Forest Lakes will have the privilege of

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hosting championships. These amazing events will be a success if we have the support of the community. Please consider volunteering. Any help will be appreciated!

Forest Lakes Club would like to congratulate Elyse Quirk and her teammates for winning the 2024 Forest Lakes Club Adult Coed Volleyball League! Thank you to all the volleyball league team captains and players for being a part of another successful and fun season! New players and new teams are always welcome! If anyone is interested in playing in the volleyball league in the Summer of 2025, please contact Kevin Campbell at 973-600-9398.

This season we had some beautiful nights to sit back and enjoy Friday Night Cocktails.

Labor Day brought a fine, although a little chilly day to end the summer season. We enjoyed hanging with friends and neighbors, and the club supplied burgers and dogs and a bit of ice cream. It was such a hit we may have to make it a tradition.

We also gained a few new neighbors the last couple of seasons. We would like to welcome all you newbies to our Forest Lakes Club community. We hope you find this to be a very special place to be a part of and you will love living here.

Before we look ahead to pumpkins and pretty leaves, cooler days and sleeping with the windows open, we wanted to make sure we said a special heartfelt thank you to all those who volunteered to help make our summer events possible. And thank you to all our members who came out, joined in and made Summer 2024 very special.





MORE LAKE NEWS.....

Community Upkeep

It's that time again. If you see someone walking around on the dam as you drive by, no worries, it is time for our full, formal dam inspection to take place. Every two years the state requires the dam be officially inspected, cleared of unwanted vegetation and confirmed that everything is where it is supposed to be.

A couple more picnic tables got much-needed facelifts, having their rotten boards removed and replaced. And two lovely benches were erected on Cove and Harbor View beaches in remembrance of Karen Campbell and Luke Wolters.

With the fall season upon us, a reminder to all that dumping on Forest Lakes property is strictly prohibited. The dumping of any type of material, including: grass clippings, brush, branches,

leaves, logs, trees, tires, trash, old wood, construction materials, etc., is prohibited and against the law. If you are using a landscaping company, please make sure they also understand this. Dumping on the lake property is harmful to our beautiful environment, looks terrible and in the long run, lowers the value of all our homes. We need your help – don't dump, or if you see someone dumping on lake property either inform them it's prohibited and they should remove any dumped material or report it to the Byram police immediately.

Also, with the season over, please make sure your boats are properly stored, upside down in the racks or taken back to your home. They should not be left on the beach or allowed to collect mosquito-breeding rainwater.

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
Laci Rosenfeld	19	973-919-0397	Sitter Certified
Anna Rosenfeld	17	570-213-2223	CPR
Hanna Reardon	19	973-529-3411	CPR & Sitter Certified
Callie McCall	12	973-945-5423	

Mother's Helper

NAME	AGE	TELEPHONE
Callie McCall	12	973-945-5423

Dog Walkers and Pet Sitters

NAME	AGE	TELEPHONE	SPECIALTY
Hanna Reardon	19	973-529-3411	Dog Walker & Sitter

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



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!



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LOCAL FINDS.....

It was suggested that the News Bole could feature some local, wonderful places our neighbors have discovered and think you may want to check out if you haven't already. I think it is a great idea. This first suggestion came by way of my husband who reminded me of the Lakota Wolf Preserve. It is in Columbia NJ, about 40 minutes from here. www.lakotawolf.com



Since its inception in 1998, the Lakota Wolf Preserve, has been a non-profit dedicated to the care of, and education about, wolves, bobcats, foxes, and lynx.

The Wolf Watch tours are led by owner Jim Stein and Becky Mace, who have raised and care for all the animals at the preserve. During their presentations, you will learn about the social structure of wolf packs, their eating habits, their interaction with man, and many other interesting facts. They will try to educate you about the true behavior of the wolf and are glad to answer any questions you may have. While in the observation area you will be able to watch the wolves play, interact with each other and maybe even hear them howl! Truly an experience of a lifetime. You will also get to see and learn about their foxes, bobcat and lynx that live at the preserve.

They are not open to the public all day. The only way to see the wolves is by reserving a guided tour, held twice a day. Tours book up so you need to make a reservation in advance.

Tours are \$16 for adults, \$7 for children and last about 75 minutes.

The tours are all outdoors on uneven ground with no paved roads at the preserve. They have a shuttle bus with a chair lift that can drive you from the parking area to the front gate of the preserve. From where the bus drops you off, it is about 75 yards uphill on gravel to the observation area to see the wolves and hear the presentation.

Check their website for more information.



If you discover or know of a place in the area that you think others may enjoy, we would love to hear about it so we can possibly include it in our upcoming issues.



TIDBITS.....

Oh Nuts!

If you've spent any time outside anywhere, chances are you have spotted an eastern gray squirrel. They can often be seen leaping from tree to tree, chasing other squirrels around tree trunks, or perched on your deck railing nibbling on nuts and seeds.

They use their long tails and sharp claws for balance while climbing, running, and leaping between tree branches. They will happily feast on nuts, acorns, seeds, berries, fruit, and anything else they manage to scavenge. When their typical food is scarce, the squirrels will also consume insects (adults and larvae), juvenile birds, bird eggs and amphibians.

Squirrels are most active during the day and can be seen all year. At the end of the summer, gray squirrels will store seeds and nuts to feed on when food is scarce during the winter months. A gray squirrel can hide 25 nuts in a half an hour and can make hundreds of caches. Most nuts are buried at the surface, with few more than 1/4 inch below the ground. About 85% of the nuts may be recovered, while the remainder occasionally will germinate. Squirrels can smell buried nuts under a foot of snow and when the snow is deep, they will tunnel under it to get closer to the scent.

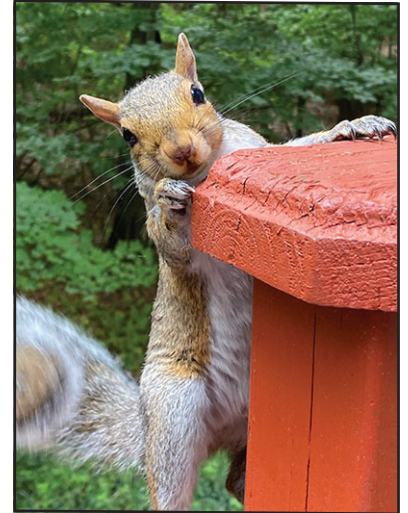
Eastern gray squirrels can grow 9 to 12 inches in length and reach two pounds upon maturity. Despite their name, they come in a variety of colors, and will often display a mix of gray, brown, black, and

cinnamon fur. Their long-haired, bushy tails can grow to be roughly as long as their bodies. This tail has many uses. It is used for balance, for heat, as an umbrella, for communication and as a rudder when swimming. Squirrels make a variety of sounds including a harsh chirping or chattering noise when they are angry or scared.

Gray squirrels reach sexual maturity at 12 months and can mate up to twice a year. One mating season is in late winter, and the other is in mid-summer, depending on food availability.

Mother squirrels have 2 to 4 babies. The young are born blind and hairless. Their eyes begin to open after approximately 28 to 35 days. When they are 42 to 49 days old their furry coats fully develop and they begin to venture from the nest. The average life expectancy for an adult squirrel is six years, and the records for maximum lifespan are 12 years in the wild and 20 years in captivity.

As the trees lose their foliage, you may notice large, round clumps of leaves in the branches. These are squirrel nests—also known as dreys. These structures



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Photo - Peter Dlugos

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can be a foot or two wide and are usually located 20 feet or higher up a tree that provides good squirrel food, like an acorn-bearing oak. For stability, they're built near the trunk or at the fork of two strong branches. These scraggly-looking nests consist of leafy branches, with an inner layer of soft material like moss and pine needles. The squirrels enter the drey through a hole facing the trunk. Squirrels use dreys in summer, but they prefer to spend the cold months in a more protected place, like a tree cavity or even an attic.

During periods of severe cold, they can stay in their dens or nests for several days at a time, only coming out to visit their stores of food.

Squirrels are fun to watch especially when they are performing their death defying, acrobatic routines. They usually seem quite innocuous, and for the most part they

are. They are hardly ever found to have rabies or transmit them to humans. But they can be quite troublesome when they gnaw on home structures for nesting purposes. Squirrels are also responsible for many electrical hazards by chewing on insulation and exposing wires. In 1987, a squirrel gnawed on a power line at the NASDAQ computer center, shutting down stock trading for over an hour. So just think about that the next time one is looking you in the eye with that innocent 'it wasn't me' look. They may just be plotting the next big power outage at JCP&L.



Water line markings.

You may notice contractors for the water company trying to locate the curb valve on your property and the water mains in the street. The water company is required by New Jersey One Call to locate the curb valves and mains before the gas company digs.

Sometimes it is difficult to locate your curb valve because homeowners build rock walls or put plants near the valve. Any assistance you can provide them will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.



COMING SOON



MAIN BEACH

Bonfire

Fun For All Members



HALLOWEEN PARTIES



ADULT PARTY

Oct. 26

Forest Lakes Clubhouse

Costume Contest, Adult Games, Music

Bring an Appetizer To Share
BYOB

All Ghouls Must be 21 or Over

Members Free, Guests \$10.



KIDS

October 27th
4 - 6 PM

Forest Lakes Clubhouse

Food, Fun and Games

\$10.00 per Family
Includes all Activities
and Pizza

Children 12 and Under
Members Only

Our resident mute swans enjoying the last days of summer with their three remaining cygnets, who have grown quite large in the last couple of months.



SUN. DEC. 1st at 6 pm

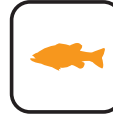
CHRISTMAS
TREE
LIGHTING
at MAIN
BEACH



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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 flotation 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”
- Life preservers are required for kayaks and boats

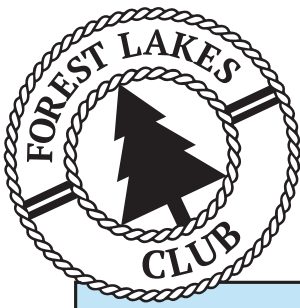
Thank you.

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 complimentary 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

